



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,

and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,

apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Our Scripture Reflection

How sad! Jesus' hometown relatives and neighbors just can't accept who and what He truly is. We have heard it said, "familiarity breeds contempt." It certainly did with the people in today's Gospel text. Many people in our own day take The Lord for granted. They don't pray, they are lax in living the commandments, and their excuse often is, "Well, Jesus will understand." But will He? Laziness and a lackluster faith can breed contempt for the Lord of Glory as well.

Food for your Journey

Cardinal Newman, in the last year of his life, wrote in his journal: "Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are always there for me and You are always attentive to my needs. Help me, Lord, to respect the precious gift my faith is and may I always strive to work at it. May I never take You or Your way for granted. Amen.