# Gospel, 4th July 2021. Cycle B Sunday 14th week Ordinary Time

# TO YOU I LIFT UP MY EYES...



# YOU DWELL IN EVERYTHING

#### AMBIENCE

Lord, who dwells and transform the life into a new one, deeper and more friendly. You are my refuge in hard work and you allow me to earn my daily bread.

This time that I dedicate to you is for me to enjoy the Presence.

I come with events; I bring people.

Grant me the being to be able to be at the table of the world, inhabited differently.

**SONG.** (Tune Camberwell) – At the name of Jesus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_7w-tDjlpgk

## **GOSPEL** - Mark 6, 1 – 6

"He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Josses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief."

## Deepening the Gospel

As far as Jesus is concerned, in the first five chapters of Mark, there is not question about Nazareth. Regarding his followers, Jesus chose a group of friends whom He called disciples (3, 13). Does his reputation goes before him? Everything begins with very human questions: «What wisdom has been given to him? ... Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother (cousin) of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? His sisters (his cousins) don't live here, in our town? Mark often refers to these questions raised about Jesus's personality: Already at Capernaum, the people "asked one another: 'What is this? Here is a new and full of authority teaching...! » (1, 27).

Interestingly, those who are the closest to him, are not the best prepared to choose correctly: Jesus as Ezekiel (first reading), and like many other prophets before Him, finds that nobody is a prophet in his own Land: "A prophet is despised in his country, in his own family and in his own home. " People listened to Him, but they remain like marble".

And this indifference of the participants closes the way to miracles: in the preceding chapters, Mark indicates several times that miracle and faith occur at the same time, both in the calm storm (4, 35-41), and in the liberation of the possessed of Gerasa ... (5, 1 -20), or in the healing of Jairus' daughter and the hemorrhoid (5, 20 -43). Here, Marcos reiterates what has already been proposed: where there is no faith, there can be no miracle. It is clear that Jesus did not expect this scandalized reaction, since Mark affirms: "Jesus was surprised at their lack of faith." But for Jesus, this unsuccessful episode, makes Him to oversee the cross in the nearby future. This is the fate of the prophets of all times, faced with a structural disbelief. However, the episode ends with a small glow of optimism: even in Nazareth, in a hostile climate, despite everything, Jesus was able to perform some healings. Which clearly means that despite all our bad wills, we must never lose hope!

#### Keys for prayer

- 1. What feelings does this text provoke in you? Which side do you stand on, those who believe in the works of Jesus or those who doubt?
- 2. What would you say to Jesus? What would you tell those around you about Jesus?
- 3. What does this Gospel text send you to? What calls do you experience in yourself?

## WALKING WE LEARN AND TEACH\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUMENTAL MÚSIC. HAUSER plays Morricone

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYlHiACHGiU

## **TEACHING, YOU WALK**

The word and the gesture are source of wisdom in you. Teaching through life, with the style that emanates from the mystique of self-giving. Caring, healing, teaching... The broad and wide contents are forgotten. The small gestures, the right words, full of life, remain. You are like this Jesus, sower, master. A collection time, in the family, in the village. Gestating future, plenitude, Kingdom. And the hour reached, the proper time, Going out to meet, in diverse environments, Embracing the moment, to share and make the Kingdom grow. The mission, took you to the other shore, to know closer and listen even the silences, from a life in plenitude. You, who do everything new, You disdain nothing, You embrace everything... You are the perfect companion who provides the tools to compose the works that live within us. Help us to believe and create something proper and beautiful. Teach us what you know to see, hear, feel. And give us the ability to show others the way that leads to the truth. Teach us Lord the meaning of being, in the everyday of life. Let's learn with you, Master that all count, contribute, add. Teach us that life is a dream. Let's live God's dream, to make life a dream and to be able to give life to the dream.

# SONG. "Take and receive"- Ramirez SJ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJLwwvoTihw



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