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Good morning
everyone!

Welcome

Today we hear how Jesus was teaching with great wisdom, but the people found it hard to believe in him.

Let's listen and find out why.

Opening prayer



Dear God

In all things, help us to recognise your Son Jesus in all people – those we know well and those who we will never meet but who are part of our global family.

Amen.



Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left that place and went back to his home town, followed by his disciples.

On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him.

Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own home town and by their relatives and their family."

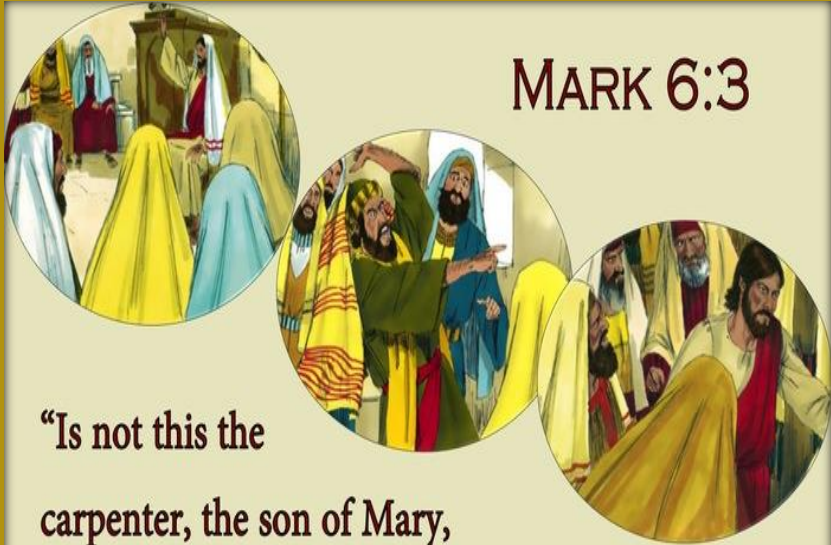
He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith.



Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?

MARK 6:3



“Is not this the
carpenter, the son of Mary,

And brother of James and Joses and Judas and
Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?”

AND THEY TOOK OFFENCE AT HIM.

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Jesus was back in his home town and teaching in the
synagogue.

How did the people feel when they heard him speaking?

They were very surprised. They couldn't understand how
Jesus, who they had known since he was a little boy, could
have so much wisdom and teach so well.

Why do you think the people were so surprised?

They thought that they knew who Jesus was – the son of
Mary and of Joseph the carpenter. They thought Jesus was
just an ordinary man, but he wasn't.

Gospel reflection

Who do we know Jesus to be?

Jesus is the Son of God. But the people he had grown up with could not accept that Jesus was special. They did not believe in him.

Sometimes when we know someone really well we can forget how special they are.

It can be hard to see past all the things we know about them, to what they are really like.

And sometimes we forget how special the things that we do are, because they just feel ordinary to us.



JESUS THE SON OF GOD

Gospel reflection

For example, if your dad always finds time to help out at the local food bank, that's special, but you might just think it's ordinary because he has always done it.

Or if your aunt is the best runner in the country and competes in the Olympics, that's really special too, but you might just not think much about it because that's normal for your aunt and for you.

Can you think of something special that someone you know does – it could be a friend or a family member or someone else?

And can you think of one thing that you do, that others might see as special?



Gospel reflection

The people listening to Jesus in today's reading judge him because of who he is and where he comes from. They are not willing to listen to him or to change their minds, even though he shows wisdom in his teaching.

Do you think this is right? Why not?

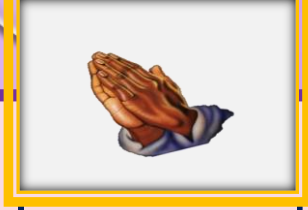
Have you ever made your mind up about someone just because of where they came from?

Or has it happened to you?

We are all part of one global family and we are all special.



Let us Pray



We pray together as members of one global family:
We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may see how special all people are, and know we are all members of the same worldwide family.

Lord in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers

Creator God, you made us all in your image and we are all special and loved by you. Help us to treat all people with fairness and respect.

Lord, in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers

We pray for world leaders: that they may work to bring peace to the world.

Lord, in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers

We pray for all people who face difficulties because of who they are or where they come from: that they may find strength in knowing that they are loved by God and find comfort in the support of others. Lord, in your mercy...



All Response : Hear our prayers

THIS WEEK, LET'S TRY NOT TO JUDGE ANYONE FOR WHERE THEY COME FROM OR WHO THEIR FAMILY IS, BUT INSTEAD LISTEN TO THEM, LOOK OUT FOR THE SPECIAL THINGS THAT THEY DO, AND SEE WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM.





*Happy & Blessed
Monday*

And a day blessed with
God's

grace and favor

*Have a Lovely
Week*



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