

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BROW	JOSEPH	SPOKE
CAPERNAUM	NAAMAN	SYNAGOGUE
ELIJAH	NATIVE	SYRIAN
ELISHA	PHYSICIAN	WIDOWS
FURY	PROPHET	ZAREPHATH
HEADLONG	QUOTE	
HIGHLY	SCRIPTURE	
JESUS	SIDON	

Catechizing Corner!

Jesus laid out two important issues in this passage: liberation and inclusion. Jesus associated himself with the liberation ministry of Isaiah and he made it clear that the kingdom was to be inclusive; "Gentiles as well as Jews were to be included in Jesus' vision and concern." This is evident in his referral to the prophet Elijah who `worked miracles for pagans while Jews were still in need of help.' Luke's Jesus assumed a preferential option for the poor, the blind, and the oppressed. Scholars contend that the poor are not only those who are economically oppressed but also those who are on the fringe, those who are out of the loop of human relationships such as the outcast." Jesus assigned himself champion of all those outside the power structures and systems, all those who are controlled by forces outside themselves.

Some scholars suggest that this passage reflects the mission of Christ and the mission of the church. The message of salvation is revealed first to Israel. Yet they who should have been the first to believe instead reject Jesus and later the disciples. Some scholars suggests that Jesus was rejected for religious reasons. Jesus was anointed by God to take his mission out of Israel, to be inclusive of others, even gentiles! Jesus did not go out from Israel because he was rejected by Israel; he went because God had commissioned him to go! The contrast between the faith of those who should have rejoiced at the revelation and the gentiles is sharply drawn. Jesus' word, like the word of prophets before him such as Jeremiah, would ultimately be rejected. The irony cannot be missed. Here is a prophet who announces a year of favor, a "message acceptable to the Lord" and who himself is not acceptable."

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,
 Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

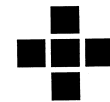
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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying:

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And **all spoke highly of him**

and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb,

'Physician, cure yourself,' and say,

'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.

Indeed, I tell you,

there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah

when the sky was closed for three and a half

years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon.

Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the **brow** of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.

But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord



Gospel Glossary

To speak highly of someone means to say what that person said or did was of great value.

The **brow** of the hill is the peak of a very steep hill, for example the edge of a cliff.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Choose one

Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

Have others ever expected little of you because of your past, how did that make you feel?

What can I do to show love to others this week?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Amen.

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