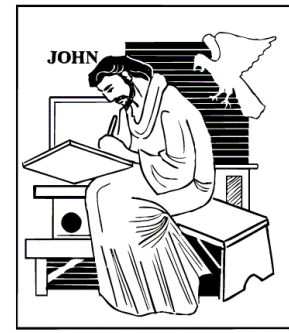
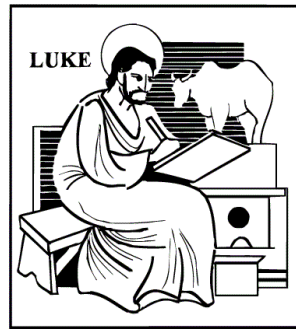
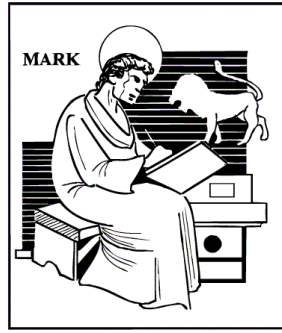
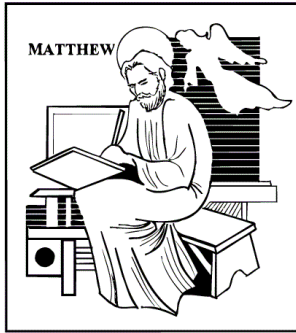


## Breaking Open the Word



**July 5, 2015 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 101 Gospel [Mk 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 Joses 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.

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**Spiritual Reflection:** "So he was not able to perform any mighty deeds there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them." In the healing stories to this point people asked Jesus to be healed. No one comes to Him in Nazareth it seems to ask for healing. God respects our freewill.

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### Spiritual Questions

1. What keeps you from asking God for healing, help, etc.?
2. How has God helped you in the past?
3. Do you limit your family members' capacity for doing good or being great?
4. How does your family react to your faith life and why?
5. Even though Jesus' powers are limited He still does what He can. What can you do today for God?