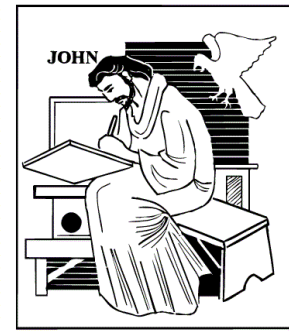
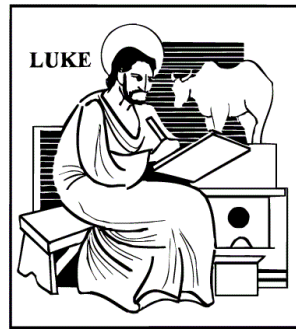
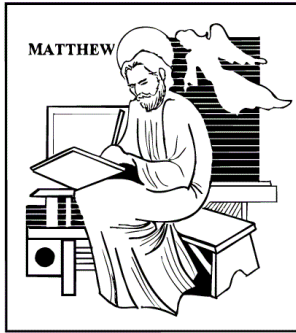


Breaking Open the Word



July 12, 2015 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 104 Gospel [Mk 6:7-13](#)

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Spiritual Reflection: "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." It is important to note that Jesus' teaching here does not say seek revenge, go for their jugular, or keep recalling it. A simple acknowledgement of the rejection and then a call to move on is all that a disciple is given permission to do.

Spiritual Questions

1. How is holding a grudge against Church teaching?
2. Why do we feel a need to seek revenge when people hurt us?
3. How can forgiveness drive away demons?
4. What role does ministry to the sick and/or anointing of the sick play in your life?
5. What are some ways that you can leave past hurts in the past?