



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth 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.

Reflection: On the spiritual website Aleteia.org has a beautiful story about two sisters who create their own TikTok videos. "In the video, the young women can be seen doing each other's hair. They goof around, make faces and do all the moves you'd expect of youngsters these days. However, while the young ladies look fab, the insight into their relationship is even more beautiful." What makes these videos special is Kalista's motivation for making these videos with her sister who has down syndrome is amazing. **"Kalista wants everybody to see how Worthy's extra chromosome means she can 'outshine in other areas.' We so often miss finding the image of God in the people closest to us.**

Questions:

1. How hard do you find it to find God in other people?
2. Who do you find it hard to see God in?
3. What prevents you from finding God in those around you?
4. What do you do when people reject you?
5. How can you promote the dignity of people?