

Friday 1st in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mk 2,1-12): Jesus returned to Capernaum. As the news spread that he was at home, so many people gathered that there was no longer room even outside the door. While Jesus was preaching the Word to them, some people brought a paralyzed man to him.

The four men who carried him couldn't get near Jesus because of the crowd, so they opened the roof above the room where Jesus was and, through the hole, lowered the man on his mat. When Jesus saw the faith of these people, he said to the paralytic, «My son, your sins are forgiven». Now, some teachers of the Law who were sitting there wondered within themselves, «How can he speak like this insulting God? (...).

Jesus, "mystery of Revelation ", has brought us God

EDITORIAL TEAM evangeli.net (based on texts by Benedict XVI)

(Città del Vaticano, Vatican)

Today, before the extraordinary healing, Jesus Christ forgives sins. Do we think this is too little? Here comes the great question: what did Jesus actually bring, if not world peace, universal prosperity and a better world without pain? What has he brought? The answer is very simple: he has brought God.

That God who formerly unveiled His countenance gradually, first to Abraham, then to Moses and the Prophets, and then in the Wisdom Literature; the God who showed his face only in Israel, even though he was also honored by the pagans in various shadowy disguises. It is this God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the true God, whom Jesus has brought to the nations of the Earth. Now we know his face, now we can call upon him.

—O Jesus, you have brought God, and with God the truth about our origin and destiny: faith, hope and love. It is only because of our hardness of heart that we think this is too little...

