

Sunday 4th (C) in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Lk 4,21-30): Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, «Today these prophetic words come true even as you listen» (...). Nevertheless they asked, «Who is this but Joseph's son?». So he said, «Doubtless you will quote me the saying: ‘Doctor, heal yourself!’. Do here in your town what they say you did in Capernaum». Jesus added, «No prophet is honored in his own country (...). On hearing these words, the whole assembly became indignant. They rose up and brought him out of the town (...).

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Today, the astonishment of Jesus' fellow townspeople is matched by his own surprise. Although he knows that no prophet is well accepted in his homeland, the closed heart of his people was nevertheless obscure and impenetrable to him: Why did they not open themselves to the goodness of God who deigned to share in our humanity?

Effectively Jesus of Nazareth the man is the "transparency" of God, in him God dwells fully. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the true Sign, God made flesh: the whole of God's love contained in a human heart.

—The One who fully understood this reality was the Virgin Mary, who is blessed because she believed. Mary was not shocked by her Son: her wonder for him was full of faith, full of love and joy, in seeing him so human and at the same time so divine. Let us therefore learn from her, our Mother in faith, to recognize in the humanity of Christ the perfect revelation of God.