Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Mk* 2:1-12): When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them.

They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? (…).

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

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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…