Wednesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Mk* 3:1-6): Jesus entered the synagogue. There was a man there who had a withered hand. They watched Jesus closely to see if he would cure him on the Sabbath so that they might accuse him (…).

The primacy of God in the "Kingdom". Error of Marxism

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Today, we are present at the beginning of Jesus Christ's public ministry: He explained God's Kingdom with parables, chose the Apostles and performed miraculous healings. These "signs" were not the actual Redemption, but they indicated the arrival of the Kingdom and its barycenter: God.

One might think that the first criterion to identify the Redeemer would be the "bread" (wellbeing…) to end all "hunger". Does someone who fails to measure up to this standard have any right to be called a "Redeemer"? Marxism made this very point the core of its promise of salvation: it believed it could turn stones into bread, but it has given stones in place of bread…

—The issue is the primacy of God. The issue is acknowledging that He is a reality, a reality without which nothing else can be good. History cannot be detached from God and then run smoothly on purely material lines. If man's heart is not good, then nothing else can turn out good, either. And the goodness of the human heart can ultimately come only from the One who is the very goodness: God.