



**Sunday Activity
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January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue, saying, “Today this passage has come true in front of you.” The people were amazed by the words he said, but they also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?”

He said to them, “Surely you will say, ‘Do here the things we heard that you did in Capernaum.’ Amen, I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. There were many widows in Israel when Elijah was alive, and it did not rain for three and a half years and people were hungry. He was not sent to any of these, but only to a widow in the land of Sidon. And there were many lepers in Israel when Elisha the prophet was alive, but he only healed Naaman the Syrian.”

When the people heard this, they were furious. They led Jesus to the edge of the hill on which the town was built, and they wanted to throw him over. But he passed through the crowd and went away.

2 Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus was speaking in the town He grew up in, Nazareth. Although the people were amazed at His words, they didn't have faith in Him because they thought they already knew everything about Him. They asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" They knew Jesus as a child, and now they wouldn't look deeper to see who He really is.

Because they didn't have faith, Jesus was not able to work many miracles for them. They had heard about the miracles He worked in other places, and they were angry. Jesus reminded them of Old Testament prophets, like Elijah and Elisha, who worked miracles but were often rejected by their own people, and were sent by God to help others. This made the people so angry they wanted to kill Jesus. "How dare He come back home and not do for us what He has done for other people?" All the people could think of was what they wanted from Jesus. They never thought about their own lack of faith, which was the real issue.

3 Discussion Questions

Do we ever think we already "know Jesus," so we don't take time to try and learn more about Him?

Is there a person in our lives that we judge quickly and dismiss easily, rather than look more deeply at who he or she really is?

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Vocabulary

- **Synagogue** – A Jewish prayer house, where the people come together to worship God
- **Prophet** – A person sent by God to spread His Word
- **Widow** – A woman whose husband has died. The Jewish people were commanded to show special care for widows.
- **Leper** – A person with the disease leprosy. In Jesus's day there was no cure for leprosy, so lepers had to live separate from everyone else.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) Jesus cured many _____.
- 2) The _____ spread the Word of God all through the countryside.
- 3) The people came together to pray in the _____.
- 4) All the people tried to help the young _____ after her husband had a terrible accident.

- 1) Why wouldn't the people have faith in Jesus?
 - A) He didn't do miracles for them
 - B) They thought they already knew Him
 - C) They didn't believe in God
 - D) They didn't know who He was

- 2) Which leper did Elisha help?
 - A) Elijah
 - B) David
 - C) Naaman
 - D) Josiah

- 3) What did the people want to do to Jesus?
 - A) Throw Him off the hill
 - B) Make Him king
 - C) Give Him a job in the synagogue
 - D) Arrest Him

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JESUS
 LEPERS
 NAZARETH
 PROPHET
 SYNAGOGUE
 WIDOW





Fill in the Blank

- 1) Lepers
- 2) Prophet
- 3) Synagogue
- 4) Widow

Quiz:

- 1) B – They thought they already knew Him
- 2) C – Naaman
- 3) A – Throw Him off the hill