

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20.

Moses declares that God will raise a prophet not only like him but even greater.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35.

Paul gives some concrete ways of serving Jesus. Although he places no restrictions, Paul believes that unmarried Christians like him can devote themselves entirely to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28.

Jesus impresses his hearers with his authority.



Points for Reflection

1. In today's **First Reading** Moses says to the people that God will raise up for them a prophet who will speak only the words of God.
2. We know that the prophet promised by God to his People is our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom **today's Gospel** passage says: *"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority"*.
 - **Jesus is the Prophet of God the Father:** the One who best reveals God to us. He not only speaks to the world the words that *"God put in his mouth"*. He is the Word of God. What God had to say to us, the message he had to convey to mankind, is contained and revealed in Jesus: in his teaching, which is *"a new teaching with authority"*, and in his deeds. The whole life of Jesus reveals God the Father to mankind, so much so that *"he, who sees him, sees the Father"*.
 - We, Christians, know by faith that **there is only one way for us to know God and go to him, namely: through Jesus Christ**. It is only by listening to and living in us the "new teaching" of Jesus Christ that we can get closer to God in knowledge and love. But by getting closer to God, we become closer to our fellowmen, too. For we know that the "new teaching" of Christ is summed up in "brotherly love". In fact, the "works" done by Christ, which reveal the Father, are all works of love. We can see that in the miracle worked by him in today's Gospel: it is a miracle of love, of compassionate love. To follow Jesus Christ, to listen to his teaching, therefore, means both getting closer to God and sharing in his compassionate love for mankind.

- And, indeed, **it is only by sharing in Christ's love for men**, by being concerned with our brothers' needs, by promoting justice and peace, by overcoming selfishness and passivity, **that we in our turn** reveal Christ to mankind, and **become the prophets of God** and share in the "teaching with authority" of Christ the Prophet, that is: in his prophetic mission. This is, indeed, our Christian mission: to reveal in us and through us God's love for mankind.

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