

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: Ezechiel 2: 2-5.

Though his people have rebelled, God sends his prophets again and again.

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10.

When Paul feels least self-reliant, God's life is seen most clearly in him and through his actions.

### Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6.

Jesus expresses the inability to act and the sense of rejection which we feel when our friends don't trust or don't understand us.



## Points for Reflection

**Throughout Jewish history the theme of Prophets' rejection by God's People is continually found.**

- God sent his prophets to instruct the people and each in turn was rejected, many of them being ill treated, even killed.
- When Jesus came journeying through Judea and Galilee, he was acclaimed with enthusiasm by all until he came to his native Nazareth, where he was regarded as a presumptuous upstart by his fellow citizens. Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom that has been granted him? Because of their closed minds Jesus could make no impression on them.

The prophets God has chosen have always been unlikely people from a human standpoint.

We must be open and receptive to the truth from whatever source it may come.

- Even today God sends us his prophets: people who speak to us in his name. Each person who helps us somewhat to turn to God; who, by his words and example, encourages us to daily conversion to the "wisdom" of God as found in Jesus of Nazareth, is a prophet of God.
- Let us accept all these persons with humility, faith and gratitude, no matter how "weak" and "lowly" they may look to us, now matter how despised by others they are (the "wisdom" of God is not the "wisdom" of the world).
- We, too, as Jesus' disciples, have received a prophetic mission. We must accept with faith the Word of God, live it in ourselves so that we may witness and announce it to others. We will remain sinners and weak. Most probably we will be misunderstood or even despised by others. This, however, should never dispense us from proclaiming the Word of God, no matter whether it pleases others or not. The Spirit of the Risen Lord present among us will be our light and our strength.



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### Kids' Corner

*Colour the picture below based on today's Gospel reading.*

