

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7.

Job frets at the apparent hopelessness of life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23.

Paul says that he can communicate the Good News only because he is attuned to each person's feelings.

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39.

Jesus shows by word and action how attuned he is to people's needs.



Points for Reflection

1. Today's Gospel tells us that *"Jesus cured many who were sick..., and cast out many demons"*.
What connection is there between Jesus' miracles and the coming of the Kingdom of God?
 - On several instances the Gospels put Jesus' miracles, especially the casting out of demons, in strict and clear connection with the presence of God's kingdom among men. According to the Gospels, **Jesus' miracles are the signs of the Kingdom of God.** They signify the kingdom of God; they reveal to us its real meaning.
 - **They are also the germs of the Kingdom of God.** They are divine actions beneficial to men in their earthly conditions. All Jesus' miracles are performed in order to cure man's bodily and spiritual diseases. They are the germs of a new creation: of a mankind which is gradually going to be freed from all kinds of evil: both material and spiritual, internal and external to man.
2. By looking more deeply into Jesus' miracles, we can have a better understanding of God's Kingdom. In Jesus' miracles shines God's love for mankind, a love which aims at its promotion. **In Jesus' casting out of demons, we see God's will to restore man to his original self by freeing him from whatever makes him lose his true self.** Nowadays, there are lots of evil forces which enslave man. It is from all these alienating forces that God wants to free us.
3. Today's Gospel reminds us Christ's disciples that **we, too, have to contribute to the spreading of the kingdom of God, not only by words, but also by our lives.** We all, in our own environment, are called every day to do something that will contribute to make others and ourselves free: free from all kinds of evil that make us slaves. Whenever we pray to God: *"Your kingdom come"*, we intend to make ourselves instruments of his saving love for mankind.

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Kids' Corner

Colour the picture below based on today's Gospel reading, Mark 1: 29-39.

