

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

1st. READING (Ezk 2,2-5)

A spirit came upon me as he spoke and kept me standing and then I heard him speak, "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a people who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have sinned against me to this day. Now I am sending you to these defiant and stubborn people to tell them 'this is the Lord Yahweh's word.' So, whether they listen or not this set of rebels will know there is a prophet among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 123)

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you whose throne is in heaven.

As the eyes of servants look
to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of maids look
to the hand of their mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he shows us his mercy.

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Have mercy on us, O Lord,
have mercy on us,
for we have our fill of contempt.
Too long have our souls been filled
with the scorn of the arrogant,
with the ridicule of the insolent.

2nd. READING (2Cor 12,7-10)

However, I better give up lest somebody think more of me than what is seen in me or heard from me. Lest I become proud after so many and extraordinary revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a true messenger of Satan, to slap me in the face. Three times I prayed to the Lord that it leave me, but he answered, "My grace is enough for you; my great strength is revealed in weakness "Gladly, then, will I boast of my weakness that the strength of Christ may be mine. So I rejoice when I suffer infirmities, humiliations, want, and persecutions: all for Christ! For when I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL (Mk 6,1-6)

Leaving that place, Jesus returned to his own country, and his disciples followed him. When the Sabbath came, he began teaching in the synagogue, and most of those who heard him were astonished. They commented, "How did this come to him? What kind of wisdom has been given to him that he also performs such miracles? Who is he but the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joset and Judas and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here among us?" So they took offence at him. And Jesus said to them, "Prophets are despised only in their own country, among their relatives and in their own family." And he could work no miracles there, but only healed a few sick people by laying his hands on them. Jesus himself was astounded at their unbelief. Jesus then went around the villages teaching.