

Sunday Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:29–39:

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not

permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Focus Questions

1. At the beginning of this Gospel, where does Jesus go? What does He do to heal the person there?
2. After the first healing, who was brought to Jesus? What did He do?
3. What did Jesus do when He went to the deserted place?
4. Where does Jesus go at the end of this Gospel? What does He do there?
5. What do all of these tasks have in common? What do they reveal to us about who Jesus is?
6. When Jesus says, "For this purpose have I come," what does He mean?
7. How do you think the Apostles reacted to Jesus' actions? What do you think they were thinking and feeling?

“For this Purpose Have I Come”

Directions: As a group, choose one of Jesus’ actions from the Gospel reading and then answer the following questions.

1. What does this action reveal to us about Jesus?

2. How does this action proclaim the Good News of salvation to the people?

3. How is this action echoed in the life of the Church today?

4. What do you think Jesus means when He tell His Disciples “for this purpose have I come”?

5. Though we cannot perform miracles, how can we proclaim the Good News to those around us in imitation of Jesus?

Scriptural Rosary: The Third Luminous Mystery—The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Our Father...

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Hail Mary...

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Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

O my Jesus...