



**ARCHDIOCESE OF PALO- CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**  
**Module 44 (July 4, 2021) 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B**  
**Theme: We are Called and Sent to Make Known the Truth**  
**Mark 6:1-6**



**INTRODUCTION**

Talk about a good speaker who can win an audience because they seemed to get into the hearts of the people and events. The person is someone who gives inspiring words amid a hopeless situation. He or she is someone who can speak with all honesty, convinced people of the needed changes. Such encounters may cause hurts to them but they know that what the person says is what God would like to say at that moment. We may call this person a modern prophet. ( may share important issues form social media these days)

The Sunday Gospel reading today presents Jesus as a prophet. Let us see how the people reacted to him.



**OPENING PRAYER**

O God of truth, prepare our minds  
 To hear and heed your holy word;  
 Fill every heart that longs for you  
 With your mysterious presence, Lord  
 Almighty Father, with your Son  
 And blessed Spirit, hear our prayer:  
 Teach us to love eternal truth  
 And seek its freedom everywhere. Amen

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**PHASE ONE**  
**REMEMBER THE STORY OF JESUS**

**1.1 Proclamation of the Gospel Story Mark 6:1-6**  
*Enthroned the Bible on a table with lighted candle)*

**A moment of prayerful silence**

*We will not be able to understand the Word of God unless God himself opens our hearts. Let us now welcome Jesus as he speaks to us through his Word*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia Aadi ha akon an Espiritu han Ginoo,  
 kay ginpili ako niya hin pagwali han Maupay nga Sumat ha mga kablas. Alleluia



**Mark 6:1-6**

**Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, v.4**

1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and John and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

*Reader: The Gospel of the Lord*

*All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

**1.2 Brief Guided silent Meditation / Personal Prayer**

Which part of this text did you like the most and what impressed you most? Why?

**1.3 Text in Context** We have been reading Gospel from Mark in the last four Sundays. It is important to recall that when Mark wrote his Gospel, the first Christian communities lived in a difficult situation many were killed due to persecution teachings. talk about faith. Mark encouraged believers to hold firm in the newfound faith in Christ. Jesus prepares his disciples how to handle rejection even by those known to them,

Mark describes in today's Gospel the reactions of the people towards Jesus.

We find Jesus today preaching in the synagogue on a Saturday. He has returned to Nazareth, his hometown. This is the time when his people expect his coming home since he left. They must have heard Jesus' becoming well-known as a wise master and powerful healer in the cities and villages of the whole region of Galilee,

Let us see how his people welcome him back.

- 1.What does Jesus do in his hometown, Nazareth? (He teaches in the synagogue.)
- 2.what do the people from Nazareth ask about His ministry? (He taught with much wisdom and even performed miracles.)
- 3.What question did they ask themselves? ("Where did He get these things?")
- 4.What is the attitude of the people of Nazareth toward Jesus?
5. Why do they not believe in Him (Some are astonished; some wonder who this is; some took offense at Jesus' teaching.)
6. What do some of the people of Nazareth seem to know about Jesus? (They seem to know his family and that Jesus is a carpenter.)

**PHASE II REFLECT the Story  
of the Church  
(Teachings of the Church)**



Perhaps it is the wish of Jesus' relatives for Jesus to come home.

We can imagine the synagogue filled with people who are all ears to Jesus' preaching on one Sabbath day (Saturday). His listeners were not a crowd of strangers but the people of his hometown. They are closer to him than the mobs that flock to

be healed in the rest of Galilee. They have seen him as a boy growing to adulthood, and now he is in their midst speaking like one of the wise teachers.

At first, the people of Nazareth were greatly surprised and admired at what they heard from Jesus. This could be the best opportunity of knowing who Jesus is in a deeper sense. But they became confused with their fixed mind of who God is for them. We may put what they say in this way:

*God is great! How could he speak through such a simple man? God is all divine. How could God be in Jesus who has a human mind and act like any one of us? God is all-powerful! Why so much effort to reach more people for God. He can win us in by his might.*

The people of Nazareth should have been the first group that could have supported Jesus in all his plans and dreams. After all, they are all for the common good, for the kingdom of God. He is too familiar with them. They remained scandalized and had not accepted him. They expected that Jesus would have to be different, to be able to speak of God. Their mind was close to something new. They could not accept that the Son of God has come to them in a form of a simple man, a carpenter with a lowly family.

*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and John and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?*

Jesus' homecoming was not pleasant, but instead, his people *took offense at him*. How did Jesus take this unwelcoming attitude of the people of Nazareth?

Jesus simply said: *Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their kin, and in their own house."*

We have many prophets from the bible. A prophet speaks for God. The prophet's word spoken in God's name is usually called prophesies or oracles. God reminds the people to turn to him through the prophets when they are not faithful to the promise made. In the Old Testament, prophets are called and sent by God at different times of Israel's history as a people. Prophet's message fits the situation of the people where they are called to bring God's message. Sad to say that most prophets are rejected with their message.

Jesus is not merely a human prophet but the Messiah sent by God. Nevertheless, he experienced the rejection of the people like any other prophets. Regardless of peoples' resistance, people would know that a prophet has been sent to them. A prophet must endure all rejection. He knows that his main role is to be faithful to God's word and not for any achievement. True enough, Jesus died on the cross in obedience to the Father for the love of us all.

At Nazareth Jesus, could have done more miracles. He couldn't do much because of the people's lack of faith.

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We may recognize the power of Jesus, but do we fully accept him in faith?

We take pride to be called Christians. We undoubtedly believe in Christ as God. We may know a lot about our faith as Catholics. But have we fully accepted Jesus in our life as the one sent to us? Do we give him full control of ourselves?

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**PHASE THREE RESPOND – with/ in my personal  
faith /community faith story**

In this time of fake news, we need to speak the truth of Christ with love and respect to others.

We should never be quiet to confront the evil of our days. Jesus speaks in the synagogue with honesty, though he was rejected by his people.

We may consider some modern prophets today. They may not speak directly of God. But they are bringers of peace, justice, and hope especially to the poor.

Pope Francis said:

*Once more, I appeal for a renewed appreciation of politics as a lofty vocation and one on the highest form of charity, inasmuch as it serves the common good...*

Look into the situation of the country at present. As prophets, how can we make our nation a better place to live in. What can we do together in our family, community and as one nation?



**CLOSING PRAYER**

Dear Lord, through the intercession of our dearest Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, convert the Filipino people into peaceful, God-fearing, honest and responsible citizens.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten our national and local leaders each day to make just and wise decisions for our country. Inspire them to be true servants of the people by fulfilling their mandate with selfless dedication, with honesty and integrity, with justice and transparency. Deliver our leaders from the sins of greed, corruption, pride and infidelity.

Lord, help us to remember that we, too, must do our part to make our country the peaceful and progressive nation that we want it to be, by following the laws of God and our country, by caring for our environment, and by sharing our blessings of time, talent and material goods with so many of our needy countrymen. Amen.  
<https://opinion.inquirer.net>

**BACKGROUND FOR THE CATECHISTS**

**CCC 905** Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization, "that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life." For lay people, "this evangelization . . . acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world."

**LAUDATO SI 231.** Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also "macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones". That is why the Church set before the world the ideal of a "civilization of love". Social love is the key to authentic development: "In order to make society more human, more worthy of the human person, love in social life – political, economic and cultural – must be given renewed value,

