

Reflections on 14th Sunday of Year 24B.

Mass: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm: 122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6.

The modern translation of 'miracle' is literally in Greek, 'a work of power'. Jesus was doing things, making things happen. We think of healings etc. but really Jesus accomplished things in a society that was embedded in tradition and held in tyranny. No one could believe, or dared believe, that it could be different. To begin to make change means to have faith and usually to trust something or someone. Jesus preaches about God's kingdom as a reality, something that can be made real now. The readings place faith as empowerment. Our sacraments have the same sense, acts of power to accomplish the dream God has for us in his heart. In the first reading from Ezekiel, he is trying to persuade the exiles not to give up but to prepare for a return and a new future. He gives them a vision and they resist. They will do the same to Jesus.