

Year B Pentecost 6

Reading: Mark 6:1-13, particularly verses 1-6a.

129. Care in Face of Hostility

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1. In his home town in Galilee
Jesus was shunned repeatedly;
Of him, they said insultingly
“He’s from a common family.”
2. “Where did he get all this?”, they said.
“This carpenter has been misled;
“What is this wisdom he’s been fed?
“What nonsense has entrapped his head?”
3. Jesus’ reply was firm, direct;
“All prophets always have respect;
But from home-towns they can expect
People will voice abuse, unchecked.”
4. These insults blocked what he could do;
He healed the sick, but very few;
With hostile crowds he sought anew
To let his love and care shine through.
5. So let our love be on display
In conflicts, struggles; come what may,
We find that Jesus points the way
To let compassion rule each day.