

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Aug 10th 2012

We see Jesus in another foreign territory: the Decapolis. Unlike yesterday's, today's is a "hands-on" healing. They asked Jesus to "lay his hands on him." However, Jesus did more than that; in fact, he seemed to go the opposite extreme! Again, what are we to make of this? Jesus appears to be measuring himself and searching for his style. Does it upset one's image of him? That might be a good thing. But it need not upset one's faith. If in his youth he had to "grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Lk 2:52), why should he not have to continue to grow throughout his life?

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