

Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Jan 16th 2013

The Gospel message then turns to a very straightforward message telling the story of Jesus healing the mother in law of Simon and then healing a number of people living in the villages that Jesus visited. I am struck by the inclusion of telling us “he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed”.

Jesus was obviously very busy and surrounded by people all the time but he too recognized the need for quiet, individual prayer and He modeled that for us. The simple and straight forward message for us, as exemplified by Jesus, is to take time out in our very busy lives to be quiet, to be reflective and to pray, asking God to be with us in our decisions, our interactions, our struggles, our lives.

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