

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

Today's Gospel continues the ministry of Teaching and Healing the Sick. Many people began to follow Jesus, the healing and teaching ministry was considered miraculous to those followers in the hill side. But soon Jesus selected the twelve. The Apostles. These were the men who literally followed Jesus and observed closely his work. So, now the Apostles were to trust their own authority which was given them by the Holy Spirit. And Jesus sends them out together two by two. Having been given authority from the Holy Spirit, they are to waist no time, taking only a walking stick. Not burdened down by food, money or a second tunic, for the community would care for them. The "Church" would welcome them into their care. And if they were not received, they were instructed to simply move on and shake the dust from their feet. No arguments, no desire to convince, they are not to waist their words, their breath and time. Listen to the urgency in Marks' Gospel. The kingdom is at hand. The Healer is here.