

From Him exuded a power to heal all

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Luke 6,12-19

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We have listened to some verses from the gospel of St. Luke that contain one of the accounts illustrating in a concise and summarized way the activities of Jesus.

In this account we have listened to, I would like to highlight three points.

The people that seek God do so in order to listen to him and to be healed.

Hence, two important things for us: **we go in search of God to listen and to be healed**; two fundamental activities and needs of our human existence.

1. Listen to be enlightened, to be able to receive the truth and the light...

Jesus was a preacher that spoke of the things of God, of the world of God; He came to bring His reign.

He was a fantastic teacher: the gospels highlight how he spoke in a manner completely different from the rabbis, from the scribes, from the Pharisees.

And, so, we see the people gather to listen to His word; and we know the appeal of an orator when he is very good. We can only imagine what powerful appeal Jesus had, and exerted on the people!

2. But, listening is not only important; **it is fundamental also the healing in our life**. We are talking maybe of physical healings; but the psychological healings, exposed by the deliverance from the devil, are also important.

Today we too have to seek the Saviour to receive from Him these two things: the light of the truth and the healing of our hearts.

3. The third, very important point in this account of the activities of Jesus is that **the evangelist highlights the fact that from him exuded a power that healed all**.

Yes, from the Lord, a power exudes: recall the woman with an issue of blood? She touched Jesus's mantle, and she was healed; and Jesus, the gospel says, felt as if some power had come out of him... (Mat 9,20-22).

Here, this strength that came out of Jesus, today it continues to come out also for us, through the Sacraments, but also I think through our personal prayers.

And so, every time we seek the Lord, let's try also to touch His humanity, to receive this strength that is able to heal us.

Let's thank the Lord with all our heart, **because there is a spring we can drink from, there is a doctor able to heal our souls, there is a teacher able to enlighten our existence.**

Thanks be to God