

## Motivation for Mark 1: 21-28

'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?' Sometimes that question can be very hard to ask: we can feel scared of the answer, or feel unworthy to ask the question. *Surely Jesus couldn't want anything with me; I haven't anything to offer.* And yet Jesus came to us, and has not left us, and he did this out of love. His is a love that gives, and which gives without ceasing. There is nothing that we have that he does not already have. To give back to him is to be like a child, buying presents for a parent with pocket money that same parent gave to them. Like a parent Jesus gives us love, and he asks for us, in return, to love him, and to love each other. In each of our lives there will be obstacles to that: self-doubt, fear, or a proud reluctance. To trust in Jesus is to believe that he is enough, in himself, for those difficulties to be put aside. How can we trust in Jesus more, today? And when we do, what a path opens up: of joy, self-giving, and community in Christ.