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Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lakeside, and great crowds from Galilee followed him. From Judaea, Jerusalem, Idumaea, Transjordan and the region of Tyre and Sidon, great numbers who had heard of all he was doing came to him. And he asked his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, to keep him from being crushed. For he had cured so many that all who were afflicted in any way were crowding forward to touch him. And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, would fall down before him and shout, 'You are the Son of God!' But he warned them strongly not to make him known. (M

ark 3, 7-12)

What was true for those who tried to reach Jesus two thousand years ago is still true for us today. This is why you should ask yourself if your faith is more attracted to Jesus' gifts or to Himself. Sometimes, it seems Jesus does not answer our prayers. This happens because only He knows what our true good is. Don't be surprised, therefore, if there are times when Jesus loves us more with His "no" than with His "yes".