

Who is Jesus? Hometown Reject Mark 6:1-13

Jesus rejected by His hometown Mark 6:1-3

Mark 6:3 – *“Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us? And they took offense at Him.”*

- Jesus takes his disciples to His hometown of Nazareth (vs. 1)
- The people of Nazareth were initially astonished by Jesus’ teaching, wisdom and miraculous power (vs. 2)
- The people of Nazareth moved from astonishment to being offended by Jesus (vs. 3)
 - *“Son of Mary”* - A reference to the questionable origins of Jesus’ birth
 - *“...and they took offense at Him...”* Offense is the Greek word *“skandalizomai”* which means scandalized

Jesus faced rejection, so that we could be accepted Mark 6:4-6

Mark 6:4 – *“Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household.’”*

- Jesus, the prophet-king, is rejected by those who know Him best (vs. 4)
- Jesus performs no public miracles in Nazareth due to the unbelief of the people (vs. 5)
- Jesus was rejected in His home, so that we can be accepted into a heavenly home (vs. 6)
 - Luke 9:58 - *“And Jesus said to him, ‘The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.’”*
 - Isaiah 53:5 - *“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities, the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.”*
 - John 14:3 - *“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”*

Despite rejection, Jesus stayed focused on His mission Mark 6:7-13

Mark 6:7 – *“And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits”*

- Jesus called His disciples to serve in His authority (vs. 7)
- Jesus instructed His disciples to carry little and depend much (vs. 8-10)
- Jesus cautioned His disciples that they would face rejection as well (vs.11)
- Jesus sent His disciples on a mission of proclamation and demonstration (vs. 12-13)
 - proclamation: *“they went out and preached that men should repent”*
 - demonstration: *“And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.”*

“He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...” John 1:10-12

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

1. **Read Mark 6:1-3.** This passage describes Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Have you ever returned home to visit family, friends or attend a high school reunion? How did it go? Why is returning home often difficult? Why did Jesus' return to Nazareth offend his hometown?
2. **Read Mark 6:4-6.** This passage describes how Jesus "wondered" or was "amazed" at Nazareth's unbelief. Jesus didn't perform any public miracles in the town because of their hard hearted doubt.
3. **Read Mark 6:7-13.** How did Jesus stay focused on His mission "to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10) in the midst of such rejection? Jesus warned His disciples that they also would face rejection as they went on mission in His name. As modern day followers of Jesus, we should also expect rejection from others for following Christ and living missionally for Him. Is this something you have experienced in your life as a Christian? Like Jesus, how do you stay focused on your mission even in the midst of rejection?

Next Steps:

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