

Message Notes
"Amazing Unbelief"
Mark 6:1-6a
Jesus: The Gospel of Mark, Part 13
May 8, 2011



Familiarity breeds contempt

- A. Jesus left there and went to Nazareth Mark 6:1
- B. Once again, those who heard him were amazed. Mark 6:2a
They were amazed at the person of Jesus.
- C. Amazement turned into disparagement Mark 6:2b - 3

He is just one of us!

A tehton who is a fully devoted follower of Christ can be used by God just as powerfully as a rabbi or pastor.

Because of familiarity, they took offense at him.

They were scandalized by the truth.

We can be blinded by circumstances. We can be blinded by familiarity.

- D. Jesus provides an explanation for unbelief but not an excuse. Mark 6:4
- E. The consequences of unbelief. Mark 6:5

It closes the channels of grace and mercy.

It affects the whole community.

- F. Jesus was amazed at their unbelief. Mark 6:6a

Growth Group Questions
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1. Familiarity breeds contempt means the better we know people, the more likely we are to find fault with them and start disliking things about them. Is this always true? Share a story.
2. Read aloud our teaching passage, Mark 6:1-6a. Compare this passage with the "there" of Mark 5:21-43. Put yourself in the shoes of Peter (the eyewitness to this account). Describe the environment in both of these passages. How do they differ? What might be the reason for these?
3. Last Sunday, we said "A tekton who is a fully devoted follower of Christ can be used by God just as powerfully as a rabbi/pastor." Do you agree? Consider what kinds of people Jesus chose to be his disciples. Discuss what it might look like for our church if people embraced this mindset.
4. In what ways are we blinded from the truth by our circumstances in life? What are some practical ways we can avoid these? How can we see God in the midst of circumstances?
5. In what ways have you seen an individual's unbelief affect the greater community? How might this perspective change the way you live your life in the community/in the church?