

The Gospel According to Mark

How to Amaze Jesus

Mark 6:1-6



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Introduction:

I. THE SETTING (vs. 1)

A. Where from? (vs. 1a)

“Jesus went out from there”

B. Where to? (vs. 1b)

“and came into His hometown”

C. Who with? (vs. 1c)

“and His disciples followed Him”

II. THE SYNAGOGUE (vs. 2-3)

A. Who's there? (vs. 2a)

“When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue” (Luke 4:16-31)

“and the many listeners were astonished”

B. What are they saying? (vs. 2b-3a)

“Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?”

“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?”

C. What's going on? (vs. 3b)

“And they took offense at Him.”

III. THE SAVIOR (vs. 4-6)

A. What He says. (vs. 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.’ ”

B. What He does. (vs. 5)

“And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.”

“The point of *ouk edunato* [“no miracle”] is not that Jesus was powerless apart from men's faith, but that in the absence of faith he could not work mighty works in accordance with the purpose of his ministry; for to have worked miracles where faith was absent would, in most cases anyway, have been merely to have aggravated men's guilt and hardened them against God.” – C.E.B. Cranfield

C. What He's thinking. (vs. 6)

“And He wondered at their unbelief.

“And He was going around the villages teaching.”

Conclusion: (adapted from John MacArthur's main sermon points on this passage)

- 1) Unbelief can obscure the obvious.
- 2) Unbelief tends to elevate the irrelevant.
- 3) Unbelief can lead you to assault the messenger.
- 4) Unbelief will ultimately spurn the supernatural.

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why might the people in Jesus' hometown resented Him?
- 2) What things did Jesus say or do that amaze you?
- 3) How is it possible for people to see and hear what Jesus said and did and still deny that He is the Savior, the Son of God?
- 4) Should we avoid offending people when we tell them about Jesus?