

Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

SESSION 18

REFUSING TO DISBELIEVE

Two weeks ago, we saw that Jesus delivered a demonized man who was rejected by everyone and was completely without hope. Jesus demonstrated His great power to save and deliver by setting this man free from the demonic strongholds which bound him. He still does this today. Last week we read about two people who were desperate for a miracle. Jesus healed the woman with the issue of blood and raised Jairus' daughter from death. In both instances, Jesus' compassion is seen as He responds to their prayers and acts of faith. Today we continue our journey with Jesus as He leaves Capernaum to go to His home town of Nazareth with His disciples. As He ministers, the townspeople begin to question His authority in the Scriptures and His power to perform miracles. The obstacle to their faith was their unbelief. They knew Jesus and His family members, and they took up offense that the carpenter's son could have such great, God-given authority. Their offense and unbelief blocked their hearts from seeing Jesus for who He really was.

Mark 6:1-6 - *Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him. When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "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?" And they took offense at Him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household." And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He wondered at their unbelief. And He was going around the villages teaching.*

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS

1. Who is this man, Jesus? Who is Jesus to me?
2. What is the source of His teachings?
3. What do the mighty miracles He performs say about Him?

RESPONDING TO JESUS' TEACHINGS

1. When overwhelmed by His Words, do we press into Him or push Him away?
2. Do we allow our prejudices to overrule all the evidence and disrupt our spiritual understanding?
3. Do we look at the outward aspects of our teachers, or do we evaluate what is said through the Spirit?

REJECTING THE SIN OF UNBELIEF

1. Familiarity with Jesus produces a dull heart, we cannot hear or see what He is doing.
2. The consequences of unbelief are tragic—blocking faith, miracles, and relationship with our savior.
3. Press into Jesus, press into His people, be teachable, share all that Jesus has done with others.