

Expecting Too Little

Mark 6:1-6

- I. Jesus' authority was rejected as He taught in His hometown of Nazareth (Mark 6:1-3).
 - A. Amazement: Jesus taught in the synagogue and people were amazed (1-2a).
 - 1st visit teaching – Jesus was thrown out (Luke 4:16-31)
 - B. Rejection: The people of Nazareth couldn't accept that Jesus received his power and wisdom from God (2b).
 - Insinuation – *What's this wisdom?* (Is it demonic?)
 - Insult – *This man* – Contempt (“Who is this guy?”)
 - Insult – *Carpenter* – (He's nothing special.)
 - Insinuation – *Mary's Son* – Mother's name used if thought to be illegitimate (see John 8:41; 9:29)
 - C. Offense: The people of Nazareth were offended by Jesus' authority (3).
 - They assumed that Jesus was just a normal man because they knew His brothers and sisters.
- II. Jesus' ministry was limited in Nazareth because of their lack of faith (Mark 6:4-6).
 - A. Pride: Expecting too little of people – Jesus said that prophets usually aren't honored where best known (4).
 - Pride keeps people from believing in Jesus as Savior.
 - Pride keeps us from expecting much of people we know best (children, other believers).
 - B. Unbelief: Expecting too little of God – Jesus couldn't do many miracles there because of their unbelief (5-6).
 - *God works most where people prayerfully expect Him to, but does not do much where there isn't much faith.*