

Sermon Notes:

Passage: Mark 6:1-6

The Familiarity that his hometown had with Jesus bred contempt.

If you have been in the church for any length of time. Maybe grew up in a Christian home, it is easy to take Jesus, his message, the church for granted.

The familiarity of what happens in here can breed contempt. Cynicism can creep in. Our hearts grow cold and hard.

Proverbs 4:23

The village of Nazareth missed out on Jesus. Missed out on what God was doing because of their Prejudices. Because of their Cynicism.

1. Sometimes people just see what we were and not what we are

As Jesus entered into full time public ministry things changed.

It says, **“the people were amazed by his teaching and miracles”**.

The Anointing of the H.S. changed Jesus impact

When Jesus comes into our lives. When the H.S. takes hold of us we are still the same people and yet everything has changed.

In our cynicism we tend to see people in the same light they have always been. We struggle to believe that they have changed.

2. Our Pre-conceptions Hold us back

He is just a carpenter: They didn't see him as someone with the proper training. He wasn't trained as a religious leader. He was trained as a Carpenter.

The Son of Mary: This also was not a compliment. “The additional phrase ‘the son of Mary’ is probably disparaging. It was contrary to Jewish usage to describe a man as the son of his mother. Rumors to the effect that Jesus was illegitimate appear to have circulated even as Jesus was an adult.”

3. Unbelief holds us back from seeing the Supernatural

faith is our conduit to Jesus healing power.

- In one place Jesus performed miracles because of the faith of people. Now we come to his hometown where there is very little faith because of their cynicism and pride. They ended up missing out. In fact Jesus was astounded at how little faith they had.

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Warm Up:

1. What is something that you take for granted because you are around it a lot or have seen/experienced it many times?
2. Where is your home town and what are the positives and negatives about that place?

Study & Discussion:

Read together: Mark 6:1-6

1. When reading this story what are some of the reasons in your opinion for the scepticism and cynicism toward Jesus from the people in his hometown?
2. Have you felt scepticism toward Jesus and the church? How has this looked in your life?
3. Why do you think that Jesus was limited in what miracles he could perform due to people's faith or lack there of?

If time Read together: Mark 6:7-13

1. In your opinion why did Jesus command his disciples to go out in this fashion?
2. In what ways is this applicable or not applicable to us today?

Prayer:

1. Pray for each others individual needs? Also.....
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?