

## The Gospel of Mark

### Part 8: I stand amazed

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Jesus returns to Nazareth, his boyhood home.

This is the second return trip to Nazareth recorded in the Bible, his first (Luke 4) trip did not end well.

The “homecoming” he receives here in Mark 6 tells us much about how His creation can treat the Creator.

### **His Return (vv. 1)**

Mark 6:1 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.

#### **Jesus's devotion**

- His devotion begs the question, “How patient has God been with each of us?”
- How many opportunities has He given you to repent and believe the gospel?

#### **Jesus' determination**

- The synagogues in those days were built in such a way that they pointed toward Jerusalem. He was facing Calvary and the cross where He was going to die for the sins of the world.
- You are here today because Jesus wants you to listen to His call.
- You and I choose every day to listen to or ignore Him.

### **His Rejection (v. 2-3)**

Mark 6:2–3 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? <sup>3</sup> Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

The crowd questioned His being:

They could not overcome their familiarity with Him.

They could not get past his “seedy” origins and His commonness.

### **His Response (vv. 4-6)**

Mark 6:4-6 Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”<sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.<sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

He did not do much work.

He marveled at their unbelief.

He left.

- The most terrible of all sins is unbelief.
- There is no record of Jesus ever returning to Nazareth.

### **Take this with you...**

- Jesus knows you, because He made you.
- No one is more familiar with you than Jesus, yet His response to us is not contempt but mercy and grace!
- He knows your past, what you are thinking now and what you will do during all your tomorrows and His choice is to love you.
- Have you ever experienced this love?