

“Isn’t This the Carpenter?”

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Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When 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? ³Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph,^(a) Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.

- **Jesus honors the Sabbath as a time for God’s Word.**
- **The hometown hearers are amazed at the wisdom of His mouth and the works of His hands.**
- **Jesus stands in a long line of prophets who were rejected by those closest to them, despite the fact they had good news to bring.**

Mark 6:6-13

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

- **Jesus shows the power of perseverance as He continues on with His ministry, refusing to be shut down by His hometown rejection.**
- **The Master Carpenter sends His disciples out to multiply His ministry impact.**
- **Followers of Jesus learn from their Master by sharing HIS life-changing message and HIS healing touch.**