

Mark 6:1-6a

Will We Come To God
On His Terms?

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Israel Rejects Her Messiah

Mark 3:1-6 Synagogue: **Jesus Heals**

Mark 3:22 "He is possessed by Beelzebul"

Mark 6:1-6 Synagogue: **Jesus Teaches**

Mark 6:3 "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary...?"

Those In Nazareth Are Astonished

Mark 6:1-2 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?"

They Used Ad Hominem Attacks

Mark 6:3 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**.

John 8:41b ...They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God."

Why Didn't They Check The Scriptures?

Romans 1:1b-3 ...set apart for the **gospel of God**, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,

Acts 17:11 Now these were **more noble-minded** than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

A Model In Judging People's Claims

1. Don't judge a person by their "source" (John 1:46).
2. Don't judge a person's motives (1 Corinthians 4:5).
3. Don't judge hypocritically (Matthew 7:2).
4. Do judge by Scripture (Acts 17:11).

Jesus Is "The Prophet" To Come

Mark 6:4-5 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.

Miracles: Authenticate God's Spokesman

Mark 9:7 Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

Hebrews 2:4 NET God confirmed their witness with signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Miracles Won't Remedy Unbelief!

Luke 16:30-31 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'

Luke 24:25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!"

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Acts 2:22-23 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, **you nailed to a cross** by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

The Self Righteous Hated Jesus' Message

➤ John the Baptist, Jesus, and Jesus' apostles all preach repentance Mark 1:4, 15; 6:12.

Luke 7:29-30 When all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and the lawyers **rejected God's purpose** for themselves, not having been baptized by John.

They Wanted Messiah On Their Terms

Luke 7:31-32, 35 To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another, and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep... **Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children.**'

The Problem Is Unbelief

Mark 6:6a And He wondered at their unbelief.

Matthew 23:29b-31 ...For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, 'If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

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Acts 2:37-38 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, **what shall we do?**" Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
