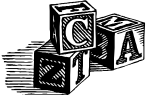


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Sin of Unbelief," (Mark 6:1-6)



Basic Ideas from Mark 6:1-6.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know faith and its object, Jesus Christ.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to walk in faith toward Jesus Christ.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of living by faith in Jesus Christ.



Basic Question from Mark 6:1-6.

1. What pattern are we again seeing in verse 2? What is the primary expression of His ministry?
2. Would it be safe to conclude that His instruction is still that of Mark 1:14, 15?
3. How would you explain the dynamic between His teaching ministry and that of His miracles?
4. What was the response of the audience to His instruction?
5. Should we think of those who do not believe as unsaved or unbelieving-believers?
6. Why their perplexity? Why might He be rejected by those most familiar with Him?
7. Why might they be "offended" at what He said and did?
8. Was the audience aware of His mighty works? Why might this compound the negative aspect of their response?
9. What is verse 4 saying to us today?
10. Why was Jesus limited in what He did according to verse 5 and 6?
11. Does Jesus always work through our willing or can He also work despite our willing or contrary to our willing?
12. How does this "translate" into our daily experiences and Christian walk?
13. Why did Jesus marvel?
14. Did unbelief keep Him from fulfilling His mission?
15. Have you ever gone somewhere and felt completely unwelcome? How did you feel? Were you uncomfortable, uneasy, hot, or embarrassed? Have you ever been among your own family members or friends and felt like no one cared? Well, this is what we see in Mark 6:1-6 with Jesus in His home town of Nazareth. Have you ever wanted to do something nice for someone or give someone a gift but they refused to receive it? Have you ever said something nice to someone and they took it the wrong way? How did you feel? Did it upset you? Were you hurt?
16. What would you say about a guy who had a broken arm but refused to see a doctor? Or of a person whose hands were filthy but refused to wash them before he ate? What would you think of a man who was drowning but would refuse any assistance of help? Friend, we are people in need and Jesus meets needs. What are you going to do with Jesus?
17. What application can we make from this text?

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The **Basic Application** from Mark 6:1-6.

1. Are you receiving this message as from the Lord?
2. What is to be a primary expression of ministry at this local church?
3. Although God works in the absence of our will or contrary to our will, He often works in conjunction with our will. What are you willing to have God work in your life as it relates to Jesus Christ and His kingdom?
4. Are you open to the miracle-working power of Jesus Christ?
5. Thank God His words and works ring true with integrity. Thank God you have ears to hear and eyes to see the marvels of His goodness.
6. Offer yourself in faith to the power of God.
7. Pray for God to forgive your unbelief. Pray for ears to hear and eyes to see the marvels of His goodness.
8. What is keeping you from receiving Christ into your life? Maybe He is there, but only in name or only on the fringes of full involvement. Why not make Jesus a priority in your life. Whatever is so important to you is really quite insignificant when compared to the magnificence of Jesus Christ.
9. What does this story cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?