

Mark 6:1-13
When Jesus came Home

How do you feel about Homecomings and Reunions – family, School – Homecomings?

A) I think you either love them or hate them.

B) If you come from a good stable family, Reunions can be fun. – Catch up.

C) Dysfunctional family – awkward and uncomfortable – what do we talk about.

If you were popular in High School – Homecomings and Reunions are something you look forward to.

A) **Re-live the glory years!**

B) If you were the nerd or the outcast – unless you have turned a major – corner – do you even go

1) I think I will pass.

C) Homecomings can be odd - **Denise and I were engaged – took a trip to Oregon to meet her parents**

When Came into their home- I was struck by one thing – The hallway wall

A) All these pictures of Denise and past – Prom dates Spring formals -

B) Her mom way of saying – **She is a catch!**

1) What was really weird was some of those pics stayed up for a while after we were married

Picture home coming for Jesus – what would that be like? – He had to be popular right – stand out right?

A) It had to be a great time of celebration –

B) The home town hero – comes home –

C) Well the scriptures give us a glimpse of two separate times Jesus returned home.

1) IT DIDN'T GO THE WAY YOU WOULD THINK IT SHOULD

Mark 6:1-3

Then He went out from there and came to **His own country**, and His disciples followed Him. {Home cooking- Friends – this should be fun}

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him **were**

astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!

{That is good right – but there is always those who want to ruin the party- others start talking -}

3 **Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.**

OFFENDED- derives from the Greek word skandalon

From which we get our English word scandalized.

A) Jesus home coming turned into a Scandal.

Jesus had a hard time in his home town:

A) This was actually the 2nd time he returned home after beginning his public ministry.

B) Luke's gospel records the events of his first visit which took place a year earlier.

C) Luke ch.4 – Jesus went to Nazareth and spoke in the synagogue: reading from Isaiah 61:1-2

1) And everyone spoke well of him - “He did a good job – nice sermon Jesus” (Luke 4:22).

D) But then he began to preach confrontationally, and the mood changed violently, so much so

They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the edge of the cliff and were about to throw him off.

That is what I call a ROUGH CROWD!

A) Spoke to rough crowds but never any that wanted to kill me!

B) Well God intervened – Froze everyone – Jesus walked through group – left town and hit the road.

A year later – Jesus comes back and once again the initial the reception was good at first.

A) V. 2 tells us that many were astonished – They were astonished at two things:

@ his “wisdom” and his “miracles.”

B) They knew he was not a schooled rabbi, and yet he spoke with a CLARITY and AUTHORITY beyond any they had ever heard.

C) Tales of his stupendous miracles had been told and retold. They were truly amazed.

D) But as they began to talk among themselves, and a malignant contempt crept over their souls.

1) “Isn't this the carpenter? This man is a common laborer—the village handyman!

E) He's not so great. He not anything special.

1) He has a Galilean accent just like us.”

Been said: Familiarity breeds contempt:

A) The teenager who gets turned on for Jesus and tries to talk to his peers –

B) They don't respect what he has to say because – they know him.

C) Maybe you have tried to share with your family –

1) Hardest place to share and live out your faith is in your own family. Why?

2) They know you. They know the good the bad and the ugly.

D) Seen you at your worst.

Makes sense with us – but with Jesus that was not the problem:

A) It wasn't that they had seen his bad side. (There wasn't a bad side)

B) The language of our text points out that the problem was twofold :

#1 He was so ORDINARY!

C) Isn't this the Carpenter?

What we often forget about Jesus is this: the first 30 yrs of Jesus life were in Obscurity.

A) No where on earth ever had the privileges Nazareth had.

B) For thirty years the Son of God lived in this town, and walked about its streets.

C) For 30 yrs God is living under the radar - He was a Carpenters son – then a Carpenter himself –

1) There is something marvelous and overwhelming in the thought!

He who had spoke heaven and earth into existence!

A) John's gospel makes it clear that God the father was the architect of Creation

B) God the son was the one who brought it into being!

John 1:2-3

“He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

Colossians 1:16

“For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.”

He who spoke heaven and earth into existence had so humbled himself – to live in a place like Nazareth.

A) He made himself so normal as to work with his hands and earn a living by the sweat of his brow!

B) In other words – He lived like everyone else!

1) Biggest temptation: Speak a chair into existence – I am going fishing.

C) He never did that – no miracles – no magic tricks –

1) He didn't home run every time up to bat – he didn't win every board game.

D) He was just ordinary – normal guy - no one really noticed.

E) Just like us – and that was the point!

F) He was so ordinary that some of the people in Nazareth hearing about his fame and following were having a hard time buying in.

1) **Isn't this the carpenter?** - {Love that about Jesus
So for some it was that Jesus was just so ordinary
but for others it WAS ABOUT THE SCANDAL!

A) Gossip: *Isn't this the son of Mary!*

B) This was a cheap slam. Sons were always identified by their fathers, not their mothers, even when the father was dead.

1) Every genealogy is proof of that

C) So by saying isn't this Mary's son was a way of bringing up again the long time rumor that started in the very beginning –

1) Mary got pregnant before being Married and Joseph is not the Father

D) They were in effect calling his mother a whore and him the illegitimate offspring a Bastard

Understand – the fact that Jesus was born of a Virgin – Mary impregnated by God.

A) Very important doctrine of the Christian faith – it is essential to the salvation message.

B) The fact that Joseph was not the father of Jesus means that Jesus didn't have the sin gene.

Romans 5:12

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

The whole world was infected by Adam – the fact that we sin is simply the evidence – that we carry the sin gene.

A) It is a part of our DNA – it is a part of our nature
NATURAL MAN.

B) But Paul also went on to say in Romans
Romans 5:15

“For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”

Romans 5:18-19

“Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.”

C) The fact that Jesus didn't carry the sin gene in him – qualified him to the Sacrifice for sinners!

The people of Nazareth obviously did not understand this at that time – neither did Jesus own 1/2 bro/sis

A) So once again – they are ready to run him and his disciples out of town.

B) Note his reaction:

Mark 6:4-6

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

A) Have you suffered some rejection or ridicule on the home front? - Good company

B) So did Jesus – Jesus says – it is actually normal
NOT GOOD – BUT NORMAL

C) Familiarity breeds CONTEMPT

Several lessons to learn from this passage!
#1 He could do no mighty work!

A) When it says that Jesus could do no mighty work there it really means that he would not do it!

B) Jesus was God He could do anything he wanted –

C) Omnipotence is not omnipotence if it is bound by anything but its own will.

1) This is saying that Jesus was *morally* compelled not to show his power.

C) Lesson for us - **Unbelief freezes the exercise of God's power.** Exercise = Manifestation.

This is the danger that we who have been walking with the Lord a while face!

A) Jesus can become very familiar to us –

B) The stories in the Bible and the message of the Bible – can become so familiar to us,

1) We lose sight of how SPECIAL and RADICAL it is that the God of the Universe – says – Draw near

C) We can lose sight of how Incredible it is that – HE INVITES US TO LIVE IN RELATIONSHIP

D) We become so familiar with the things of God that everything loses its sense of AWE!

So blessed Friday talking to an older guy in our Church – commenting on Altar call last week 2nd ser

A) I just began to cry! – So awesome

B) Because – I know there are others – who take it for granted.

1) Others who are skeptical – How long is this going to last.

C) Church – those of us who have been around walking with Jesus for 20 plus years

1) **ARE WE STILL AWE STRUCK!**

D) Meeting with Pastor Chuck – Franklin Graham
1) Started to cry at the potential – Seen that before and so desires to see it again – **Convicted !!!!!!!!!!!**

#2 Jesus Marvelled at their unbelief

A) Not only did their unbelief hinder the EXERCISE of God's Power.

B) It causes Jesus to Marvel – Idea is he was stopped in his tracks – 2nd look – had to ponder.

C) There are only two times in Scripture where this word marvel is used in relationship to Jesus

Matthew 9 Centurion: Jesus marvelled at his faith!

A) Go – speak come – **JUST SAY THE WORD!**

B) **Jesus marvelled at their unbelief -**

C) Not only does **Unbelief freezes the exercise of God's power.** Unbelief has the potential to rob people of the highest blessings

Jesus Marvelled at – Unbelief - But He also marvelled at Faith

A) I want to be on the latter end of that equation:

B) I want God to Marvel at my faith –

1) That Rob can be a knucklehead sometimes but – He has big faith – and why not, right? WE HAVE A BIG GOD!

C) I take comfort in the fact the story of the dad – demon possessed son. – **Just believe** –

1) Lord I believe but help my unbelief

I take comfort in that story because I definitely have my moments where my faith falters -

A) But I don't want to live there:

B) I want to live in that place of a guy who is believing God for big things.

1) I want to believe **GOD FOR REVIVAL** – I want to see Him turn our county upside down.

C) I shared with you that a big part of the reason I **went on the trip to Padova Italy** –

1) Looking for confirmation – **OPEN DOOR** – see God do something there.

D) Seen him do in Hungary, Germany, Russia – over the years –

1) Five CC in the whole country of Italy – some that have been there – 20 yrs

E) **Padova is a city of 70k college students** –

1) That is how those other works started – God working in the lives of young people

F) I want to believe that God wants to do that again **Why not? Planning more trips – bigger**

Reach more young people here! Sunday nights

A) Want to see God do a work on Base CP

B)New opportunity – really excited about – Keep casting seeds – knocking on doors – BIG GOD!

C) Unbelief robs the Church of its power.

1)We can add new programs until we do not have enough hours in the **day to administrate them** or enough bulletin inserts to advertise them.

D)But without a **believing expectancy in Christ** and his power, nothing will come of it.

E)Listen I want us to be a church where Jesus marvels at our faith! –

1)Starts with us as individuals

Lessons:

#1 He could do no mighty work!

#2 He Marveled at their unbelief!

#3 Jesus doesn't let a set back derail him. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

A)These guys don't want to listen to me – then I am going to find some pp who will.

B)Seen so many derailed by rejection or lack of results!

C)Hey one door closes, look for another one to open.

1)Camp Pendleton: Stuart Mesa – Not great results

C)New opportunity: Chaplain – New Study – guy wants to go for it!

1)Do whatever it takes to reach people on that base

Sometimes set backs can be God is trying to teach us things or humble us –

A)But often times it is about – right guy – wrong place – wrong time.

Jesus wasn't going to be derailed from his mission by the rejection of his home town.

Not only does he move on – but he send others out too.

A)Set back – cranks it up

Mark 6:7-13

7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. 8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff — no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts — 9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

10 Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. 11 And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

12 So they went out and preached that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

Now we could do a whole separate study on these verses but sake of time – I simply want you to notice

How did he send them out!

A) #1 Sent them out in two's – First dynamic duo's –

B) No lone rangers in the body of Christ!

C) Mark is the only evangelist who mentions this fact. It is one that deserves special notice.

The wise man had good reason for saying “**two are better than one**” (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

A) **Protection – encouragement.** Faith becomes bolder when ministering with someone else

B) “**Stir up each other love and good works.**” Hebrews 10:24–25

C) “**As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another**” (Proverbs 27:17)

#2 He sent them out in Power: and gave them power over unclean spirits.

A) Power is *exousia* = Authority. A Royal right and privilege.

B) This was a special power given to these guys at this particular time to help deal with the demand at the time.

C) It was actually an AUTHORITY over sickness and demons.

D) Know one has this type of authority today.

E) But Jesus has sent us out in the Power of the Holy Spirit! –

1) Acts 1:8 His power that enables us to reach the world for Jesus

#3 He sent them out in faith: 8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff — no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts — 9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

His advice for them was to travel light:

A) Italy- Bag 50lbs - Worried about the girls – My daughter 36lbs – Problem was some of the boys

B) One guy back pack: Awesome imagine trying to get 33 people on and off of Public transportation – night mare.

C) Here buses and public transportation is not the norm. It is not used by the majority.

D) There it is the norm – Anyone thinks vacation:

E)When last time vacation – 33 people trying to use public transportation every day – Packed buses, trains - **Imagine with luggage?**

Travel light:

Vagabond doesn't have a home
Sojourner is someone who has left their home
Pilgrim – going home

Pilgrims and sojourners

#4 Sent them out with a simple mindset

10 Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place.

A)Don't be focused on how can I upgrade: How can I improve my accommodations

B)Eat what is given to you

C) **MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU HAVE!**

#5 Sent them with a message:

11 And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

12 So they went out and preached that people should repent.

They went preaching a message of repentance: Turn change:

A)Those who rejected – shake the Dust off their feet.
– MR. I AM

B)Remember they lived in a dusty region – wore sandals – so this was a way of saying

1) Not rejecting me – rejecting God – you are going to stand on your own before him

C)Today we might take out a bottle of Purell – wash our hands

This is something that we need to remember:

A)The gospel has two sides - there are times when the Church must warn the world of judgment.

B)Fragrance of life – to those who have faith

1)Fragrance of death – to those who don't

C)**Jesus is a like a stone:** Some stumble over it and are saved – Sinner savior

1)Some reject it and are crushed

You have to give both sides of the story! – Heaven – but there is also a Hell.

I want you to go to heaven! – Eternity

Need to also warn you – there is a place – hell