

## A Study of Mark – Lesson 14

### Mark 6:1-6. A Prophet Without Honor

**6**<sup>1</sup> Jesus left there / and went to his hometown, / accompanied by his disciples. / <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

### Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Then Jesus went around teaching / from village to village.

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## ***Vocabulary***

1. **Contempt:** n. A powerful feeling of dislike toward somebody or something considered to be worthless, inferior, or undeserving of respect. Disdain, dislike, disrespect, disapproval, scorn.
  2. **Sab•bath:** n (a) Sunday, observed by most Christians as the day of worship and rest from work. (b) Saturday, observed as a day of religious worship and rest from work in Judaism and some Christian denominations. (c) See witches' Sabbath
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3. **Tekton:** Greek word for craftsman or skilled builder. More than just a carpenter.

## ***Related words***

<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Noun</b>	<b>Verb</b>	<b>Adverb</b>
Contemptuous	Contempt		Contemptuously
	Prophet	To prophesy	

## **Questions**

1. What is the hometown of Jesus?
2. When does the Jewish Sabbath begin and end? Is it the same as our Sunday? Why or why not?
3. Who went with Jesus? Did they go as Rabbi and disciples or just as a son visiting his hometown?
4. What is contempt? Why were the people contemptuous of a person like Jesus?
5. What was Jesus' trade? What was the attitude of the Jewish culture toward trade and craftsmanship?
6. What is manual labor? Is it respected today?
7. Why is Jesus called "Mary's son"? What happened to Joseph, his father?
8. Read verse 4. Why is this verse famous? Is it true?
9. Why couldn't Jesus do miracles in Nazareth?
10. Look at the words following "except". Aren't those miracles?
11. What happens when you do not have faith in yourself or in your children?

## **Notes:**

1. Jesus came to Nazareth, his hometown, as a Rabbi, a teacher, with his own disciples. The people knew Jesus, and they listened to him teach in the synagogue. Yet they did not respect him.
2. The word used for carpenter here is *tekton*. This word in Greek means a craftsman, not just a simple joiner of wood. In the Greek world, the tekton built temples, ships and houses.
3. The people despised Jesus because they thought of him as simply a manual labor workman. He was a man of the people and not a learned synagogue teacher.
4. The fact that Jesus was called Mary's son means that Joseph was probably dead. If this is true, we can understand that Jesus worked in Nazareth until he was about 30 years old. As far as we know, Joseph died and Jesus took upon himself the support of his mother and his brothers. He didn't leave Nazareth until the brothers and sisters were old enough to work and take care of themselves.
5. The atmosphere was all wrong for Jesus to really help his town. They were contemptuous of him. No man can be healed if he doesn't want to be healed.
6. However, Jesus did heal a few sick people. So, the trip back home meant a great deal to them.