

Mark 6:1-13 | *Jesus Sends Out the Twelve*

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¹ When Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² 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? ³ 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.

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

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

⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And 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.”

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

QUESTIONS

1. Read vv.1-6. The people in Nazareth almost killed Jesus on His first visit (see Luke 4:16-30). Sadly, the situation was not any better on this visit. List the five questions that they asked about Jesus.
2. On the basis of these questions that they were asking, why do you think the people of Nazareth took offence with Jesus (v.3) and had a hard time believing Him (v.6)?

3. Read vv.4-6. In light of the fact that Jesus, as Son of God, could surely do anything that He wanted to - why could He not do many miracles here in Nazareth?

What does this tell you about the connection between Jesus's power to act and our faith?

4. Read vv.7-13. What were the instructions that Jesus gave to His disciples? What was the purpose behind each specific instruction?
5. **Key Application Qn.** Share with your CG what your personal takeaways are from this sermon. What has God impressed upon your heart that you need to do, in order to follow Jesus more closely and faithfully? Pray for each other.