

# Rejected in Nazareth

## Mark 6:1-6

**Big Truth:** It wasn't a lack of power that limited the work of God. It was unbelief.

### Introduction

- Jesus returns to His hometown.
- The people recognize His wisdom and power.
- They are astonished, yet they reject Him.
- Main Question: How can the Son of God stand among hurting people and do few mighty works?
- Answer: Unbelief.

## I. Amazed But Not Changed

- They admired Jesus but did not trust Him.
- Astonishment is not faith.
- Knowing about Jesus is not the same as following Jesus.
- Question: Am I impressed by Christ or surrendered to Him?

## II. Familiarity Became the Enemy of Faith

- 'Is this not the carpenter?'
- They reduced Jesus to what was familiar.
- Familiarity can blind us to God's presence.
- Churches can become comfortable and stop expecting God to move.

## III. Unbelief Can Live in Religious People

- Nazareth was full of religious people.
- Unbelief often wears church clothes.
- It expects little from God.
- Unbelief says revival cannot happen, lives cannot change, prayers will not be answered.

## IV. Jesus Goes Where He Is Welcomed

- Jesus left Nazareth and ministered elsewhere.
- God's work continues where He is welcomed.
- The issue is never His power—it is our faith.
- Faith creates expectation for God to move.

### Conclusion

- 'He marveled because of their unbelief.'
- Jesus marveled at only two things: great faith and great unbelief.
- What does He see when He looks at us?
- Do we expect Him to save, heal, restore, and transform?
- Prayer: Lord, give us faith that welcomes Your presence and power.

## Personal Notes

