

How to Reject the Kingdom in 3 Easy Steps



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He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

MARK 6:1-6 (ESV)

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

MARK 6:7-13 (ESV)

**Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,
“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,
where your fathers put me to the test
and saw my works for forty years.
Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known my ways.’
As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest.’”**

HEBREWS 3:7-11

**Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said,
“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”**

HEBREWS 3:12-15

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

HEBREWS 4:6-7



Point 1:

OFFENSE

"THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM."

But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

MARK 8:33



Point 2:

DISHONOR

***“A PROPHET IS NOT WITHOUT HONOR,
EXCEPT IN HIS HOMETOWN.”***

On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor

1 CORINTHIANS 12:22-23A



**“For our light and momentary troubles are
achieving for us an eternal glory that far
outweighs them all.”**

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17



Point 3:

UNBELIEF

**"HE MARVELED BECAUSE OF THEIR
UNBELIEF."**

*“MARK DRAWS OUR ATTENTION
NOT TO THE LIMITS OF JESUS’
POWER, BUT RATHER TO THE
PRIVATIONS WHICH RESULT
FROM UNBELIEF.”*

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