



# **The Messiah We Didn't Expect**



Mark 6:1-13

More than a Carpenter



# Questions

- Who was Astonished in this text? Why?
- Why did they call Jesus a Carpenter?
- How was Jesus an extraordinary Teacher?
- Where was Jesus' hometown?
- Why was Jesus' hometown offended by Him?
- DO you see the contrast in verses 1-6 and 7-13?







# Jesus' growing resume'

- John the Baptist, prophesied, Jesus is the Messiah!
- God spoke from heaven when Jesus was baptized
- Jesus' message: repent and believe! The Kingdom!
- Casts out Demons, Heals paralyzed, Raises the dead!
- Cleanses Lepers! Commands the Storm, Many healed

Many Crowds were following Jesus,

Jesus called His disciples

Jesus challenged the Sabbath Legalism

# JESUS, THE MASTER TEACHER



# Many who heard him were astonished

- His hometown – Nazareth! (Bethlehem, Capernaum, Jerusalem, Egypt)
- On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue
- Where did this man get these things?
- What is the wisdom give to him?
- How are such mighty works done by his hands?



**amazed (exoplēssonto, “astounded, struck out, overwhelmed”; cf. 1:22; 7:37; 10:26; 11:18) at His teaching.**

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The phrase **Mary’s Son** was also derogatory since a man was not described as his mother’s son in Jewish usage even if she was a widow, except by insult (cf. Jud. 11:1–2; John 8:41; 9:29). Their words, calculated insults, also suggested they knew there was something unusual about Jesus’ birth.

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**The population of Nazareth** when Jesus was born was likely between 100 and 400 people, though some estimates are **as low as 120-150 and others as high as 1,000**. It was a **small, insignificant farming village, Jesus’ father a Craftsmen (nearby Safed)** located away from major trade routes, and these population estimates reflect its status as a small community during the Roman and



Hellenistic periods.

**Population estimates:**

Archaeological evidence suggests a population of no more than 400 people, while other sources estimate it was between 100 and 150

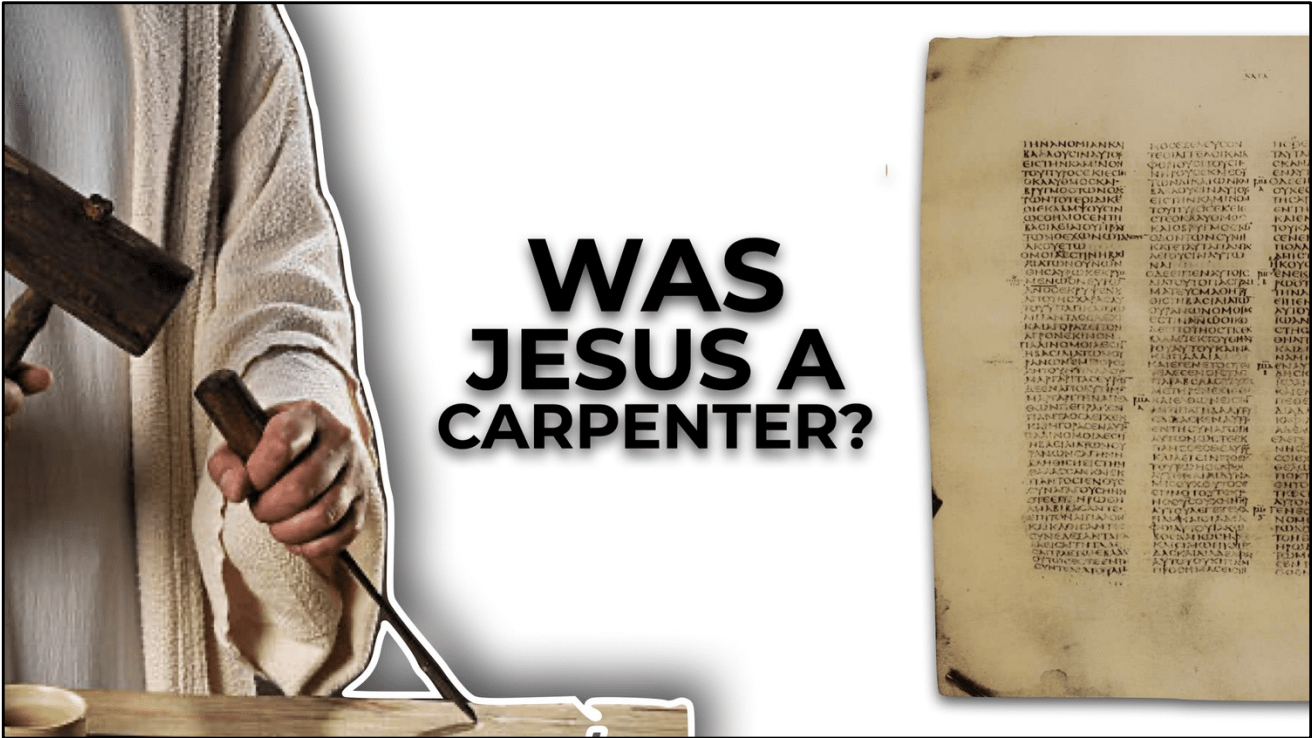
**Bethlehem** - The population of Bethlehem when Jesus was born was likely small, with estimates ranging **from a few hundred to around 1,000 people**. Some scholars, like [William F. Albright](#), estimate the population to be as low as 300 people, consistent with a small, out-of-the-way village at the time. Other estimates place the figure higher, between 1,000 and 3,000 people, reflecting the uncertainty surrounding ancient population data. **Likely a Shepherding community!**

**The population of Capernaum** in Jesus' time was **estimated to be between 1,000 and 1,500 people**. It was a bustling fishing village located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, which was larger than Jesus' hometown of Nazareth and was a hub for **trade and fishing**.

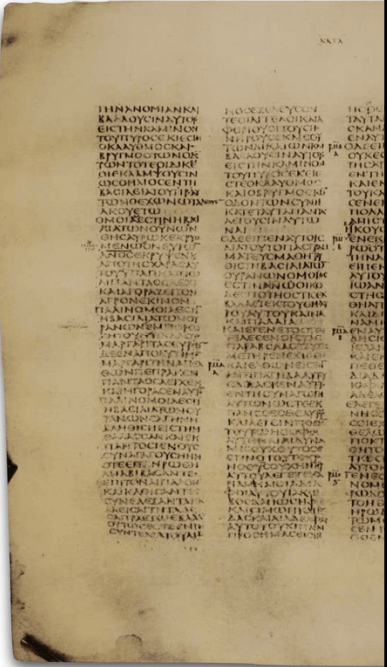
[Hos 11:1 ESV] 1 **When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.**

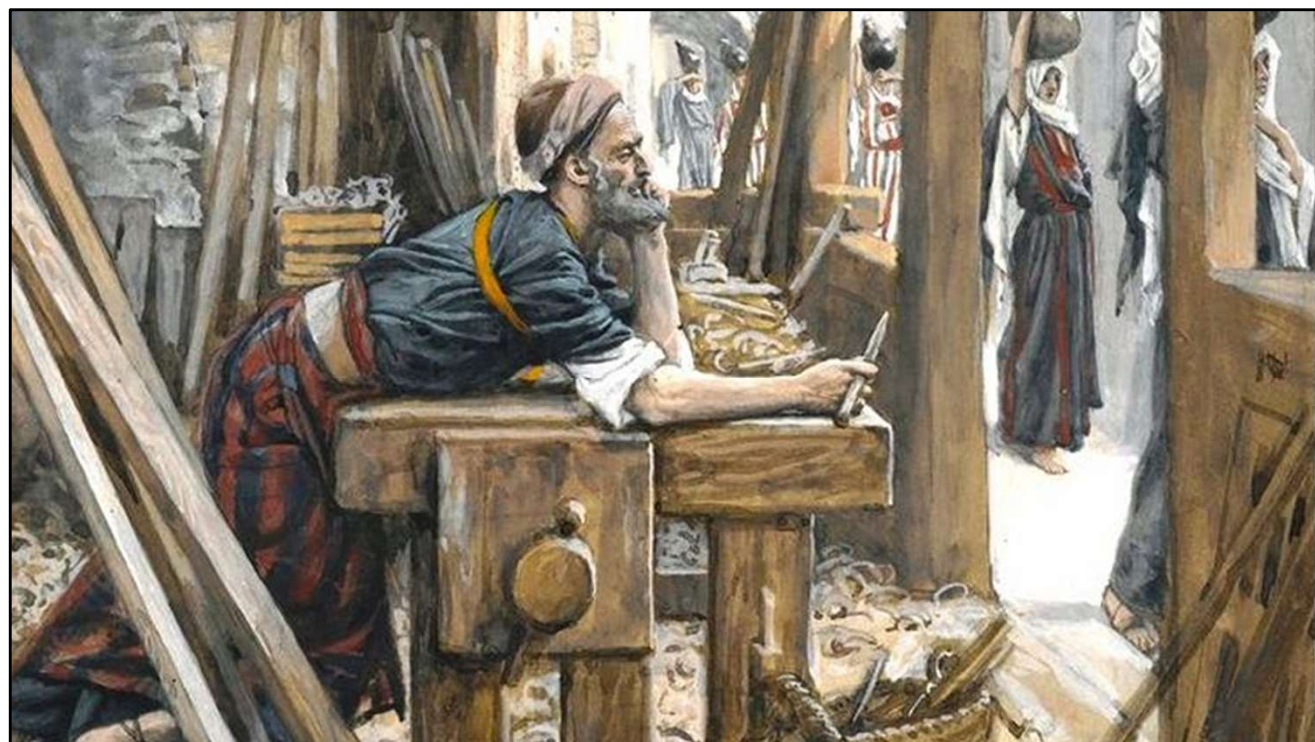
[Exo 4:22 ESV] 22 **Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son,**

[Mat 2:15 ESV] 15 **and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."**



# WAS JESUS A CARPENTER?





# Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary.. ?

- A carpenter (Mark 6:3), & a carpenter's son (Matthew 13:55)
- (tekton) could also be translated more broadly as “artisan”, “contractor”, or “handyman”.
- They asserted His mere humanity, He is Ordinary!



Thus since the townspeople could not explain Jesus, **they took offense (from *skandalizomai*, “to be caused to stumble, to be repelled”; cf. comments on Mark 14:27) at Him**

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**Jesus was a Blue collar, Tradesman, worked with his hands, Physical work! NOT Scholarly work**

**We also delight in knowing the craftsmanship, attention to detail, work specific to the task, unique! Personal attention!**

**Josh McDowell, Wrote a book. He was an abused son who rejected Jesus and went to disprove him as merely a carpenter and was transformed. We have some!! Please take one!**

**Mat 13:55-56 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"**

**Luk 4:22** And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

**Jhn 6:42** They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

**Unremarkable! Uneducated.**

**Jhn 7:15** The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" (Uneducated)

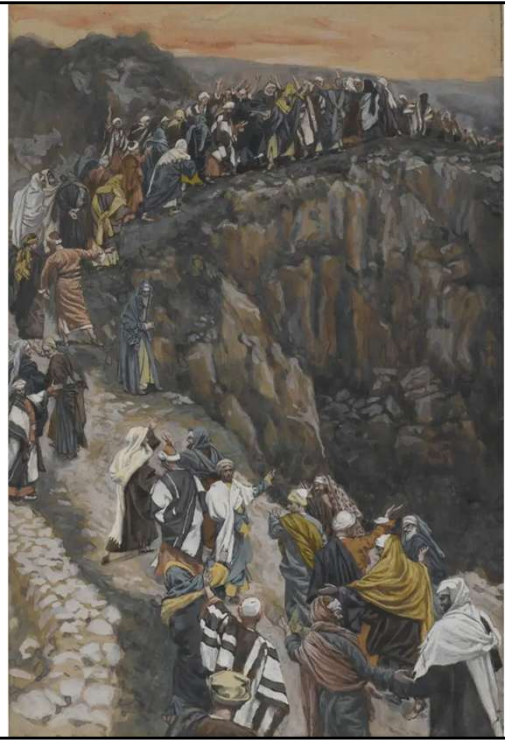
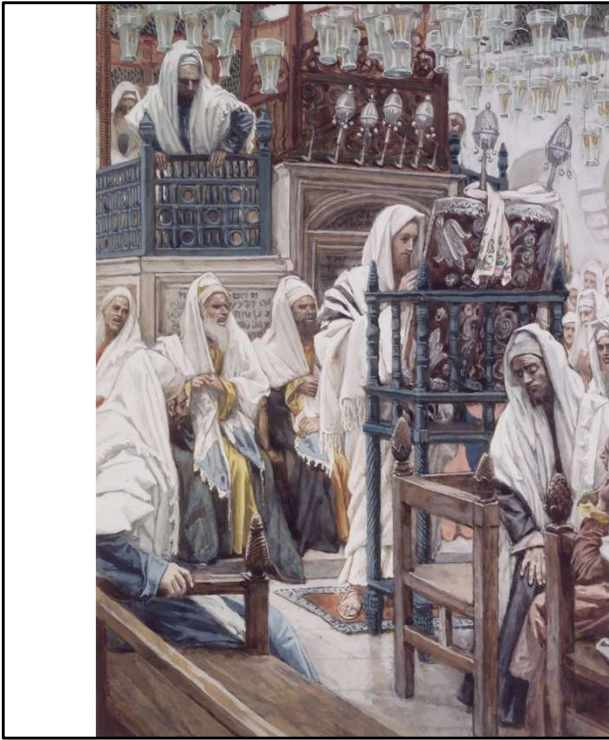
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# They took offense at him.

- “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”
  - Despised & rejected by men, a man of sorrows  
– Isaiah 53:3
  - John 1:11 – He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
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**Familiarity breeds contempt!**

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**Jhn 7:46** The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"

**Mat 7:28-29** And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

**Mat 22:22, 33** When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. ... 33 And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

**Luk 2:47** And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

**Mat 13:54** and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

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**Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

**Jhn 1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"** Philip said to him, "Come and see."

**Mic 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.**

[Mat 2:5-6 ESV] 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

[Jhn 7:42 ESV] 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

[Jhn 7:40-43 ESV] 40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" 43 So there was a division among the people over him.

**Jhn 12:48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.**

Act 13:46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. **Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.**

**[Jhn 1:10-11 ESV] 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.**

**[Luk 2:7 ESV] 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in**

**swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

[Luk 19:14 ESV] 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

[Mat 21:42 ESV] 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

[Mar 8:31 ESV] 31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

[Mar 12:10 ESV] 10 Have you not read this Scripture: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

[Luk 7:30 ESV] 30 but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

[Luk 9:22 ESV] 22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

[Luk 17:25 ESV] 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

[Luk 20:17 ESV] 17 But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?"

[Act 4:11 ESV] 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

[Act 7:35 ESV] 35 "This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'--this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

[1Pe 2:4, 7 ESV] 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ... 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"



# They took offense at him.

- John 6:60-66 – “many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ... offense at this?



**MT PRECIPICE, NAZARETH**



**WHERE THEY TRIED TO KILL JESUS**











## Luke 4, a previous or parallel passage?

- Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing
- Gracious words that were coming from his mouth
- Is not this Joseph's son? "Physician, Heal yourself"!
- A Sidon woman who was a widow, Naaman the Syrian
- They Rejected Jesus! Shove Him off a Cliff!!
- But passing through their midst!

Luk 4:16-30 **And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.** 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."** 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And **the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.** 21 And he began to say to them, **"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."** 22 And **all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.** And they said, **"Is not this Joseph's son?"** 23 And he said to them, **"Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "'Physician, heal yourself.'" What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."** 24 And he said, **"Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah,** when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 **and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.** 27 And there were **many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha,** and none of them was cleansed, **but only Naaman the Syrian."** 28 **When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.**

[Isa 61:2 ESV] 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, **and the day of vengeance of our God;** to


comfort all who mourn;



[Jhn 15:22 ESV] 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

[Jhn 15:18-25 ESV] 18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause

# The Master Teacher!

- Old/Young, Jew/Gentile, Rabbis/Common, Foe/Friend
  - Synagogues, seashores, Mountaintops, Crowds/Private
  - He quotes/Alludes 180x to OT, 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the time
  - He fulfills 68-100-300 Prophecies
  - He asked 307 questions, Was Asked 183
  - No one dared to ask him any more questions – Mark 12:34
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<https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/quotes.cfm>

The website Blue Letter Bible has compiled [exhaustive lists](#) of all of Jesus's references to Old Testament books. There find 102 such references in Matthew, 39 in Mark, 68 in Luke, and 49 in John. That's 258 references total. How many of these come from Genesis? The answer is 18. That means that 7% of all of Jesus' references to the Old Testament were references to Genesis.

**It has been estimated that over one-tenth of Jesus' recorded New Testament words were taken from the Old Testament. In the four Gospels, 180 of the 1,800 verses that report His discourses are either Old Testament quotes or Old Testament allusions.**

He quoted the Old Testament 78 times, the Pentateuch alone 26 times. He quoted from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, Jonah, Micah, and Malachi. He referred to the Old Testament as "The Scriptures," "the word of God," and "the wisdom of God." The apostles quoted 209 times from the Old Testament and considered it "the oracles of God." The Old Testament in hundreds of places predicted the events of the New Testament; and as the New Testament is the fulfillment of, and testifies to the genuineness and authenticity of the Old Testament, both Testaments must be considered together as the Word of God.

In his teachings alone, Jesus has over 300 quotes or references to the OT. Almost everything Jesus taught was build directly on something in the OT. It was the base for all his teachings.

In his gospel alone Matthew as over 90 quotes or direct references to the OT (outside of the references in the teachings of Jesus that he records.)

Almost all of the direct quotes are taken from the Septuagint Greek translation of the OT, since the NT was written Greek.

### **Jesus Is the Question: The 307 Questions Jesus Asked and the 3 He**

**Answered** Paperback – September 2, 2014 by [Martin B. Copenhagen](#) (Author)

**Socratic method – Interactive teaching taught by Socrates in 5<sup>th</sup> century BC**

Contrary to some common assumptions, Jesus is not the ultimate Answer Man, but more like the Great Questioner. In the Gospels Jesus asks many more questions than he answers.

To be precise, **Jesus asks 307 questions. He is asked 183 of which he only answers 3.**

Asking questions was central to Jesus' life and teachings. In fact, for every question he answers directly he asks—literally—a hundred. Jesus is the Question considers the questions Jesus asks—what they tell us about Jesus and, more important, what our responses might say about what it means to follow Him. Through Jesus' questions, he modeled the struggle, the wondering, the thinking it through that helps us draw closer to God and better understand, not just the answer, but ourselves, our process and ultimately why questions are among Jesus' most profound gifts for a life of faith. A game-changer of a book.

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[Mar 12:34 ESV] 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

[Mat 22:46 ESV] 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

[Luk 14:6 ESV] 6 And they could not reply to these things.

[Luk 20:40 ESV] 40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

[Jhn 8:7-9 ESV] 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let



him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

[Rom 3:19 ESV] 19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

## One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village the child of a peasant woman  
He grew up in another obscure village where he worked in a carpenter shop  
Until he was thirty when public opinion turned against him  
He never wrote a book, he never held an office, he never went to college  
He never visited a big city, he never traveled more than two hundred miles  
From the place he was born, he did none of the things usually associated  
With greatness, he had no credentials but himself, he was only thirty three  
His friends ran away, one of them denied him, he was turned over to his enemies  
And went through the mockery of a trial, then nailed to a cross between two thieves  
While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing  
When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend  
Nineteen centuries have come and gone and today Jesus is the central figure  
Of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress  
All the armies that have ever marched and all the navies that have ever sailed  
All the parliaments that have ever sat and all the kings that have ever reigned  
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth as powerfully as that  
one solitary life  
Dr. James Allan Francis, 1926

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One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village

The child of a peasant woman He grew up in another obscure village Where he worked in a carpenter shop Until he was thirty

He never had a family or owned a house.

He then became an itinerant preacher. (Whole NEW Career Path!)

‘He never wrote a book’??

He never held an office

He never went to college

‘He never visited a big city’?? (Cairo Egypt? Jerusalem Israel)

He never traveled more than two hundred miles From the place where he was born

He did none of the things Usually associated with greatness

He had no credentials but himself

He was only thirty three, After preaching three years, the public turned against Him.

His friends ran away One of them denied him, He was turned over to his enemies And went

**through the mockery of a trial He was nailed to a cross between two thieves While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing (And was Executed by the Governor who declared Him Innocent at least 3x!)**

**The only property he had on earth When he was dead He was laid in a borrowed grave Through the pity of a friend**

**Nineteen centuries have come and gone**

**And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race And the leader of mankind's progress**

**All the armies that have ever marched All the navies that have ever sailed All the parliaments that have ever sat All the kings that ever reigned put together Have not affected the life of mankind on earth As powerfully (Or positively!!) as that one solitary life**

**<https://thejohn1010project.com/video/one-solitary-life/#:~:text=On%20July%2011%2C%201926%2C%20James,adaptation%20of%20ONE%20SOLITARY%20LIFE.>**

# All the people were hanging on his words

- Irretractable positions, never catered to anyone
- Implied Authority! Moses said...But I say! 'I Am's'
- Impeccable character! Perfect balance anger/mercy
- Incontrovertible wisdom, against whole Sanhedrin
- Invitations/ultimatums calling for surrendered lives

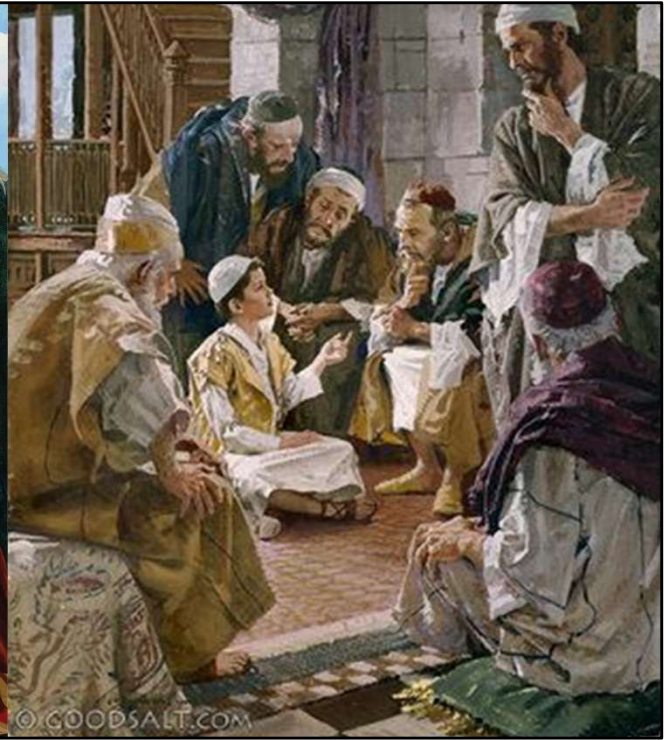
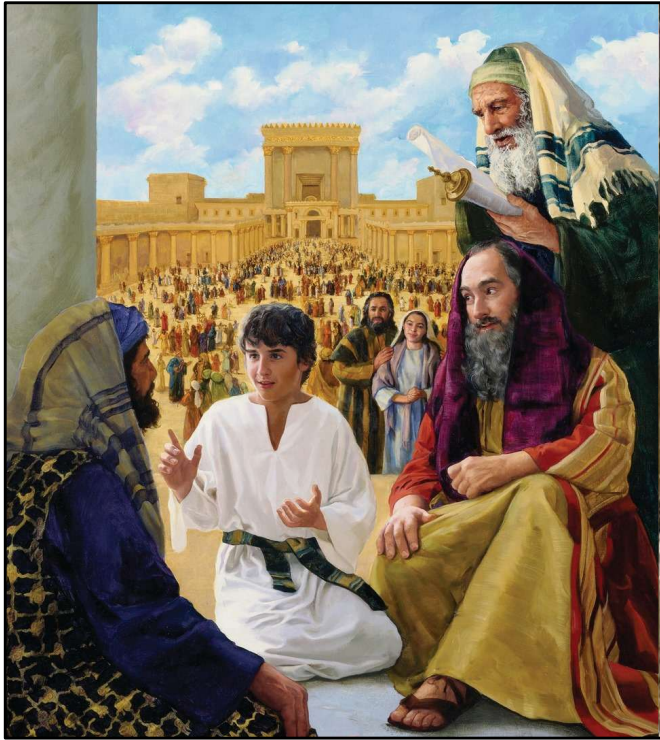


Incomparable

**[Mat 22:15 ESV] 15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words.**

**[Luk 19:47-48 ESV] 47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, 48 but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.**

**[Jhn 7:40 ESV] 40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet."**





# No one ever spoke like this man!

- Impressive impossible miracles!
- Infinite knowledge, 3x his own death, knew he would succeed
- Irrepressible Impact, 2,000 years later!
- Inspiring Grace/love! Hope! Transformed lives!
- Miracles validate message – reveals man, humble God



**3x they were ready to kill Immediately Luke 4:16–30, John 8:48–59, John 10:31–39**

**Miracles validate message - reveals man, humble yet God**

**[Jhn 7:46 ESV] 46 The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"**

succeeded when abandoned

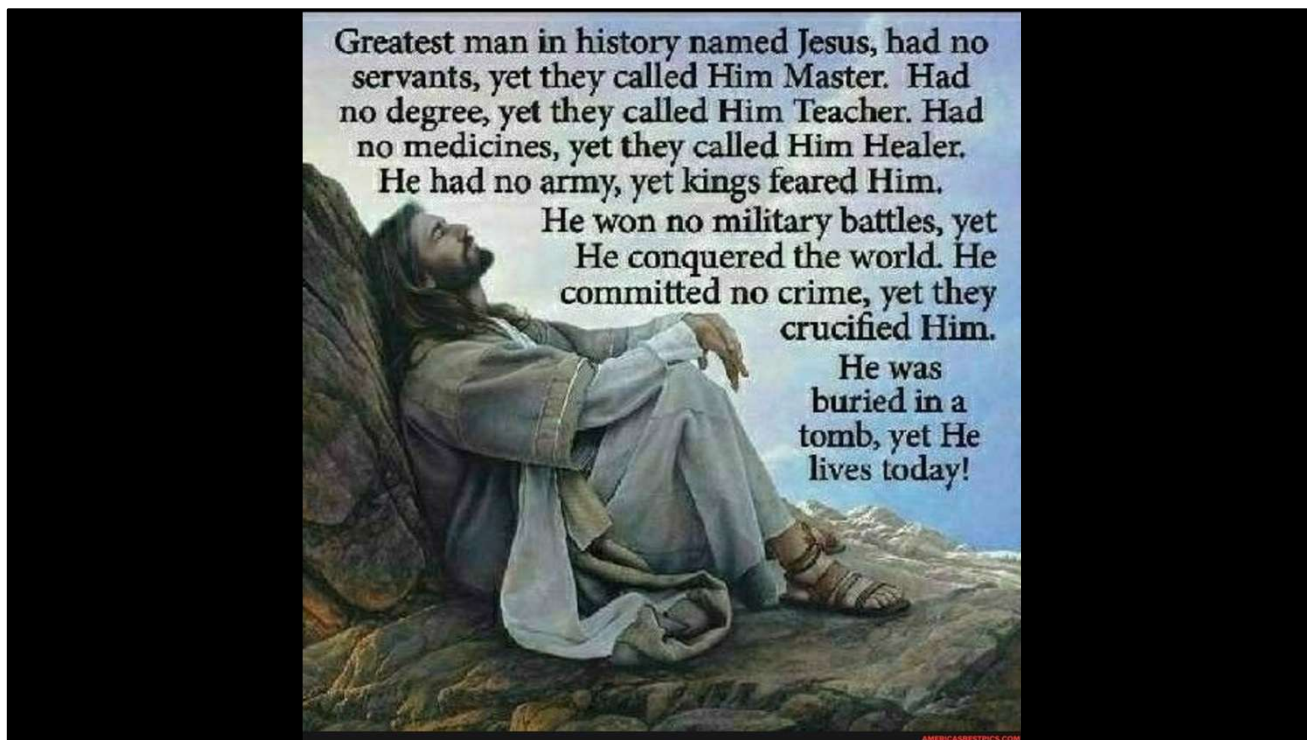
Miracles validate message that reveals man, humility yet God

Incalculable prophetic fulfillment

Incomparable influence, transformation

Impeccable character

Unimaginable



**The Greatest Man in History... Jesus; Had no servants, yet they called Him Master. Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He did not live in a castle, yet they called Him Lord, He ruled no nations, yet they called Him King, He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today! I feel honored to serve such a Leader who loves us! (Lyle C Rollings III, 2008).**

**Notice how the One Solitary Life and Greatest Man in History summary's focus on His teaching, not so much miracles**

## And he marveled because of their unbelief.

- Mark 6:5 – And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. (Matthew 13:58) because of unbelief
- Jesus marveled at the rejection of the Jews!
- Unbelief is an egregious sin! It opposes much evidence!



Even Jesus **was amazed** (*ethaumasen*, “*astonished*”; cf. 5:20; 12:17; 15:5, 44) **at their unbelief**  
***Just as He had marveled at faith (Matt. 8:10), Jesus now marveled at unbelief.***

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**So far as is known, He never returned to Nazareth.**

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Mat 13:58 ESV] 58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

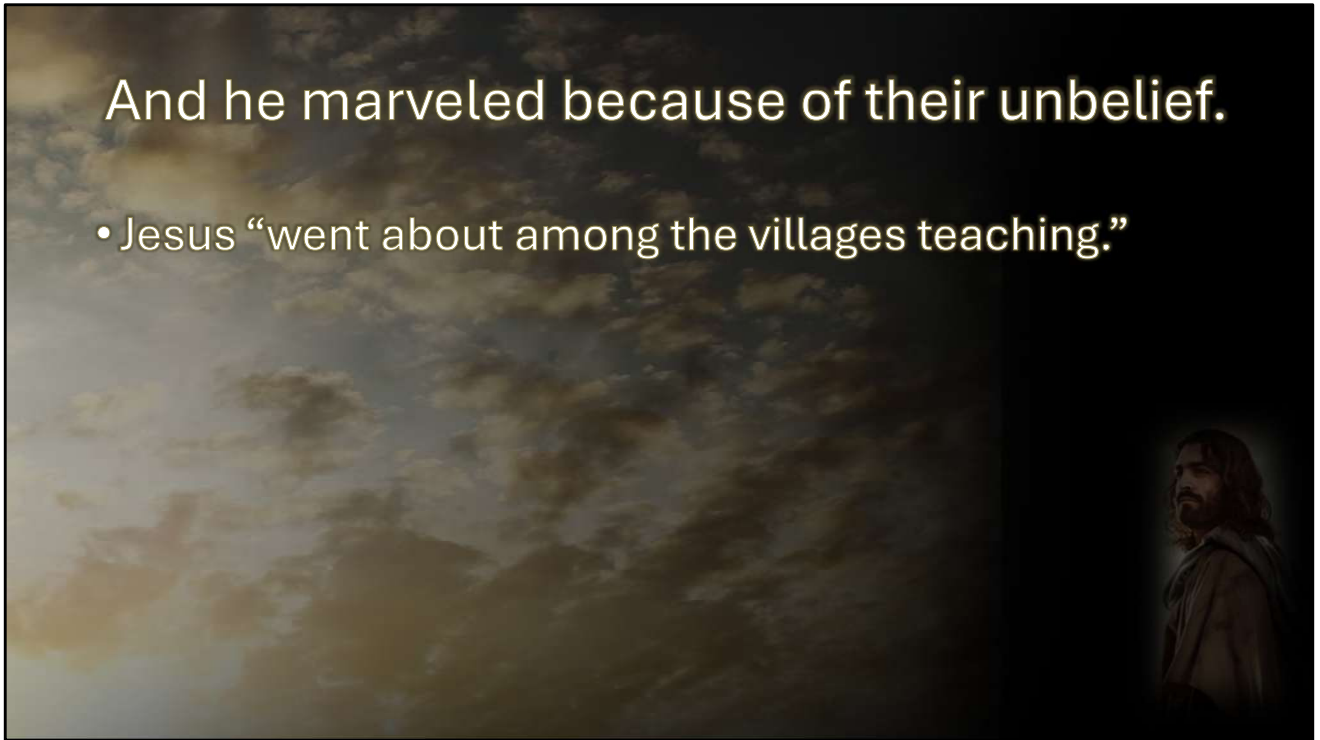
[1Co 1:23 ESV] 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

[Jhn 2:23-25 ESV] 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself

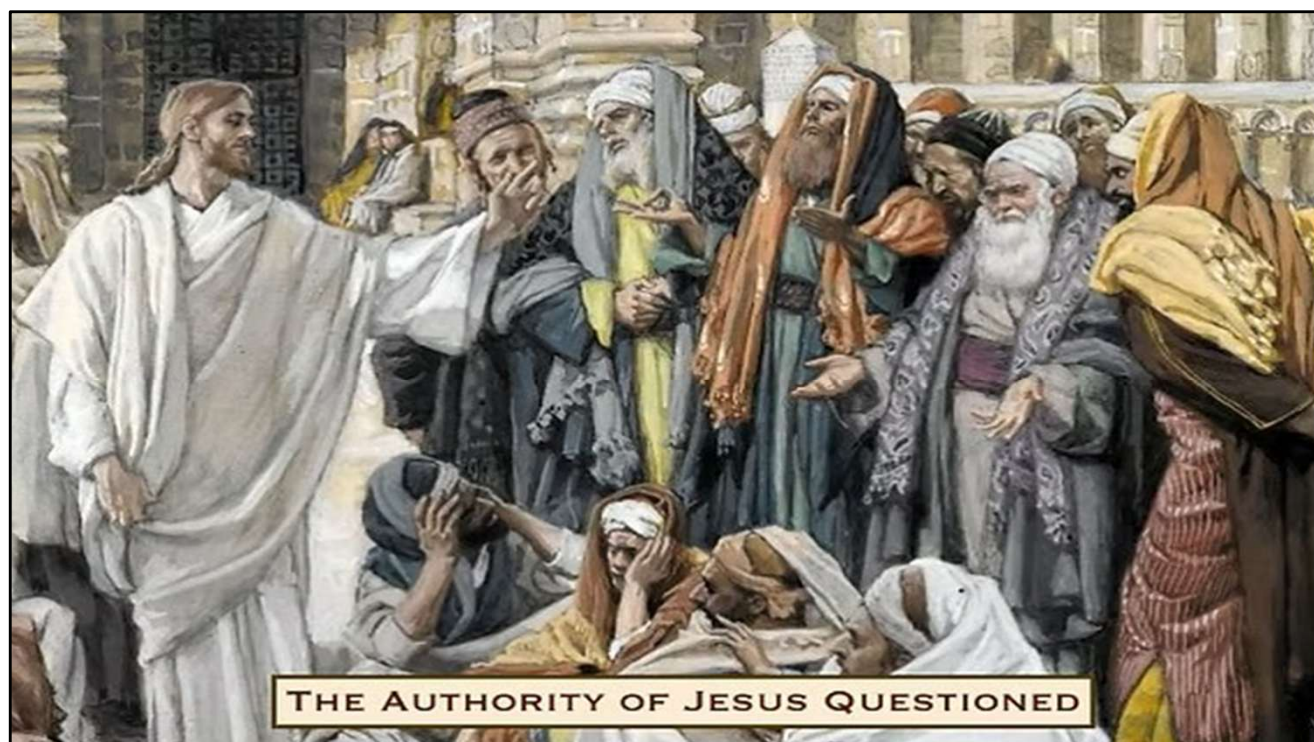
knew what was in man.

And he marveled because of their unbelief.

- Jesus “went about among the villages teaching.”







THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS QUESTIONED

## Context in contrast! - Mark 6:7-13

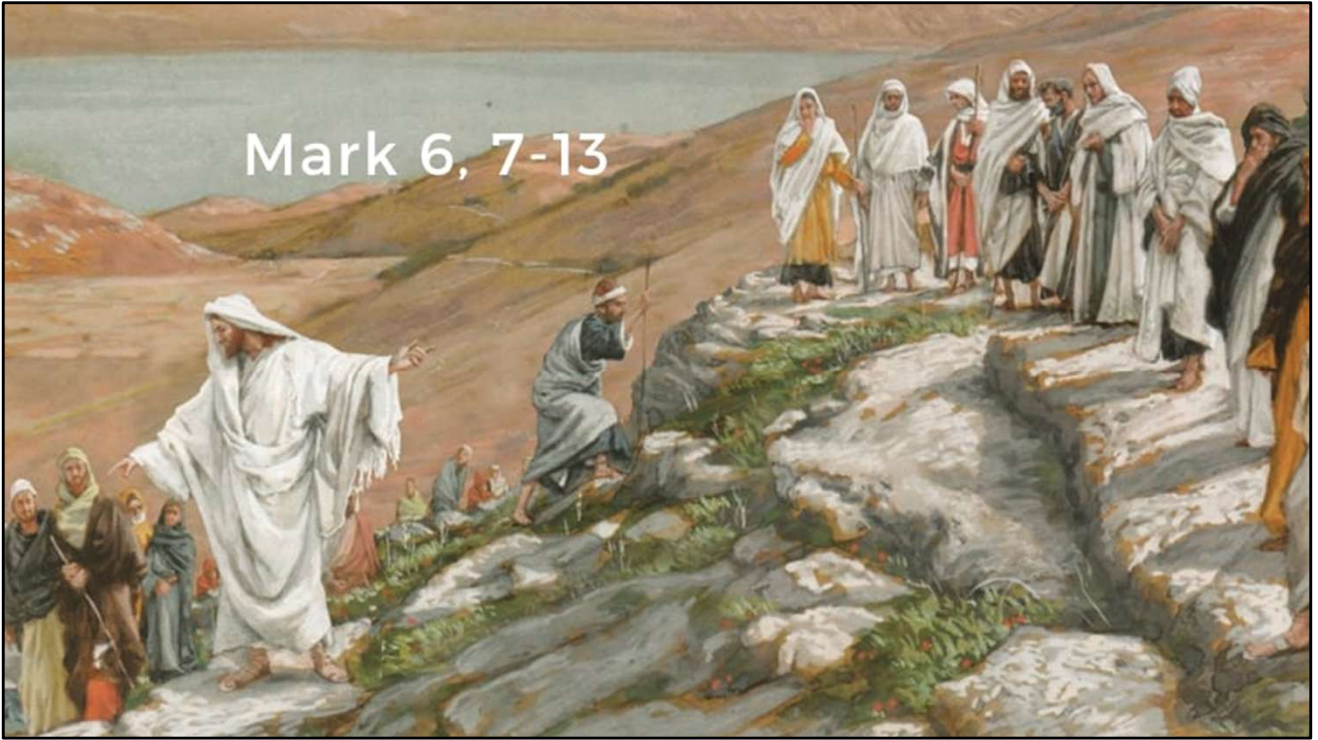
- While Jesus' hometown tries to execute Him, Jesus' disciples are appointed Apostles to serve him!
- What/Who would you Die For? Their Teachings?
- They will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust!
- Mark 6:12 – So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.

The third major section of Mark's Gospel begins structurally like the first two sections (cf. 6:6b with 1:14–15 and 3:7–12; 6:7–34 with 1:16–20 and 3:13–19), **but concludes with Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah (8:27–30) instead of a statement of rejection** (cf. 3:6; 6:1–6a). **During this phase of His ministry Jesus directed more attention to His disciples. In the face of opposition**, He revealed to them by both words and deeds who He really is. Much of this time was spent outside of Galilee.

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Mark 6, 7-13



# Apostate or Apostle?

- Hebrews 11:25-26 – (Moses) choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
- Who do you dare to Offend?! Who is worth dying for?





# GOSPEL MARK 6 7-13

JESUS SUMMONED THE TWELVE AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY TWO AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER UNCLEAN SPIRITS.





# Teaching Like Jesus



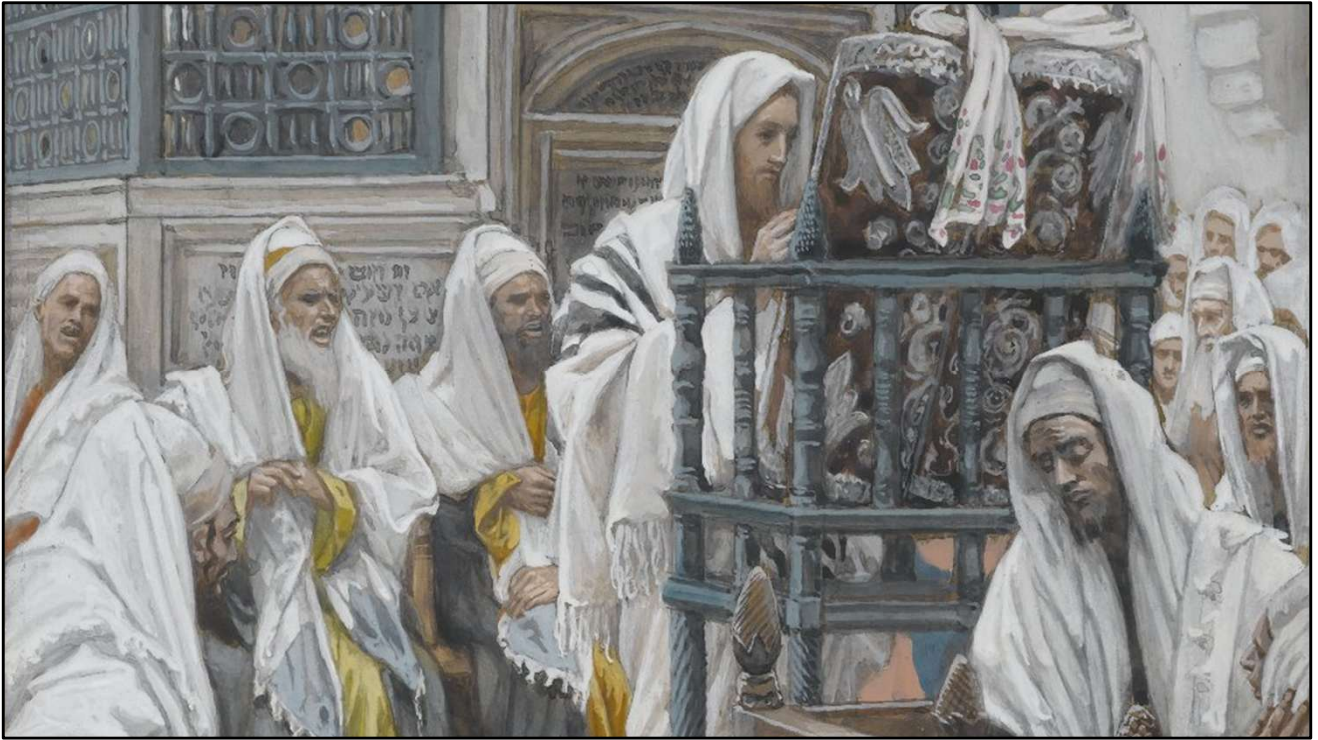
*How can we imitate the greatest  
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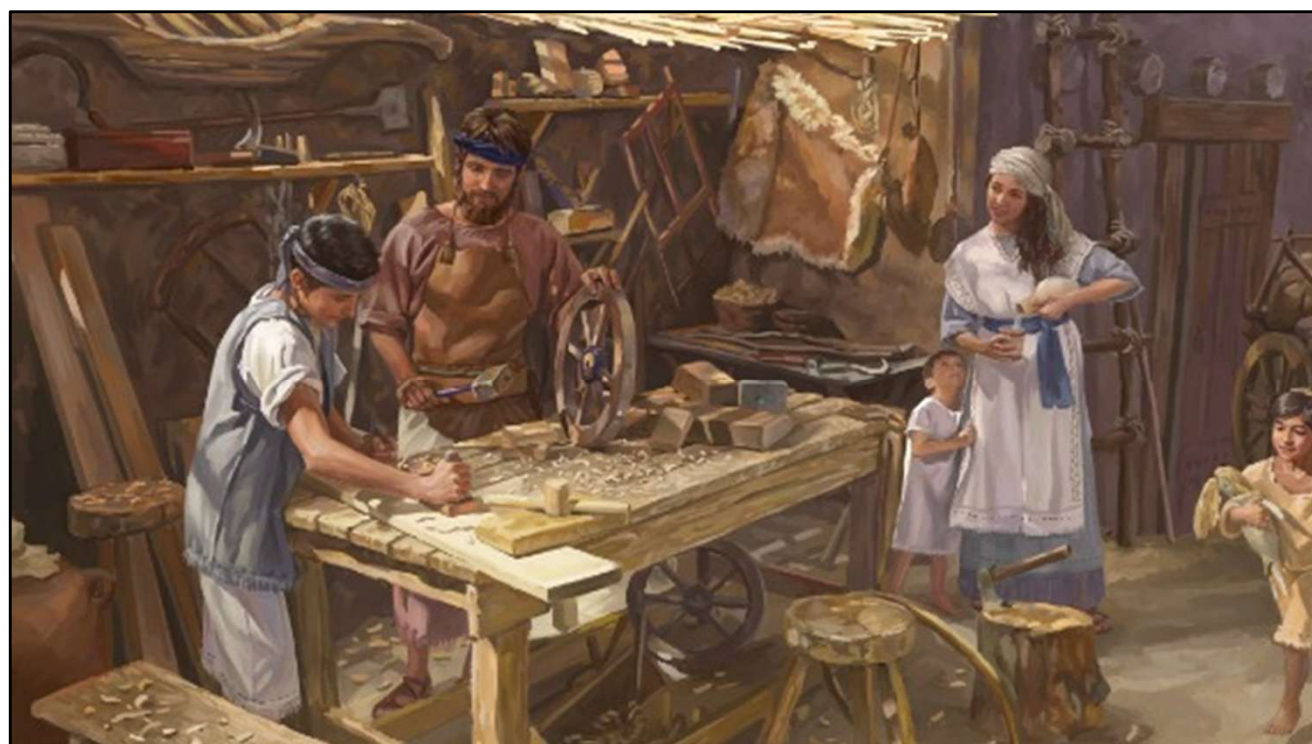


**The Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:46-52)**

**as a boy (around age 12) Before he was considered a Man!**

**I wonder how many wondered what happened to that little boy, 18 yrs earlier?!!**









Mark 6, 1-6





A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's feet wearing dark sandals, standing on a light-colored, sandy or dusty ground. The person is wearing a patterned skirt. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the feet and the text overlaid on the image.

# Dusting Off Your Feet

Mark 6:1-13



# Jesus nearly thrown off a cliff

Nazareth











## The hometown crowd turns on him...

- On this occasion, however, the amazement immediately turned negative as the crowd vocalized a series of questions that led them to the issue of Jesus' own origins. And, they — hometown folk — seemed to know all too well from where he came. If anyone had the right to question Jesus' origins, it should be those who knew him best. Their description of him as "the carpenter," "the son of Mary," ignored any mention of a father figure.

- So, they know a lot about his family. This information would be a direct insult on Jesus' character, his honor, in first century culture, hinting at one who was conceived illegitimately. This type of history, with a fatherless lineage, would be "scandalous" to them. Unlike Matthew and Luke who cleaned it up, Mark did not alter the tradition and include a father (cf. Matthew 13:53-58; Luke 4:16-30). Rather, the tension between Jesus and his family or hometown was an on-going sub-plot of the story (cf. 3:20-21).



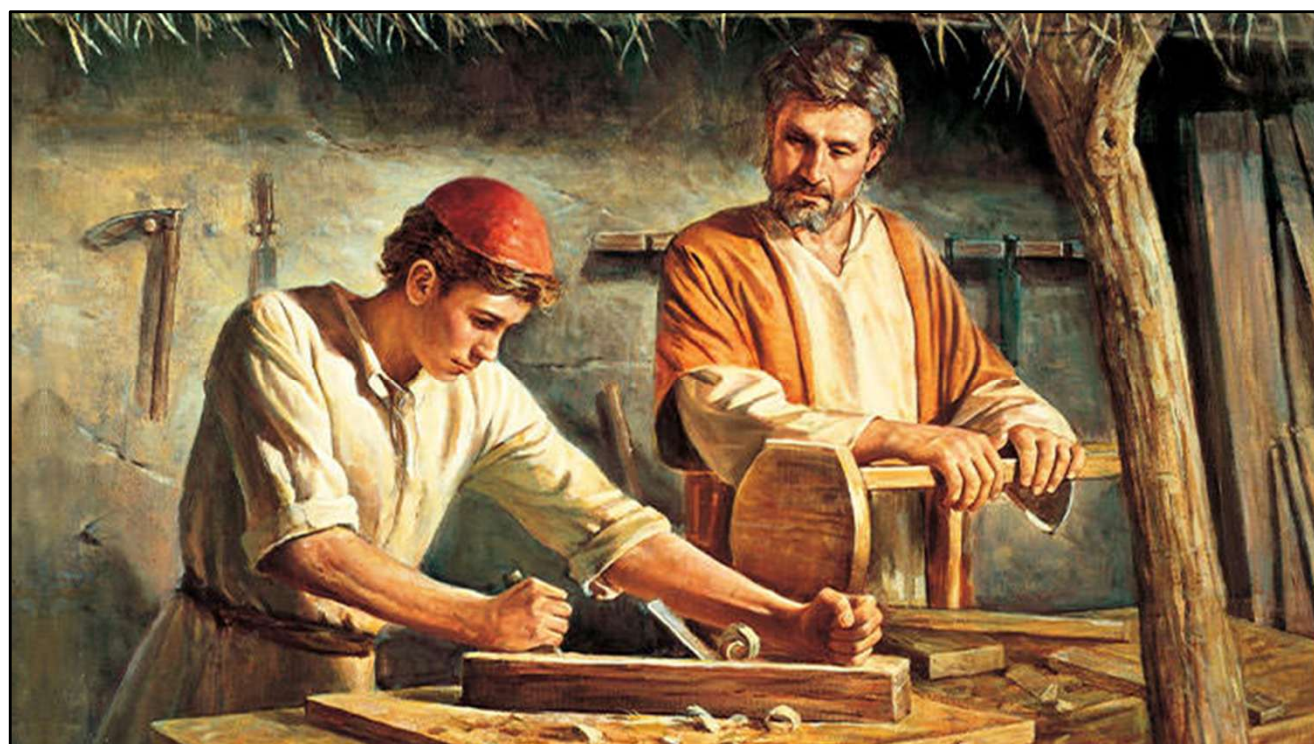


## Current Sermon Series: "The Gospel According to Mark"

"... 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself  
and take up his cross and follow me.'" - Mark 8:34 (ESV)













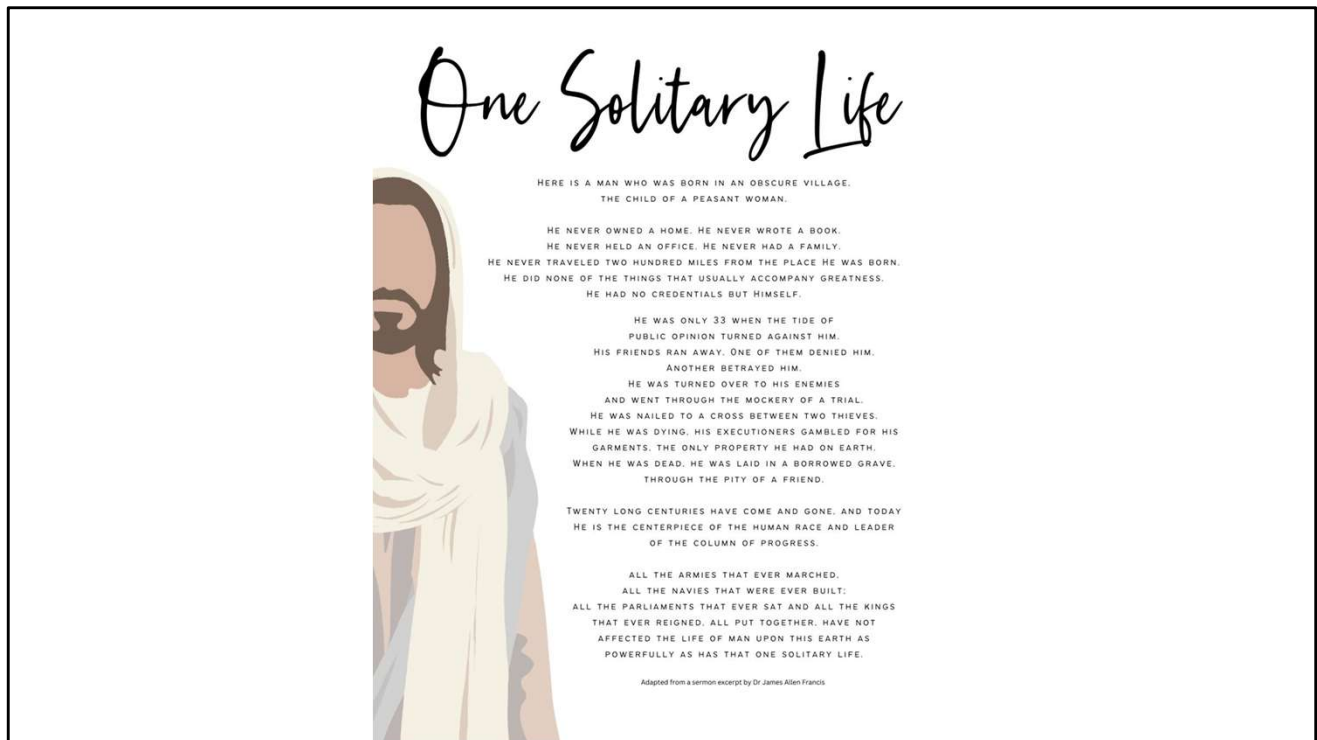
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**Dr James Allen Francis**

## **One Solitary Life**

**He was born in an obscure village**

**The child of a peasant woman He grew up in another obscure village Where he worked in a carpenter shop Until he was thirty**

**He never had a family or owned a house.**

**He then became an itinerant preacher. (Whole NEW Career Path!)**

**‘He never wrote a book’??**

**He never held an office**

**He never went to college**

**‘He never visited a big city’?? (Cairo Egypt? Jerusalem Israel)**

**He never traveled more than two hundred miles From the place where he was born**

**He did none of the things Usually associated with greatness**

**He had no credentials but himself**

**He was only thirty three, After preaching three years, the public turned against Him.**

**His friends ran away One of them denied him, He was turned over to his enemies And went**



**through the mockery of a trial He was nailed to a cross between two thieves While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing (And was Executed by the Governor who declared Him Innocent at least 3x!)**

**The only property he had on earth When he was dead He was laid in a borrowed grave Through the pity of a friend**

**Nineteen centuries have come and gone**

**And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race And the leader of mankind's progress**

**All the armies that have ever marched All the navies that have ever sailed All the parliaments that have ever sat All the kings that ever reigned put together Have not affected the life of mankind on earth As powerfully as that one solitary life**

