

# Mark 6:1-6

## 3 Obstacles To Experiencing A Genuine Easter



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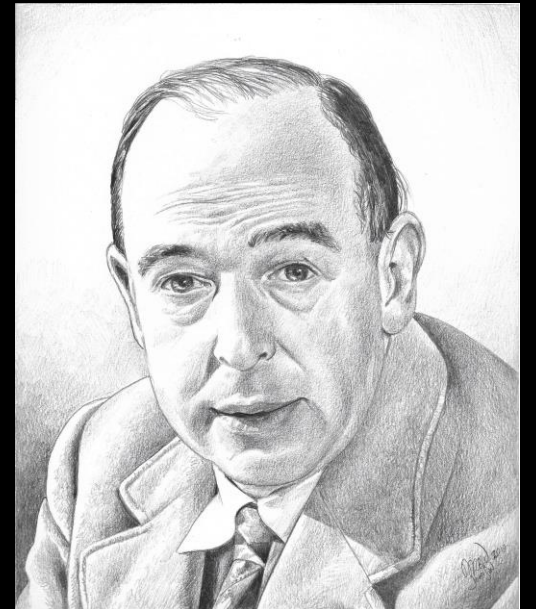
# Context/Background

- Author: Follower of Jesus, John Mark (close friend of the Apostle Peter)
- Written: (64-65 AD)
- Audience: Roman audience; show Jesus is the Savior of all people, Jews and Gentiles
- Focal Point: Mark records Jesus going to His hometown of Nazareth (possibly for 2<sup>nd</sup> time, Luke 4:16-30)
- Nazareth; small town of approx. 150-200 people
- The reception Jesus receives from people and family is shocking; nearly whole town missed opportunity to experience Easter power

# Believing Jesus Is Just A Good Teacher

- (vv.1-2) Jesus and Disciples travel from Capernaum, 20 miles SW to Nazareth
- Jesus and family very well known in small town; people curious and heard stories of Jesus' teaching and works
- He invited to teach on Sabbath; not given details of teaching; but obviously it was God's truth with power of divine revelation
- People overwhelmed; "astonished" - "senses knocked out", people didn't know what to do
- Such power; people expecting teaching like others

- John 14:6, " Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.' "
- Mark 8:31, "And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests, and be killed, and after three days rise again."
- "He (Jesus) is either Lord, liar,
- or lunatic, we have no other
- options." C.S. Lewis



# Believing Jesus Was Just A Good Person

- (vv.3-4) As Jesus taught, conflict and confusion arises
- People so familiar with Jesus, couldn't get past their personal connection to His humanity
- People challenged in their faith because Jesus to them, just good member of community
- Mark details; Carpenter? Mary's Son? Don't we know His brothers/sisters
- People "offended" - "to cause to stumble, trip, be hindered"
- Many stumbled spiritually because couldn't see past the familiar aspects of Jesus (How could someone we know, be God?)

- John 10:30, "I and My Father are one."
- John 8:58, "Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.'"



# Believing Jesus Christ Was Just A Worker Of Good Works

- (vv.5-6) Very sad description: Jesus refrained from widespread miracles and blessing because of chronic unbelief
- (v5) Doesn't mean Jesus couldn't do mighty works there, means He chose not to due to hardness of peoples' hearts and lack of belief
- Even with miracles, people still wouldn't have moved in their belief of Jesus
- Often not question of evidence, but attitude
- There is much evidence to support Jesus and Bible; many choose not to consider or believe it; dismiss due to attitude



- John 1:29, “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’” (Jesus didn’t correct John!)
- John 20:28, “And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”

