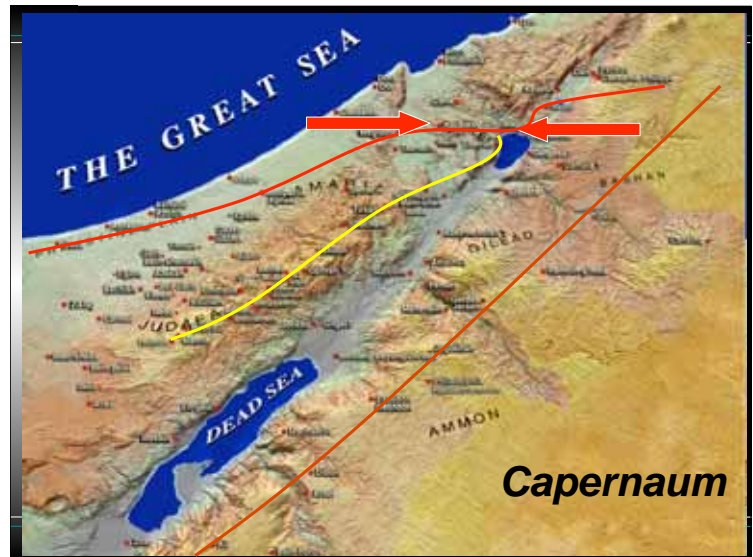


Just a Carpenter? The Deadly Danger of Familiarity

Mark 6:1-6



Capernaum



Sheep grazing near Nazareth

Mark 5 & 6

- Chapter 5 – Faith!
 - The demoniac (5:15, 18-20)
 - The woman (5:27, 34)
 - Jairus (5:22-23, 36)
- Chapter 6 – Unbelief!
 - The people of Nazareth (6:1-6)
 - Whole towns to which the 12 would go (6:11)
 - Herod (6:14-29)
 - The Twelve (6:52)

I. The Anatomy of Unbelief (2-3)

- A. The Reason for their unbelief (2-3a)
 - 2 - When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and the many listeners were astonished.
 - 2-3 - saying, "Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?"

I. The Anatomy of Unbelief (2-3)

- Their questions...
 - 1) Where did this guy get these things?
 - 2) What is this wisdom given to this guy?
 - 3) Where does He get the power for the miracles He performs with His own hands?

II. Jesus' Response to Unbelief (4-6)

- A. Jesus' Proverbial Explanation (4)
 - 4 - Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household."

■ The Anatomy of Unbelief (2-3)

- What they thought...
 - 1) Is not this the carpenter?
 - 2) Is not this...the son of Mary?
 - 3) Is not this...the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?

A Prophet without Honor

- 1 Kings 19:10 – [Elijah] said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."
- 2 Ch. 36:15-16 – The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent *word* to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; but they *continually* mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.
- Jer. 20:2 - Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put him in the stocks that were at the upper Benjamin Gate, which was by the house of the LORD.
- Jer. 26:1-15
- Acts 7:52 - "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;"

I. The Anatomy of Unbelief (2-3)

- A. The Reason for their unbelief (2-3a)
- B. The Result of their unbelief (3b)
 - 3b - And they took offense at Him.

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- A. Jesus' Proverbial Explanation (4)
 - 4 - Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household."
 - 1) "In his hometown."
 - 2) "Among his own relatives."
 - 3) "And in his own household."

II. Jesus' Response to Unbelief (4-6)

- **B. Jesus' Intentional Refusal (5)**
 - **5** - And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.
 - Cf. Matt. 13:58 - "And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief."
 - Cf. John 4:39-45, 48

Implications

- 1) Reminds us of the danger of familiarity.
- 2) Underscores the importance of faith.
- 3) Reminds us that if Jesus faced unbelief during His lifetime, so will the gospel we present today.
 - Matt. 5:11-12 - "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
 - Luke 11:47-51

II. Jesus' Response to Unbelief (4-6)

- **C. Jesus' Personal Amazement (6a)**
 - **6a** - And He wondered at their unbelief.
 - Only two times in the gospels is Jesus amazed.
 - Matt. 8:10 (cf. Luke 7:9) - Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel."
 - Mark 6:6 - at lack of faith

Implications

- 4) Reminds us of who Jesus really was.
- 5) Underscores the power of the gospel and of sovereign grace.
 - During Jesus' life:
 - Mark 3:21 - "When His own people heard *of this*, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."
 - John 7:5 - "For not even His brothers were believing in Him."

II. Jesus' Response to Unbelief (4-6)

- **D. Jesus' Final Departure (6b)**
 - **6b** - And He was going around the villages teaching.
 - Cf. 6:10-11

Implications

- 5) Underscores the power of the gospel and of sovereign grace.
 - After the resurrection:
 - 1 Cor. 15:7 - "then He appeared to James"
 - Acts 1:14 - "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with *the* women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."
 - 1 Cor. 9:5 - "Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?"
 - Jam. 1:1 - "James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ"
 - Jude 1 - "Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ."