

The Unexpected King: The Gospel of Mark

A study for Community Groups to use the week of April 12th

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

Week 9: Mark 6:1-6

Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

"The reaction of the people in this synagogue contrasts with that of Jairus, the ruler of another synagogue (5:22). Mark recorded three questions the observers in Nazareth raised. They wondered where Jesus got the teaching and the authority that He demonstrated. They asked each other who had given Him the wisdom He manifested, and they questioned where Jesus had obtained His ability to do miracles. Obviously, they had not concluded that they came from God. Their questions manifested unbelief and hostility. Their personal acquaintance with Jesus' family and Jesus' former manner of life among them made it hard for them to think of Him as anything more than a mere man. This is the only place in the New Testament where the writer referred to Jesus as a carpenter. Jesus' critics asked rhetorically if Jesus was not just a common worker with His hands, as most of them were."—*Constable's Notes*

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

1. In Mark 6:2-3, the people question Jesus, "Isn't this the carpenter...?", and take offense at Him because He feels ordinary to them. Where in your life has Jesus become familiar to the point that you no longer expect Him to move, speak, or lead?
2. Mark 6:3 says "they took offense at him," and Jesus responds in verse 4 about lacking honor among those closest to Him. What are the subtle ways we resist Jesus, not by rejecting Him outright, but by ignoring, delaying, or minimizing what we already know He's asking of us? Where do you see that in your own life right now?
3. Mark 6:5-6 says "He could not do any miracles there... He was amazed at their lack of faith." If Jesus desires to work in and through your life, what might be one area where your lack of trust is holding that back? What is one specific step you can take this week to move from familiarity to active trust in Him?