

## Amazing Unbelief

<sup>1</sup> He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> 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? <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."

<sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

- **Mark 6:1-6** (ESV)

The **setting**:

From **astonishment** to **scandal** ... *why?*

*"... they took offense at him."*

**Understanding and applying** this passage:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a powerful force that causes people to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ God is \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

This unbelief invokes God's \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Jesus is not a \_\_\_\_\_ and his miracles are not meant merely to \_\_\_\_\_.

They are to demonstrate that God's kingdom has \_\_\_\_\_ and that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_. Short of \_\_\_\_\_ leading to \_\_\_\_\_, they have no purpose.

3) There are different types of \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is never \_\_\_\_\_, but we also never see him doing the \_\_\_\_\_.

To do "many miracles" for and among people who \_\_\_\_\_ Him would have been \_\_\_\_\_ with his character and \_\_\_\_\_ with his mission.

4) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the setting in which the Gospel and the gospel mission exist.

What takes place in vss. 1-6 is necessary \_\_\_\_\_ for what the disciples will soon experience on mission in v. 7-13 (particularly vs. 11). Even when unbelief is "amazing", we \_\_\_\_\_.

5) Every one of us must determine – based on the revelation God has afforded us thru His Word – \_\_\_\_\_.

His astonishing \_\_\_\_\_ and incredible displays of \_\_\_\_\_ must have some source that is \_\_\_\_\_. Either we will \_\_\_\_\_ them, ascribe them to 'BEELZEBUL' as the religious leaders did (Mark 3:20) or we will credit them to a display of \_\_\_\_\_.

6) Jesus was not amazed at their \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ who He was, their \_\_\_\_\_ in only wanting what he could \_\_\_ for them, or even the depth of their \_\_\_\_\_.

He was amazed at \_\_\_\_\_.

How can the God of such \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, of such \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, of such limitless \_\_\_\_\_ be refused? That is what is amazing.

A tragic **conclusion**:

*Then Jesus went to other villages in that area and taught.*