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Jesusology

Mark 6:1-13 “Offensiveness of Jesus”

Every relationship will have conflict. No two people will agree on everything. If they do then someone is lying. Our tendency in conflict is to fight or flight. But, if we'll face conflict, then it is an opportunity for greater levels of maturity and intimacy. If you have never been offended by Jesus than you really don't know Him. Until you understand the offensiveness of Jesus you won't really understand who He is and what it means to follow Him.

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus Is Offensive.

V3 "...and they took offense at Him."

Skandalizo (took offense) = to feel hostility toward what someone has said or did.

- The Gospel of Jesus Christ offends our pride. (1Cor 1:18)
- Our pride comes from our works righteousness. (vv2-3; Rom. 3:21-4:5)
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ is faith righteousness. (Eph. 2:8-9)
 - ✓ Christians are saved by Jesus' good works not their own.
 - ✓ Christians are forgiven not morally perfect.
 - ✓ Christian growth is gradual hard work not a quick fix.

Feel The Offense, But Don't Take Offense.

Vv4-6 Because He was dishonored He could do no mighty work there and He marveled at their unbelief.

Why?

- God offends the mind to reveal the heart. (Matt. 12:33-35)
- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6; 1 Pet.5:5)

How?

- Honor Him with your Attitude (wonder-1Pet.1:8) and Action (obedience-John 14:21).

If I Follow Jesus I Will Be Offensive.

- We should be highly selective in our offensiveness.
 - ✓ Incredibly inclusive in how we act. (Love) (v13 "Anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.")
 - ✓ Incredibly exclusive in what we say. (Truth) (v12 "Proclaimed that people should repent.")
- Here's the Test:
 - ✓ If you are never offensive you are being a coward or inconsistent.
 - ✓ If you are always offensive you are being obnoxious.

Where To Get The Courage To Be Offensive.

v3 "Isn't this Mary's son?" (The ultimate put down) Jesus you're not all that great we don't even know who your father is. You're a bastard!

- On the cross Jesus truly became a man without a Father. (Ps. 22:1)
- He took the only rejection that can ultimately destroy you. (Matt. 10:28)
- His rejection is our acceptance. (2 Cor. 5:21)
- I'm a Child of the King of the Universe, a member of His family. (1 John 3:1) v7 "He sent them out two by two."

To the degree you believe this is to the degree you can face any kind of rejection. This Exclusive truth claim is very Inclusive: It's about a man dying for his enemies. Ultimate reality is self giving love!



Growing

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1) Every relationship will have conflict. How can conflict give us greater levels of maturity and intimacy? If you have never been offended by Jesus then you really don't know Him. Explain.

2) Read Mark 6:1-13. What stands out to you in this text? Why were the hometown people offended at Jesus? Why did they find it so hard to believe in Him? How does the Gospel offend people today? (1 Cor. 1:18)

3) What does it mean to feel the offense but don't take offense? How does the response of Jesus' hometown people reveal their heart? What was the result of their unbelief (v5)? Humility will be seen in my honorable attitude and actions toward Christ. Explain.

4) What was Jesus preparing His disciples for in verses 7-13? Verse 11 assumes that rejection will often happen, when He tells them to "shake off the dust". In what ways should I be inclusive and exclusive? What is the test that I'm on track?

5) Where do you get the courage to speak the truth in love? How is the exclusivity of the Gospel in reality very inclusive? What difference would it make if you really believed you were a child of the King of the Universe? Pray that God will make it real to you.