



Mark: Just Jesus

The Face of Rejection

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Mark 6:1-7

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

Mark 6:1-7

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?”³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Mark 6:1-7

⁴Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Mark 6:1-7

....Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.



We feel the pain...

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People who can't see past what we were

Mark 6:3a

³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?"

We feel the pain...

People who can't see past what we were

People who want to control what we are becoming

Mark 6:3b-4

³And they took offense at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”

We feel the pain...

People who can't see past what we were

People who want to control what we are becoming

People who make decisions that we can't control

Mark 6:5-6a

⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.



So what did Jesus do?

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He stayed focused on loving and reaching people.

Rejection

“He was amazed at their lack of faith.”

Response

“Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.”

"There are two things we can do.... We can kill the love so that it stops hurting. But then of course part of us dies, too. Or, Corrie, we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel."

Corrie Ten Boom
The Hiding Place



Jesus didn't grovel.



Jesus didn't grovel.

Jesus didn't manipulate.

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Jesus didn't retaliate.

1 Peter 2:23

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

So what did Jesus do?

He stayed focused on loving and reaching people.

He stayed committed to the power of partnership.

Mark 3:14-15

¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be **with him** and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons.

Mark 6:6-7

⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, **he began to send them out** two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.



Who shares your heart for Jesus?

Who shares your heart for Jesus?

Who energizes your spiritual passion?

Who shares your heart for Jesus?

Who energizes your spiritual passion?

Who knows how to pray for you?

Who shares your heart for Jesus?

Who energizes your spiritual passion?

Who knows how to pray for you?

Who could you serve with?

Who shares your heart for Jesus?

Who energizes your spiritual passion?

Who knows how to pray for you?

Who could you serve with?

Who could you be a leader to?

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners

Isaiah 61:1



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