

# The Gospel of Mark

## Lesson 12: Mark 6:1-13

### Jesus is rejected in His hometown (vv. 1-6)

Matt. 13:54-58

- Jesus makes an official visit to Nazareth with His disciples
- The astonishment of the people over His teaching is tinged with resentment, considering His background
- There is discussion among scholars over how they refer to Him
  - “the carpenter, the Son of Mary” or “the Son of the carpenter and Mary”
  - Being called the son of a woman would be an affront
- The people were “scandalized” by Jesus’ teaching in their synagogue

*What are the reasons these people are so bothered by Jesus?*

- Jesus’ saying is an old truism that He applies to His situation (v. 4)
- Mark is very frank about the works Jesus does (or doesn’t do) in Nazareth
- The only time we see Jesus marveling in Mark (note Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10)

*What keeps Jesus from doing more in Nazareth?*

### The Twelve are sent out (vv. 7-13)

Matt. 10:1, 5-25  
Luke 9:1-6

- This is the next logical step in the disciples’ training
- The Twelve are commissioned as Jesus’ official representatives

*Why does Jesus send the disciples out two by two?*

- Some apparent conflict between the instructions in the synoptics
  - Perhaps best explained by what to take and what not to procure
- Underlying Jesus’ instructions is their total dependence on God
- They are to stay put, even if better accommodations become known
- Shaking the dust from their feet is tied to an old Jewish custom

*How do Jesus’ instructions relate to modern evangelistic efforts?*

*What dynamics are at work with shaking the dust off their feet?*