

DIVE DEEPER

READ Mark 6:1, 2 (NIV)

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. "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?"

JESUS COMES HOME:

› (V. 1) **Hometown.** Jesus brings his disciples to his mom's house for a home-cooked meal and a break. On Sabbath, they go to church. This is Jesus' home church. The church he grew up in. The church where he grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52). This was where he had his primary Sabbath School class. This is where Jesus and his friends played tag outside after church while they waited for potluck. This is where they had church work bees on Sundays, where Jesus worked side-by-side with his dad, Joseph, as they made repairs to the building. This is home. But Jesus has been gone for a while.

¿ Have you ever returned home, and it seemed like everything had stayed the same, except for you? What was your experience, and how did you feel?

› (V. 2) **Amazed.** Jesus began teaching in the synagogue, and many were amazed by his apparent new wisdom, and by the legends of the miracles that he had supposedly performed.

¿ Do you think it's simply human nature to downplay an acquaintance's newfound celebrity, or do you think something else was going on in church that day?

JESUS DEEPLY OFFENDS PEOPLE:

READ Mark 6:3 (NIV)

Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, [a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

¿ What evidence did the church members use to justify why they were so deeply offended by Jesus' new reputation?

¿ Is the Jesus you know now different from the Jesus you grew up with? How has your view changed?

YES • NO • MAYBE

1. I wish God would do more miraculous things in my life.

2. One of my greatest weaknesses is chocolate...or puppies...or tacos!

3. God does whatever He wants. Period. Nothing and no one can stop Him.

4. My family has less confidence in me than my coworkers.

5. There are things that God cannot do, because we get in the way.



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DIVE DEEPER (CONTINUED...)

JESUS' KRYPTONITE?:

READ Mark 6:4-6 (NIV)

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." 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.

¿ What do you think it means that, "Jesus could not do any miracles there..."?

¿ Do humans have the power to overpower what God wants to do?

¿ Verse 5 seems to say that the people's lack of faith was the cause of the lack of miracles. How do these two go hand-in-hand?

› (V. 5) **Could not do.** Could Jesus have done miracles anyway, or was their unbelief truly a form of Kryptonite? Let's look at the original language: [οὐκ ἔδυνάτο - ouk edunato].

How it's used elsewhere:

- Luke 14:20 - "I just got married, and I cannot come."
 - 1 John 3:9 - "Whoever is born of God...cannot sin."
- ∞ So our choices are: *Cannot* -or- *Chooses to Not*.

› (V. 6) **Amazed.** Again Mark described the very human reaction of Jesus. The word translated "amazed" in v. 6 (thaumazō), like the different Greek word in v. 2, describes a negative reaction of astonishment.

¿ How am I keeping God from doing any miracles in my life?

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MY PRAYER

1. How do I still see Jesus like I did as a child?
2. What doubts in my life and limiting what God can really do?
3. What new thing does God need me to know about His character this week?