

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 186: REJECTION AT NAZARETH
MARK 6:1-6

Jesus left and went back to his hometown. His followers went with Him. On the Sabbath day Jesus taught in the synagogue, and many people heard Him. They were amazed and said, "Where did this man get this teaching? How did He get such wisdom? Who gave it to Him? And where did He get the power to do miracles? Isn't He just the carpenter we know? -- Mary's son, the brother of James, Joses, Judas and Simon? And aren't His sisters still here in town?" So they were offended by Him (which means they had a problem accepting Him because they knew Him His whole life there in town) and they rejected Him. Then Jesus said to them, "People everywhere give honor to a prophet, except in his own home town, with his own relatives and family, or in his own home." Jesus was not able to do any miracles there except the healing of some sick people by laying His hands on them. He was surprised that the people there had no faith. Then He went to other villages in that area and taught there in those places.

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"They said, 'Isn't this the carpenter we know—the son of Mary, the brother of James, Joses, Judas and Simon?' " **Mark 6:3**

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MEMORY VERSE:

“He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with grief.”
ISAIAH 53:3

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus left where He was, and went to Egypt, and His disciples followed Him.
2. When the Sabbath day came, He began to teach in the synagogue.
3. Many people who heard Him were really bored.
4. Many people who heard Him were amazed.
5. They said, “Where did this man get this teaching? Where did He get such wisdom, and who gave it to Him?”

Questions

1. What did Jesus do on the Sabbath day?
2. What did many people think when they heard Him teach? Were they amazed?
3. Did they accept Him and believe in His teaching?
4. Why did they reject Him?
5. Jesus said to them, “People everywhere give honor to a prophet except” which of these times? (Pick the right ones with yes or no):
 - a. In his own home town
 - b. Around strangers
 - c. Around his own relatives and family
 - d. In his own house
 - e. In the synagogue
6. Could Jesus do any mighty works and miracles there in His home town? Why not, do you think?

Lesson 186 Discussion

Do You Really Know Me? Discussion

Ask the children if they think they know you. Ask them to raise their hands and tell you something about yourself that they may know (You may have to help the young ones out by telling them you're married, or you have a son and a daughter, or you have a pet cat, etc. to get them started.

Now tell the children that you are going to let them ask you questions (like what is your favorite color? Where do you work? When did you become a Christian? etc.)

After they've had time to ask you several questions, ask them if they think they got to know you a lot during this interview.

Explain to the class that there is so much more to people than we can find out in a five-minute interview. If we think we know all there is to know about a person, we may be missing the most interesting parts of their lives. We are going to learn about some people who thought they knew Jesus, but they really did not. And because they did not know who He really was, they rejected Him.

One of the saddest things that can happen is to reject Jesus based on wrong information, or by assuming we know all there is to know about Him, just like these people from Jesus' home town of Nazareth did. He was the Messiah. He was the promised Savior they were waiting for all this time! How wonderful! They even recognized that He had wisdom from heaven when He spoke and that He had performed miracles with His own hands.

Everywhere He went He left a trail of changed lives. Those who believed in Him were transformed people. But there was a problem for the people of Nazareth. This was the town that Jesus had grown up in, and these people had difficulty putting their faith in the One who had lived side by side with them. They thought they knew Him and did not need to believe in Him. How sad it was to come so close to salvation, only to reject the One providing the answer to their sin. The people could not see past their own narrow memories and understanding. They did not understand how Jesus, whom they had known since He was a child, could be their promised Messiah.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer, asking that the Lord daily remind them of the wonder, beauty, and glory of knowing Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.