

# Making Jesus *Marvel*

Mark 6 & Matthew 8

“I want to build a great  
Church here”

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**Growing God’s Family**

# Two Jesus Stories

Mark 6 & Matthew 8

**Jesus “marveled”**

= to be astonished, struck with amazement

## **Mark 6:1-6**

1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

## **Mark 6:1-6**

2 And when the Sabbath had come,  
He began to teach in the synagogue.  
And many hearing Him were  
astonished, saying, "Where did this  
Man get these things? And what  
wisdom is this which is given to Him,  
that such mighty works are  
performed by His hands!"

## **Mark 6:1-6**

3 "Is this not the carpenter,  
the Son of Mary, and  
brother of James, Joses,  
Judas, and Simon? And are  
not His sisters here with  
us?" And they were  
offended at Him.

## **Mark 6:1-6**

4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

## **Mark 6:1-6**

**5** Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

**6** And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

# Jesus in Nazareth

- Lived in Nazareth from about 4 yrs – 30 yrs old
- Mary & Joseph lived here
- Had brothers & sisters...
  - James (Jacob), Joses, Judas (Jude), Simon



# Jesus in Nazareth

- Rural community
  - farmers & blue-collar workers
  - Stone quarry nearby
- Est. 200-400 people
- About 15 miles from Sea of Galilee



# Jesus in Nazareth

- Had a Synagogue
  - Devoutly religious
  - Studying Scriptures
  - Expecting Messiah
- **Nazareth = branch**
- **Mark 6 is likely a return visit for Jesus**



# Mark 6

- Jesus is teaching the Scriptures...

**“astonished”**

by

**“wisdom”**

**“mighty works”**



# The Atmosphere Shifts

- “**offended**” by Jesus
  - =Scandalous, like a stumbling block, to anger or irritate
- **Warning:**
  - They were deeply religious but did NOT know Jesus!



# The Results

Mark 6:5

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# Jesus Marvels... at their unbelief

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They did NOT take Jesus seriously.  
He moved on down the road.

# Unbelief

- Unbelief can limit what God wants to do among a group of people.

## Psalm 78:41

Yes, again and again they tempted God, and **limited (grieved)** the Holy One of Israel.

## Hebrews 3

- 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:  
"Today, if you will hear His voice,
- 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,
- 9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years.

## Hebrews 3

10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'

11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'"

## Hebrews 3

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;  
13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Unbelief

## Hebrews 3

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

# Mark 6:5-6

5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

6 And **He marveled because of their unbelief**. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

## Matthew 8

5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

## Matthew 8

8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

9 "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

## Matthew 8

10 When Jesus heard it, **He marveled**, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such **great faith**, not even in Israel!"

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

## Scripture refers to:

- Weak faith
- Little faith
- No faith
- Going from... faith to faith
- Great Faith

**How do you get “great faith”?**

# How do you get “great faith”?

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing,  
and hearing by the word of God.

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Hebrews 4:2

...but the word which they heard did not profit them,  
not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.  
**(hear & do)**

## 3 Things We Must Do:

### 1) Lay aside some things

#### Hebrews 12:1

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

## 3 Things We Must Do:

### 2) Add some things to your life

- What things do you need to “add” to strengthen your faith?
- Things you need to start doing?
  - Time, Talent, Treasure
  - Greater Devotion, Consistency...

## 3 Things We Must Do:

### 3) Act on some things now

- What things have you been putting off that you know you need to do?
- There is a time to “wait” and there is a time “act”.

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- 1) Lay aside some things**
- 2) Add some things to your life**
- 3) Act on some things now**

# Making Jesus Marvel

Unbelief or

Great  
Faith

Which one are you gonna choose?

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- 2) Add some things to your life**
- 3) Act on some things now**

## **Numbers 6:24-26**

**The LORD bless you and keep you;**

**The LORD make His face shine upon  
you, and be gracious to you;**

**The LORD lift up His countenance  
upon you, and give you peace.**