

## Honor; Mark 6:1-6

### I. Astonished

- A. Mark 6:1–2; 1 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?”
- B. To be filled with amazement to the point of being overwhelmed
- C. Where did this man get these things?
  1. John 6:35–40; 35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
  2. Jesus’ origin; “I have come down from heaven”
  3. Jesus’ authority; “not to do my own will the the will of him who sent me.”
  4. John 6:41–46; 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.
  5. Jesus’ message is very plain; He is the Messiah, the one sent from God to save the people of the world!
  6. They saw Jesus feed 5000 people (John 6:1-14)
  7. John 6:15; Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.
- D. What is the wisdom given to Him?
  1. Luke 2:39–40; 39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.
  2. Luke 2:52; And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
  3. It is clear that from a very early age Jesus received wisdom from God
- E. How are such mighty works done by His hands?
- F. John 10:22–32; 22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,

and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one." 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?"

- G. When we read of the Savior this is the emotion we should feel, overwhelmed with amazement!
- H. But no everyone feels this amazement

## II. Offense

- A. Mark 6:3; Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.
- B. To cause to be brought to a downfall, to cause to sin
- C. Because of who these people thought Jesus was, they were brought to a downfall (unbelief in him as the Messiah)
- D. These people knew Him and his history, growing up with him as his peers
  1. I'm sure the story of Simeon and Anna in the temple had been passed around
  2. The story of Jesus in the temple as age 12 was sure to have been told a few times
  3. Yet, in spite of the overwhelming evidence for Jesus' claim, they refused to believe... to their downfall
- E. The story is much the same today
  1. In spite of the overwhelming evidence of the truth of the Bible, people would rather believe in many other things than a faithful and loving God who saved His creation through His Son
  2. Many religions confirm this truth
  3. Humanism (we are our own Gods) confirms this truth
- F. Yet all those who take offense at Jesus do so to their own demise (downfall)

## III. Honor

- A. Mark 6:4–6; 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 And 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. And he went about among the villages teaching.
- B. To show high regard for, revere, to value
- C. 1 Peter 3:13–15; 13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,
- D. Paul thought that just knowing Christ was worth giving up everything he had (which he did)
  1. Colossians 4:14; Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.
  2. Philemon 24; and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.
  3. 2 Timothy 4:9–10; 9 Do your best to come to me soon. 10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
  4. Demas let the love of the world turn his honor for Christ to dishonor
- E. We must honor Christ as our savior, sacrificing His life for ours
- F. There is no amount of money, or anything of value, that can come close to matching the value of Christ in our lives

#### IV. Honor Christ

- A. If you ever find yourself wondering about the value of Christ, remember these three questions and their answers
  - 1. Where did this man get these things?
  - 2. What is the wisdom given to Him?
  - 3. How are such mighty works done by His hands?
- B. He is the Messiah, the Savior of the world!