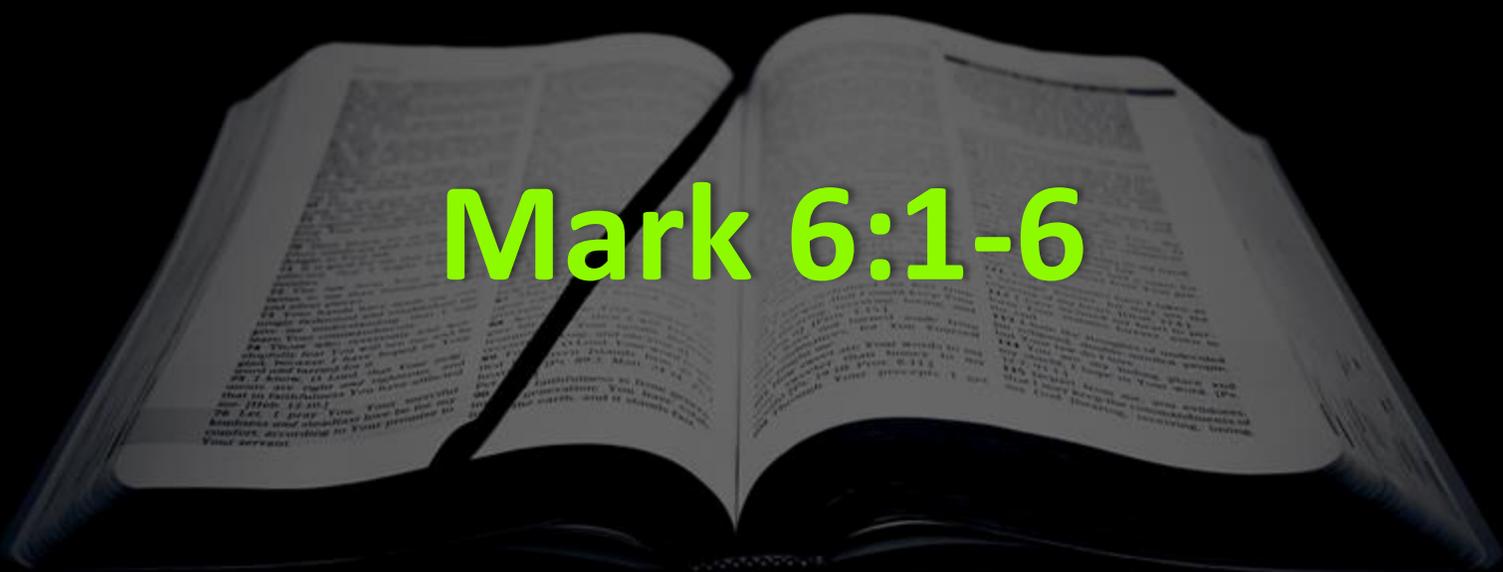




Familiarity, Unbelief, and the Marveling Messiah
Mark 6:1–6, Matthew 15:53–58

Four Voices, One Story
A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

Call to the Word

An open Bible is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are filled with text, though the individual words are not clearly legible. A bright green, glowing text overlay is centered over the open pages. The entire scene is set against a dark, textured background that resembles a close-up of a book cover or a similar material. The Bible is framed by a white, hand-drawn style border.

Mark 6:1-6

The Big Picture

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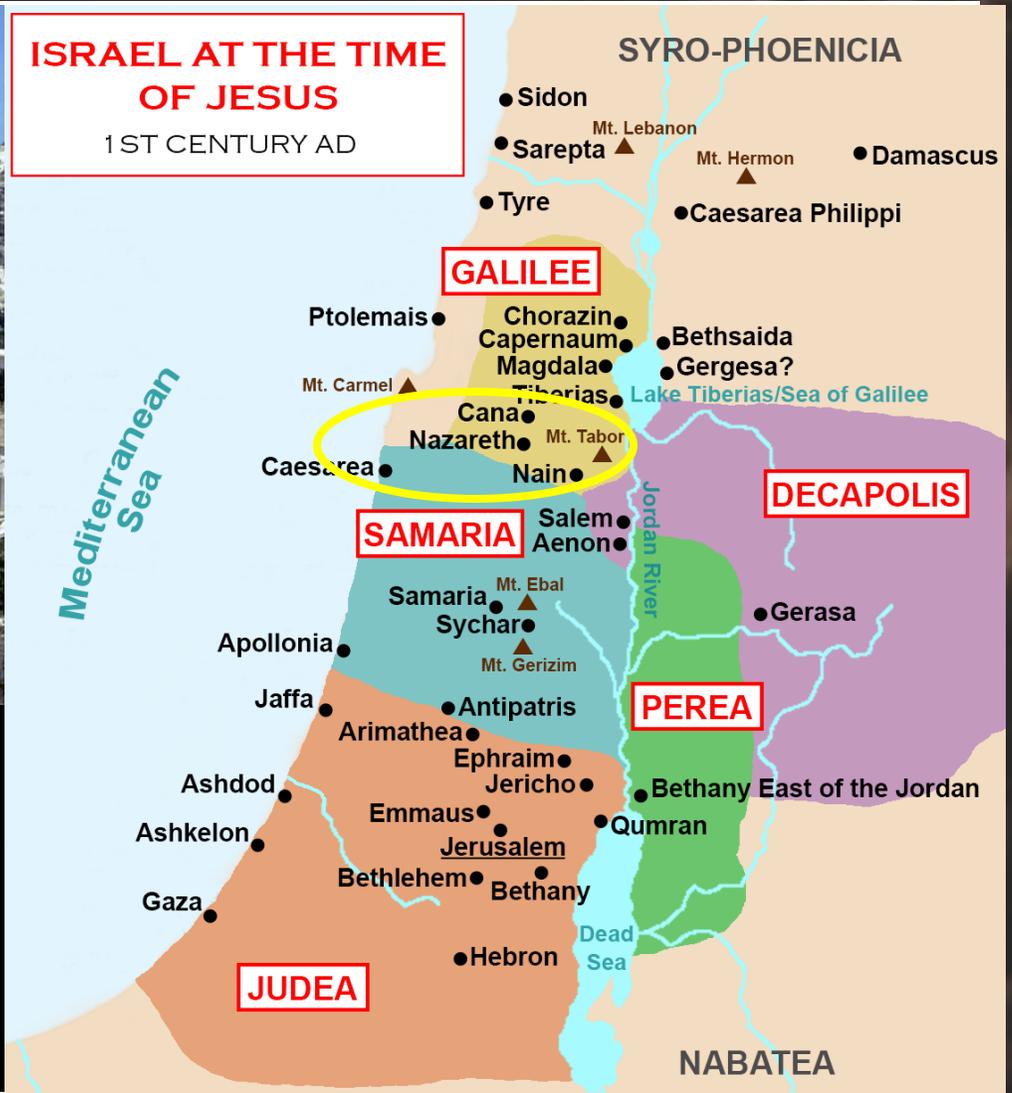
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“From desperate faith to deadly familiarity: what kind of unbelief makes even Jesus marvel.”

Grace Walks Back Into a Hard Place



Nazareth



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Previously:

***“I am the Spirit-anointed One Isaiah promised.
I am the Messiah.”***

***“This same Isa 61 grace is here in Me—but
because of your unbelief, it will go to others who
are more open, even outsiders you dislike.”***

Grace Walks Back Into a Hard Place

It's a sober reminder: places that once burned bright with the gospel can, through long unbelief, become lands where the light is barely visible.

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And His disciples followed Him. (Mk 6:1b)

The goodness of God is seen in a Savior who returns to the very people who pushed Him away—who doesn't skip the hard hearts or the hard places, but patiently, mercifully, keeps coming with grace.

Jhn 11:7-8, 20:19; Luke 9:51

v. 2: A Triggered Synagogue

astonished : “to be struck out of your senses.”

As His words press in, they don't soften—they bristle. Their pride is stung. His wisdom and authority make them feel small, vulnerable, exposed—and their way of taking back control is irritation, sarcasm, and finally a surge of anger that pushes Him away.

v. 3: Over-Familiar & Offended

Offended (skandalizo): lit. the trigger-stick on a trap

“Blessed is the one who isn’t offended (triggered) by Me—who doesn’t react in angry rejection when I confront their expectations, expose their pride, or don’t work the way they wanted, but keeps trusting and receiving Me as I am.”

(Mt 11:6)

v. 3: Over-Familiar & Offended

Modern-Day Triggers

The Cross

His Lordship

Hypocrisy in the Church

His Exclusivity

v. 3: Over-Familiar & Offended

It's not a light problem; it's a **heart** problem.

To say, 'I can't accept a Jesus who says He's the only way; that offends my sense of fairness,' is really to say, 'If there is a God, He must think exactly like I do—or I'll declare Him invalid.'

That's not a problem with evidence; that's a problem with pride.

v. 4: The Prophetic Messiah

The people who should honor God's spokes-people most often honor them least.

Joseph, David

Elijah, Jermiah, Micaiah (1Ki 22:8)

Familiarity + pride + unbelief = no honor for the Son of God.

v. 4: The Prophetic Messiah

1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world

v. 5: The Limited Messiah

God refuses to reward unbelief with more signs.

“Unbelief doesn’t limit Jesus’ power in Himself, but it does limit what He does for them, because He chooses not to pour out miracles where there is hard-hearted rejection.” MacArthur

v. 6: The Marveling Messiah

The word “**marveled**” – *thaumazō* – means to: wonder, be amazed and be deeply struck by something.

Two Times Jesus Marvelled

At the centurion’s faith (Mt 8:10; Lk 7:9)

At Nazareth’s unbelief (Mk 6:6)

v. 6: The Marveling Messiah

“Jesus is astonished not because He lacks foreknowledge, but because their unbelief is so irrational in light of overwhelming evidence.” (MacArthur)

v. 6: The Marveling Messiah

A Warning & A Comfort

You can be amazed at Jesus and still not trust Him.

We shouldn't be crushed when those closest to us resist the gospel.

v. 6: The Marveling Messiah

“Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching there.”

He keeps going. He keeps teaching. He keeps loving.

“Unbelief may slow the miracles, but it doesn’t stop the mission.”

Reflections

Nazareth is a warning flare

It is absolutely possible to sit close to
Jesus for years... and still miss Him.

Reflections

The goodness of God in Nazareth is that Jesus keeps coming, keeps telling the truth, keeps healing any who will come—and turns even the unbelief of others into a loving warning and a deep comfort for every believer who trusts Him.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above Ye heavenly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen



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