

Mark 6

V1-6 Rejected in his Home Town

1. His disciples - followed him!

* They - were astonished

* They - asked questions about him

* They – were offended at Him – Gk *skandalizo* (Voice – Passive) – caused to stumble/fall – By what?

* He did not fit into “Their doctrine” (Untrained) & Expectations – (Carpenter), Understanding (“Son of Mary”)

- Three options: 1) Condemn them for it 2) Understand this and try to build bridges over/across this!

2. V3 – “Jesus is called **the brother of James** and the others, a designation which should be taken literally.

There is no Biblical reason whatever for not understanding these four men and their **sisters** to be the children of Joseph and Mary, born some time after Jesus.” (Wycliffe Bible Commentary)

- Yet a (Catholic) Religion teaches these were 1) cousins 2) Joseph’s children by previous marriage

- 1) Gk word for cousin/relative is *suggenes* – not the word used here; word here is *adelphos* = brother

Luke 21:16 ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

- 2) Joseph’s children by previous marriage – Can’t be!

Matthew 1:24-25 ²⁴Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

Matthew 2:13-15 ¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” ¹⁴When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

* But what is the Significance of this? Part of supporting an unbiblical teaching Sinlessness/Mary

* In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." (1950, Pius XII declared the infallibility of Assumption of Mary, Body, Soul/Heaven, Exalted by the Lord as Queen Mother over all things.)

1. **Romans 3:9-10** ⁹What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. ¹⁰As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; (Psalm 53:3)

2. **Romans 3:23** ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Why? To support the practice of praying to her...listen to the words...

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

1. **1 Timothy 2:5** ⁵For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

2. **Hebrews 9:15** ¹⁵And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Application: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. Most Heresy (false teaching) has just enough Bible in it to make it believable.

3. “Prophet is not without honor except in his own country” – Famous

- Used by many of us to explain why our families cannot or will not receive the gospel from us

- But remember – James his brother became the leader of the Church/Jerusalem; Author/James;

- Judas (Jude) became a believer and Author/Jude

Application – While a popular saying; It is not a “law” that cannot be overcome by love, grace & gospel!!!

4. Lastly He could do no work, except...He marveled because of their unbelief! Vs 5:36 – Only Believe!

V7-13 Sending Out the 12

- * He sent them – The NEXT STEP in Disciples Lives...therefore He:
- * Gave them - power over unclean spirits
- * Commanded them - to go unhindered by the things of the world, and be totally dependent on Him
- * Taught them - How to handle those who reject the gospel
- * So they went out & Preached – Repent – John/Baptist, Jesus, Now 12, Peter Acts 2, Need today?
- * And they the cast out MANY demons, and Anointed w/oil MANY who were sick – Healed them!
- * Should go straight to V30...but there is a parenthetical explanation concerning the fate of John the Baptist