

UNBELIEF IS STILL AROUND TODAY

Mark 6:1-6

Introduction: Looking back at the start of Jesus' ministry it would seem that those who knew Him would have been the first to follow Him and listen to what He had to say, but the very reverse of this sadly is true. Those who knew all about Jesus, His family, His background were offended by this young man and refused to have anything to do with Him. Thus Jesus "*marveled at their unbelief..*"

It seems that nothing has changed as unbelief in Jesus is still around today. Wherever the Gospel is commonly and frequently known, it is ignored. Yet in some remote place where the Gospel has never been heard, there is positive response.

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1. Even among those who acknowledge Jesus, He does not get the recognition He deserves.

- Thousands bow their heads and knees at His Name, but not all those bow their hearts and yield obedience to Him.
- If one truly regarded Jesus as "God with us" how different things would be. He would be truly know, admired, adored and magnified so that even unbelievers would notice.
- As the angels in heaven constantly praise Him, so would it be done here by those who profess to know Him if they truly regarded Jesus as they should and their daily walk would reflect that belief and they would want to fall on their faces before Him as being unworthy to behold Him.

2. Many look to Jesus for other than His saving Grace.

- In His days here on earth, hundreds of people crowded around Jesus, to be healed, bringing their friends or family members but few were interested in anything He had to say.
- Where are the crowds today? The soul needs healing above all else and only Jesus can do that. Why aren't people interested in getting their soul healed?
- What do people pray for? What do people ask Jesus to do? Isn't it the same things that the people of Jesus' day asked Him for? Who talks to Jesus about their soul?

3. Of all who profess to believe in Jesus, how many have surrendered themselves to Jesus as His devoted servants?

- Some of the disciples left their fishing nets. One left his tax desk. All left something and someone to follow Jesus as His devoted servants.
- Of those today who profess to believe in Jesus, how many have left something or someone in order to be a devoted servant to Jesus? Who has forsaken all for Jesus?
- Christian, take a look back through your Christian life, have you devoted yourself totally and completely to your Lord and Savior, Jesus?

II. JESUS SHOOK HIS HEAD AT THE UNBELIEF THEN, TODAY IS NO DIFFERENT

1. Consider today's Religious broadcasts, the number of Churches, the thousands of professing Christians, the books, magazines and all the ways the name of Jesus can be known.

- In Jesus' day nobody had very much, communication was by word of mouth, and travel was limited to a "days" journey at a time, mostly by walking.
- In today's times it only takes seconds to communicate, minutes to travel a day's journey and people have far more than in Jesus' day.
- If ever there was a cause for Jesus to marvel at people's unbelief, it has to be this present generation. Jesus' Words have reached around the world and yet people still do not believe.

2. Many exhibit a false confidence that they belong to Jesus.

- Who would not be insulted if they were questioned as to whether they were a "Christian" or not. Yet their language and ways of life do not reflect Jesus as being Lord.
- What evidence is there that a rebirth has taken place or that one is a new creation?
- What visible proof is there that others can see that one is really a Christian?
- Too many think that to be called a "Christian" is all there is to being a true Christian.

3. The most important issue of all lifetime is "Who is Jesus to you?"

- Eternity in Heaven depends upon one's right relationship with Jesus Christ, not whether one is called a "Christian" or not.
- What can be so important that so few examine their true state before God and to be sure that their faith is sincere?
- Surely anybody who is really interested in eternal happiness in Heaven or an eternity in the miseries of Hell would give some serious thought to what Jesus has to say.

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus marveled at the unbelief and non interest of Him and His message in His day, how He must marvel at this present generation as well.

- Jesus came down from heaven, lived and died for mankind, anxious for their salvation, has invited man over and over again and again to come to Him for salvation of their souls.
- How strange and sad it is that anyone of this generation should remain insensible to all His love.
- The people of Jesus' day at least had some excuses for not listening to Him, but this generation of today has none at all.

2. This generation needs to marvel at itself and shake it's head in disbelief.

- There has been no generation that has had such much information about Jesus and opportunity to do something about it than this present generation.
- It is sad that so many people who profess to be "Christians" forget all about Jesus as soon as they leave their places of "worship."
- May God so work in the minds of this present generation that every professing Christian would become more than a "professing" Christian and become an dedicated, devoted, serving Christian.