

Mark, Transformed (Week 5): "It's Just Jesus"

- Too many of us have lost sight of who Jesus is and what His church is supposed to be and do. We have categorized Jesus as common, and we have trivialized Him.

Recap:

- We have been going through the book of Mark, and we've divided Mark up into series sets. We just finished the first series called "Pursuit," and today we begin "Transformation."
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Mark 6:1-6 (NIV) ¹Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.

1. Jesus _____ up.

- Comes to His home town
 - Enters the synagogue to teach and do miracles
 - Places Himself among the people
 - Every week, Jesus shows up right here at Real Life through His people.
 - ***There is nothing that you are going through that we don't have a ministry for: DivorceCare, GriefShare Celebrate Recovery, Betrayal and Beyond, Pure Desire, Counseling, and more. Just ask!*
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2. Jesus is _____ because of their pride.

- "Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son?" (not "Joseph's son" as it should have been)
- They weren't going to let someone be greater than they were. "He is one of us... who does He think He is??"
- I couldn't/won't submit myself to show people the "REAL ME!" but the scripture tells us:
 - **1 Peter 5:6** (NIV) Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty, that he may lift you up in due time.
- Sometimes when you get close to something it becomes common, and it's hard to see the miracle in something that you have become familiar with. (Marriage!)

"The moment you categorize something as common, that was sent to be special, you trip over the miracle because you miss it in the mundane!"

-Steven Furtick, ("Trapped in Nazareth," *Savage Jesus*, Elevation Church. May 6, 2018.)

3. Jesus is _____.

- “*And they took offense at Him,*” and, “*He could not do any miracles there.*”
- There were different ways Jesus healed people. Your miracle might now look the way you think it should!

4. Jesus moves on to others who _____ for Him.

Mark 6:6 (NIV) He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around from village to village teaching.

- Sometimes your miracle is right in front of you, but you minimize it, and you reject it. Maybe your pride keeps you from acknowledging your need and experiencing your miracle in it.
- **We reject His church, the Bride of Christ, which is His mechanism for your miracle.**

Mark 6:7-13 (NIV) ⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. ⁸These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

What do you need to leave behind today that has been defining you, or that you have been depending on, in place of Jesus?

Questions for your devotional time and conversations with others:

1. **From the sermon, what resonated with you or challenged you?**
 - a. **How will you respond to what you heard this week?**

*As you read/listen to: **Mark 6:53-7:23**, be thinking about:*

2. Who is interacting with Jesus? What does Jesus challenge in their thinking?
3. What do you think Jesus is saying about tradition and heart transformation?
4. How do you become aware of what is in your heart? What is your part in your own heart transformation?
5. Share with someone what you are discovering. Invite them to share what they are learning from God and His word.

The Book of Mark Reading Plan:

June 10-June 16: **Mark 6:53-7:23**

June 17-June 23: **Mark 7:24-8:26**

June 24-June 30: **Mark 8:27-9:13**