

Mark 6:1-6 – Jesus Didn't Meet The Jewish Standard

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Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: About 10 years ago, flying to Chicago, I met a man on a plane that looked just like Osama bin Laden. I knew he had to be a terrorist(恐怖分子) . He had the color. He had the beard. He was just as skinny. But it turns out the man was traveling from the UK to the US to perform a special surgery on someone's throat that only a few people in the world could do. I rejected him because he did not look the part.

In our text today you will how the Jews rejected Jesus because he did not meet their standard of what they thought the Messiah ought to have been like. Of course if they had read the Scriptures they would have known exactly what he should have been like.

My prejudice (偏见) caused one hour of angst (焦虑) , but the Jewish rejection of Jesus cost them eternity (永恒) in hell. Today you will see the details of why Jews rejected Jesus and the damnation (遭天谴) it brought them.

Our headings are:

Jews condemned Jesus because he did not look like the Christ

Jesus condemned the Jews for not accepting he was the Christ

Our goals are: **That you will embrace the God-man, receive his pardon (宽恕) for sins, rest in eternal security, and live for him till he comes back for you.**

Jews Condemned Jesus because he did not look like the Christ

1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

1. Jesus had just done a remarkable miracle at Jairus' home: He raised her from the dead.

Before he did, the people laughed at the thought that he could raise Jairus' daughter from the dead. To them, he did not look the part. He didn't look like the Messiah. He didn't look like he had power to save. But Jesus raised the young girl from the dead, proving he was the Christ. Now if those people at Jairus' house had seen what he had just done just before going there...how he instantly healed the woman with a bleeding problem who only touched the hem of his clothing...and how Jesus knew that woman had faith in him, they might not have rejected him as the Christ and mocked him.)

But Jesus did not revel (洋洋得意) in his great miracle of raising Jairus' daughter. He did not come in to the world for accolades (嘉奖) . He came to preach the message of salvation (拯救) .

2. Love for his own people caused Jesus to head from Jairus' home for his home town, Nazareth, a 2nd time to preach to them.

When Jesus went there the first time they tried to kill him but he escaped. Yet he was gracious enough to go there a 2nd time, for such was his love for them, those who were his enemies. It is true that most people have fond memories of where they were raised and always want to go back for nostalgia. The difference here was that Jesus wanted to go back, not for his personal pleasure, but to preach salvation to his people.

2 And when the Sabbath (安息日) had come, He began to **teach in the synagogue (犹太会堂)** . And many hearing Him were **astonished**, saying, **"Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!**

3. So Jesus went to the synagogue to teach on the Sabbath.

a. Jesus knew the Jews would be there on the Sabbath. Yes, Jesus would have preached on other days, but he knew that the Jews always gathered on the Sabbath for worship. (Worshipping should be like breathing to the Christian.)

b. Jesus taught the Jews the truth of God's Words.

c. Jesus words left them astonished. They acknowledged that he was wise. Jesus had probably made their ploughs犁 and yokes轭...but when he spoke, he spoke great things. (Jesus likely took over the family business after Joseph died.)

d. Jesus learned this message that he preached. He wasn't zapped with knowledge. He was home-schooled. He never traveled overseas. He never went to university. He was not a professor's apprentice. But he knew the Old Testament. He studied it well. He had to learn wisdom as a man. Jesus had to learn as part of his humiliation谦卑...he had to make himself of low reputation, become a man and live as a man, so he might save you.

4. Love for his people caused Jesus to confirm what he taught them by doing many public miracles.

He opened the eyes of the blind. He made the deaf hear. He walked on water. He raised up the dead. This would have amazed the Jews even more. No one had ever seen anything close to what they saw!

3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they **were offended at Him.**

5. Because Jesus did not look like the Messiah (弥赛亚, 受膏者) in the Jews' eye, they refused to believe his great words of wisdom and they rejected his great public miracles to confirm his words. (Even Jesus' own brothers rejected him.)

The Jews rejected the evidence of truth and miracles did because of their biases (偏见).

Matthew 13:57 - So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

To the Jews, Jesus wasn't the right man to say all the amazing things he said and do all the amazing things he did.

(BTW, see that Jesus had brothers and sisters, so Mary was not a perpetual (永远的) virgin, as Roman Catholics teach.)

6. What were their biases that caused them to reject Jesus and his Words?

a. Matthew says the people looked down on Jesus for being a carpenter's son. He was just the carpenter who made their yokes for their animals. (In the Jewish thinking, God would not use an ordinary man to speak and do great things. Even in this they ignored the obvious: David, Amos, Jeremiah, etc. were ordinary men who were used by God. The Jews wanted someone remarkable...from a great family...great name...But hear what God's Word says about Jesus.

Isaiah 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no

form or comeliness (美容) ; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

b. Maybe their familiarity with Jesus in his younger years bred contempt (轻蔑) of his person!

c. The Jews became offended. "Offend" means to fall into a trap...and they did fall into the Devil's trap. Their low view of Christ caused them to lose the benefits of Christ. John Calvin: "In this miracle the Jews ought to have perceived (察觉) the hand of God; but their ingratitude (忘恩负义) made them cover themselves with darkness."

7. The Jews were convicting (给...定罪) themselves and cutting their own throats by refusing to hear Jesus' words and ignoring his miracles that confirmed his words. They were as foolish as a little child who holds his hand over his eyes and thinks that no one sees him.

8. Lessons:

a. You too must come to the church to hear the weekly preaching of the Word. It is the Word about Jesus' life and death that brings life and it is the Word that sustains life. But you must come with ready ears to hear and you must come with eager hearts to believe in Christ's work for you.

b. Listen to the preacher even if he is inarticulate (不善言辞的). Maybe he dresses poorly, or maybe he is from the deep country areas in a 3rd world country in South America, or maybe all his doctrines are not perfect, but if you want to receive God's blessings, you need to listen attentively and submissively(顺服地) . He is speaking God's Words of truth.

c. When you reject the man of God, you are rejecting the message of God. When you reject the message of God, you are rejecting God. Let this sink in (领会) . Yes, men might be affected by the Word but not saved by it.

d. More people reject the message of Jesus Christ, however, because they think it is too easy...too simple. They feel they have to make a personal contribution (贡献) to their salvation. This is why the Apostle Paul says that to some the message of Jesus appears foolish.

Jesus Condemned the Jews for not accepting he was the Christ

4 But Jesus said to them, "**A prophet is not without honor except in his own country,** among his own relatives, and in his own house."

1. Jesus summarized the sins of his neighbors: They were biased, even against the clear evidence.

They thought that because Jesus was raised among he could never be good enough. So they rejected (did not accept) Jesus. Rejecting someone for a lower state might not be as common in the West, but it is a common phenomenon in Eastern countries. A local person might be better, but he was viewed as inferior (较差的) to foreigners. It is not logical, but this is the reality.

5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He **laid His hands on a few sick people** and healed them.

2. Jesus then refused to do many miracles in Nazareth and the Jews lost the opportunity to see mighty miracles.

They had no faith to strengthen. "Miracles" were intended to be for the strengthening of the faith of those who believe.

Jesus couldn't bring himself to do miracles in a place where he was held in such high contempt.

How sad for the one who was paralyzed (瘫痪的) from birth...or the blind...or the lepers (麻风病人) ... They suffered because their covenant neighbors rejected the Messiah.

But Jesus did do a few miracles, minor ones, strictly for Christ's mercy on the poor and sickly.

Likely he passed them on the way out of Nazareth and could not ignore their suffering.

3. Jesus then refused to teach his own people the message of salvation.

Matthew said that it was because they had "unbelief." Why would Jesus want to teach those who did not want to listen to him?

4. Jesus then refused to give salvation to the Jews because they rejected his good words and great works.

Consider the losses of the Jews who rejected Christ: They could not be a part of God's house as they rejected the Cornerstone.

1Peter 2:7 - Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone (房脚石) ;"

They will be houseless in the end and brought to shame.

Romans 9:33 - As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

The Jews put bars on the outside of their own doors so they could not come out to receive Christ's blessings.

6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

5. Jesus then marveled at the degree of the unbelief of the Jews, but he marveled at the faith of Gentiles (外邦人) , like the centurion (百夫长) .

With the best teacher in the history of teachers, his close relatives did not learn.

With all the clearest evidence around, they still did not accept him.

He had opened the eyes of the blind.

The whole Old Testament spoke of Jesus. (Luke 24)

Even the demons (Jesus' greatest enemies) confessed who Jesus was, but the Jews ignored him.

Even God himself testified who Jesus was.

Mark 1:10 - And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Listen to him!

That was what the angels sang to the public when Jesus was born.

6. Jesus then left them and went to preach elsewhere; he preached where people would listen.

These people would not experience his wonderful saving words...but others would.

Yes, Jesus left the Nazarenes in their infidelity (不忠实) , he did not leave his blessed work.

How good this was for us!

7. Lessons:

a. We must never use force to make people listen to the Gospel. We must make multiple efforts to speak, but if they would not listen, it is better to back-off and pray that the Lord would soften their hearts. Maybe later they might listen.

b. When someone rejects the Gospel, it is not he alone who will suffer. For instance, a man who rejects the Gospel and refuses to take his children to church, or a man who refuses to teach his children at home will likely raise children that will end up in hell.

c. Those who reject Jesus rob themselves of the joy of knowing and serving him.

d. When someone rejects the Gospel from you, don't think the message is flawed. Just go to others.

Conclusion:

The Jews condemned Jesus because he did not look like the Christ. He was local. He was poor. He was a carpenter. He was not influential (有影响力的) . So Jesus condemned the Jews for not accepting he was the Christ. He stopped teaching there. He did not do great miracles. He refused them his salvation.

Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ:

1. Give serious attention to the Word of Truth, the Gospel. It is the only means of salvation for you and your family. **Give serious attention to the Word of Truth, the Gospel.** It is the only means by which your family is able to grow. Sola Scriptura! (唯独圣经)

2. Watch out for things that can take you away from hearing the Gospel truth, from hearing the voice of Jesus. Is your job keeping you too busy? Change your job. Are your studies taking you away from worship? Make the adjustments. Is surfing the internet robbing you of your devotion (灵修) time? Turn off your computer. Are sports taking over your life? Turn off your television. Are you in a church that is popular, even entertaining, and maybe even near your house, but it has no faithful preaching of the Gospel? Leave it. Go for the full Gospel so you can live for God.

Finally: If you are not a Christian, don't close your eyes to Jesus. Look to Jesus. Listen to Jesus. You will find him revealed in the Bible alone. Hear how he lived and died for sinners. Ask him to receive you as his child.