

THEY THOUGHT THEY KNEW HIM

1. Text: Mark 6:1-6
2. Here is one of the great tragic episodes found in the gospels. How in the world could those who knew the Lord best reject Him?

I. The Passage

1. Passage is simple: He came home to share His message and they rejected Him, and they thought they had good reason to do so.
2. They knew His parents: Mary here; Joseph earlier (Luke 4:22)
3. They knew His brothers and sisters. Four brothers and plurality of sisters.
4. They knew His work. Carpenter (verse 3)
5. They knew His background and were puzzled (verses 2-3) Ignorance of virgin birth.
6. They knew His customs. See Luke 4:16.
7. Conclusion: They thought they could make a firm, confident judgment concerning Jesus.

II. The Principle

1. Truth: They thought they knew Him but they did not!
2. Facts stared them in faces: As rabbi came to town with disciples.
3. Admitted His wisdom and works (verse 2) but rejected because of unknown source.
4. They were repelled, repulsed, offended by Him. (verse 3) This was so bad they refused to be healed by Him. No wonder He marveled at their unbelief (verse 6).
5. Unfortunately, this principle is still true in those who refuse the Lord or those who desire to follow Him.
6. We need to apply this when we attempt to teach, train, influence people.

III. Proof Of The Principle

1. Paul. Acts 23:1 Good conscience yet violent, evil man
2. Nicodemus. John 3:10 You're a master of Israel and don't know these things?
3. Brothers of Christ. John 7:5 says they didn't believe in Him.
4. John 1:10 He came to His own and they did not receive Him.
5. John 4:22 You don't know how to worship.
6. Acts 13:27 Read prophets weekly but didn't see Savior.
7. Romans 10:2 Zeal without knowledge.
8. I John 2:3 We know we know Him if we keep His commandments.

IV. The Problems In Dealing With This

1. Those who know so much (scholars)
2. Good people who are deeply religious
3. Loved ones
4. Those who know more than you do
5. The wildly enthusiastic
6. The active proclaimers

V. The Practical: What Do We Do With This Reality?

1. Keep this concept and passage in mind.
2. Keep your confidence.
3. Keep your convictions.
4. Keep your concern, compassion, love for others.
5. Keep your desire to communicate.

Conclusion:

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