

## THE CARPENTER IS THE ANSWER

“Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Jacob, Judas, and Simon? And are His sisters not here with us? And they took offense at Him” (**Mark 6:3**).

Who is the carpenter?

The carpenter was and is...The servant – “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (**Mark 10:45**). “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (**1 Peter 4:10**).

The carpenter was and is...The worker – “Whatever you do, work with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters” (**Colossians 3:23**). “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established” (**Proverbs 16:3**).

The carpenter was and is...The healer – “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you” (**1 Peter 5:7**). “Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them” (**Matthew 15:30**).

The carpenter was and is...The teacher – “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” (**2 Timothy 2:15**). “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (**Ephesians 2:10**).

The carpenter was and is...The preacher – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin” (**Hebrews 4:15**).

The carpenter has the skill and role in shaping the lives of people. The carpenter valued hard work and service for people over that of a worldly status. Think about that in the aspect of faith and spiritual growth.

World leaders, billionaires and millionaires, presidents and dictators, famous movie stars and Hollywood actors, and other people of worldly influence through history, they all come and go, and are forgotten over time, but the story of the carpenter lives forever.

The carpenter is the answer to our faith.

Amen.