

**Dealing with Rejection!**  
**Mark 6:1-13**  
**Lesson #22**  
**11-16-25**

**I. The message of Jesus was rejected!**

**A. His wisdom and power baffled them.**

**Mark 6:1** *"Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples."*

**Mark 6:2** *"When 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, that He even does miracles!'"*

**Matthew 7:28** *"When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching."<sup>[29]</sup> Because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."*

**Matthew 22:33** *"When the crowds heard this, they were astonished by His teaching."*

**Luke 19:48b** *"... all the people hung on His words."*

**B. His earthly vocation and family bothered them.**

**Mark 6:3** *"Isn'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."*

**Matthew 13:55** *"Is not this the carpenter's son?"*

**Matthew 1:25** *"But He had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And He gave Him the name Jesus."*

**Mark 6:3b** *"... and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him."*

**C. His hometown refused to believe in Him.**

**Mark 6:4** *"Jesus said to them, 'Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.'"*

**Mark 6:5** “He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.”

**Mark 6:6** “He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.”

## II. The men serving Jesus were rejected!

### A. He commissioned the twelve and sent them out two by two.

**Mark 6:7** “Calling the Twelve to him, He sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.”

### B. He coached them before they left.

#### 1. They were to live simply.

**Mark 6:8** “These were His instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts.”

**Mark 6:9** “Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.”

#### 2. They were to stay where they were welcomed.

**Mark 6:10** “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.”

#### 3. They were to shake the dust off when rejected and move on.

**Mark 6:11** “And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that place, as a testimony against them.”

#### 4. They carried the gospel to other places and delivered it.

**Mark 6:12** “They went out and preached that people should repent.”

**Mark 6:13** “They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.”

## How can we handle rejection?

### A. No one is exempt from the pain of rejection.

### B. We should express our pain from rejection to God in prayer.

**Hebrews 4:15** “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet without sin.”

**Hebrews 4:16** “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

### C. We should eliminate any attitude or desire to retaliate.

**Colossians 3:8** “But rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.”

**Ephesians 4:31** “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.”

### D. We should not engage in retaliation when we are rejected.

**Romans 12:19** “Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge, I will repay,” says the Lord.”

**I Thessalonians 5:15** “Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.”

### E. We follow the example of Jesus as He faced rejection.

**I Peter 2:23** “When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.”