

“Don’t Miss the Miracle” - Mark 6: 1-6 (also Matthew 13: 53-58)

TODAY we mark the words of Jesus in Mark 6:4 where he says: ***“A prophet is not without honor except in his home town and among his own relatives and in his own household”***

1. Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him.
2. When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"
3. "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joseph (*Mt: Joseph*) and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.
4. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household."
5. And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.
6. And He wondered at their unbelief. And He was going around the villages teaching.

Miracle: an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs (Mirriam-Webster dictionary)

1. Something extraordinary
2. Something supernatural

You miss the miracle when you...

1. Ignore the obvious (1, 2)

GOD IS EVERYWHERE AND INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES

ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM GOD

WE CAN DO NOTHING OF SPIRITUAL VALUE APART FROM GOD

2. Emphasize the natural (3a)

MISTAKE COINCIDENCE FOR PROVIDENCE

MISTAKE LUCK FOR BLESSING

MISTAKE ABILITY FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTEDNESS

3. Take offense at the truth (3b, 4)

I MIGHT WELL BE THE PROBLEM

MY SIN BLINDS ME FROM SEEING JESUS CLEARLY

I MIGHT MISS THE DISGUISES OF JESUS

4. Fail to believe in the supernatural (5, 6)

ANGELS ARE REAL (SO ARE DEMONS)

THE GREATEST MIRACLE IS GOD INHABITING HUMAN FORM

GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A MIRACLE TODAY