



**THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM**  
MARK 6:1-6

Mark's pattern of demon outbursts followed by human questions;

Demon Outburst	Human Question
<p><b>MARK 1:24</b>  <sup>24</sup> "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? <i>I know who you are—the Holy One of God.</i>"</p>	<p><b>MARK 1:27</b>  <sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "<i>What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.</i>"</p>
<p><b>MARK 1:34</b>  <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. <i>And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.</i></p>	<p><b>MARK 2:7</b>  <sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"</p>
<p><b>MARK 3:11</b>  <sup>11</sup> And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "<i>You are the Son of God.</i>"</p>	<p><b>MARK 4:41</b>  <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "<i>Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?</i>"</p>
<p><b>MARK 5:7</b>  <sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, <i>Jesus, Son of the Most High God?</i> I adjure you by God, do not torment me."</p>	<p><b>MARK 6:3</b>  <sup>3</sup> <i>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?</i>" And they took offense at him.</p>

Jesus' unbelieving family;

**JOHN 7:5**

<sup>5</sup> For not even his brothers believed in him.

**ACTS 1:14**

<sup>14</sup> All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, *and his brothers.*

Those who knew Him longest and best, thought the lowliest of Him;

**ISAIAH 53:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Compare to the popular opinion of Paul;

**1 CORINTHIANS 4:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. <sup>10</sup> We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup> To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, <sup>12</sup> and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:7**

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

Jesus' "inability" to perform miracles in Nazareth;

**JOHN 5:19, 30**

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, *the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing*. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise...<sup>30</sup> *"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."*

The grievous sin of unbelief, and the paradoxical responsibility of the believer;

**EPHESIANS 2:8**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. *And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...*

**2 TIMOTHY 1:12**

<sup>12</sup> ...But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that *he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me*.

**1 PETER 1:5**

<sup>5</sup> [We] by God's power are being *guarded through faith* for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**HEBREWS 10:23**

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

**COLOSSIANS 1:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard...

Familiarity breeds contempt;

**PROVERBS 30:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> ...Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, <sup>9</sup> lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.