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# Mark 6:1 – 6:3

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 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? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 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.

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# Mark 6:4

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”

# The Cost of Discipleship

## 1. Rejection by family

# Mark 6:6-12

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# Mark 6:13-18, 30

They [the disciples] drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah."

But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

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For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

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# Mark 7:1-8

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

# Mark 7:1-8

Jesus replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

‘These people honour me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.  
They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.’

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

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# Mark 7:15-23

Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

# Mark 7:15-23

He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

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How will you respond?

Nazareth

Herod

Pharisees

Disciples

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