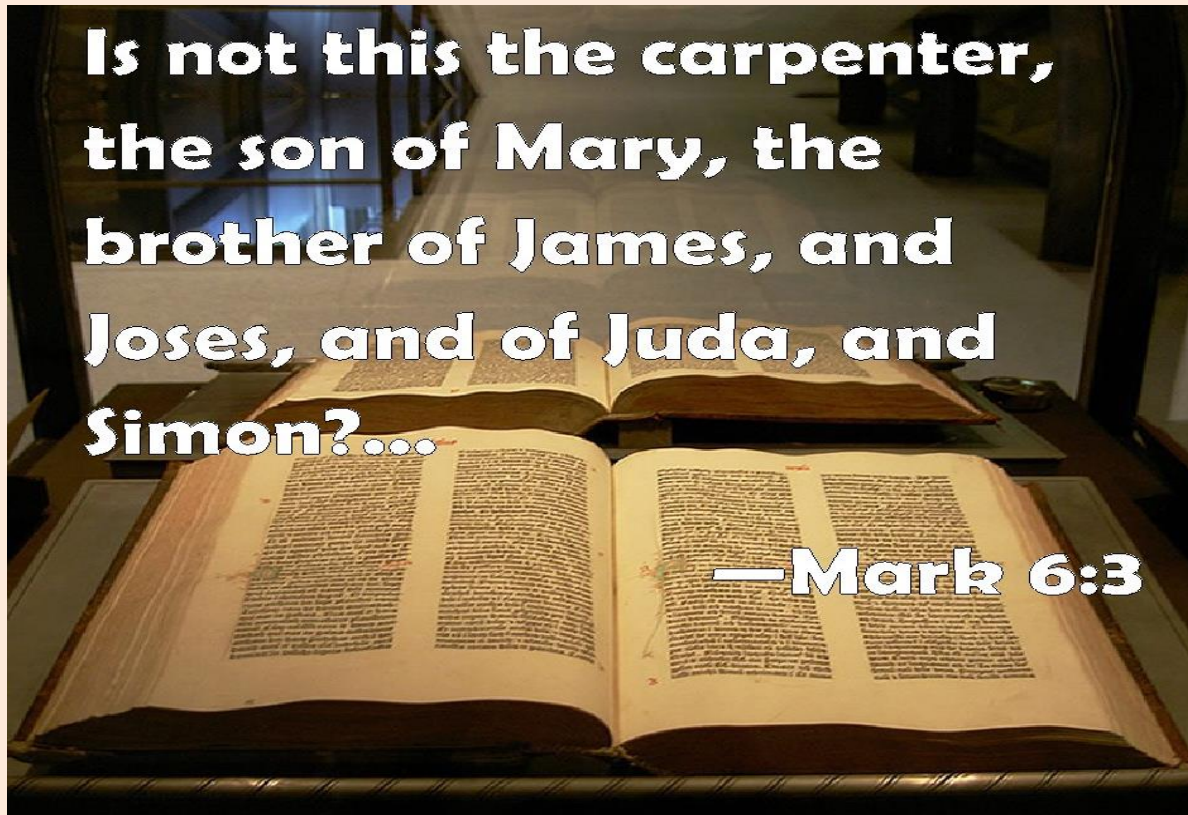


# The 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mark 6:1-6 Year B



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwSyLLHdvlo>

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark

Jesus left there and went back to his hometown. His followers went with him. On the Sabbath day he taught in the synagogue. Many people heard him and were amazed. They said, "Where did this man get these teachings? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? And where did he get the power to work miracles? He is only the carpenter. His mother is Mary. He is the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters are here with us." The people did not accept Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Other people give honour to a prophet. But in his own town with his own people and in his own home, a prophet does not receive honour." Jesus was not able to work many miracles there. The only miracles he did were to heal some sick people by putting his hands on them. Jesus was amazed that they had no faith. Then Jesus went to other villages in that area and taught.

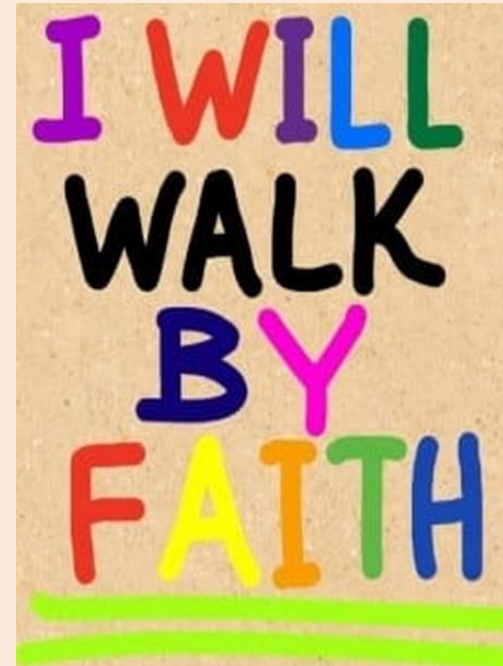
## Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus has come home to Nazareth.

The people who knew him as a child and a young man are amazed by what they hear from him, but they cannot understand how someone they know so well is able move them so powerfully.

Jesus cannot perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. He is surprised and saddened by this rejection which he didn't see coming. He did not predict this reaction from people he knew so well, showing us a very human side of Jesus.

The people noticed that Jesus had great wisdom and was able to do wonderful deeds, however, they did not seem to see the most important thing. Many of them judged Jesus, showing a lack of faith in Him as the Son of God and question His authority to teach them and because of this, Jesus was saddened at their lack of faith and unable to perform miracles in his usual way. As Christians, we acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, and this faith has the power to change all our lives. How often do we show a lack of faith in ourselves, in others and in God?



## Post-it Challenge:

Where did this man get these teachings?"

"What is this wisdom that has been given to him?"

"Where did he get the power to work miracles?"

What do you think are the 'correct' answers to these three questions the people asked? What do they tell us about Jesus?

How does faith in Jesus as the Son of God transform our relationship with God and with one another?

Have you ever made your mind up about someone just because of where they came from? Or has it happened to you - that people have judged you because of who your family are or where you come from?

How would it make you feel?



*"Judge not, and you  
shall not be judged.  
Condemn not, and you  
shall not be condemned.  
Forgive, and you will  
be forgiven"  
Luke 6:37*

## Let us pray:

Lord our God,

We pray for the strength to hold onto our convictions. We pray too for the courage and determination to stand with those who suffer from injustice. Help us not to judge others, but always be there for them in their times of need.

In all that we do Lord,

inspire us to act justly,

love tenderly,

And walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen (Inspired from Micah 6:8)

