

**RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST (Mk. 6:1-13)**  
**July 14th, 2024**

**TEXT—Mark 6:1-13.**

**MAINTAIN IDEA—**Our response to Jesus Christ plays a significant role in whether we will experience spiritual fruitfulness or fruitlessness.

**MEMORY VERSE—Heb. 11:6**

**THE FRUITLESSNESS OF UNBELIEF (Mk. 6:1-6)—**Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth and teaches a powerful message in a local synagogue. The people are amazed by His wisdom. Yet they were deceived because of their limited knowledge of Jesus and refused to believe He was the Son of God.

**Jn. 1:45-46**

**V1-3—**The people of Nazareth were spiritually dead in their sins and had hard hearts. Though they were astonished by His wisdom their sinful hearts created reasons to reject His ministry.

**Rom. 1:20-22**

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The spiritual climate of Nazareth was sadly unbelief and in that climate of unbelief, the Lord Jesus chose not to execute His miraculous power.

\*Unbelief is being repelled to the point of abandoning belief in the word or one's relation with Jesus; it is unwillingness to believe Jesus (i.e. rejecting Jesus).

**Prov. 8:35-36**

\*By rejecting the Lord's ministry they were rejecting the only way to be forgiven by God and the only hope that God has given to sinful men to be right with Him. **John 3:16-21**

**Jn. 5:39-40; Jn. 8:23-24**

\*This reminds believers that when we are rejected for Christ' sake or because of our faith in Christ (which He said would happen), we're to rejoice and keep seeking the Kingdom (**Mt. 6:33**).

**THE FRUITFULNESS OF FAITH (Mk. 6:7-13)**—The Lord called and equipped His disciples with authority and instruction, then sent them out on short term mission trips. They humbly went out in faith and Jesus multiplied His ministry through their efforts.

\*They faithfully told others about the Good News of Jesus Christ (**V7a**).

**Lk. 9:2; 2 Cor. 5:20**

\*They faithfully ministered in the compassion and authority of Jesus (**V7b**).

**Lk. 9:1; Mt. 10:7-8; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**

\*They faithfully trusted in the Lord's provision (**V8-9**).

\*They faithfully practiced contentment (**V10**).

**Phil. 4:11-13**

\*They faithfully lived with discernment (**V11**).

\*They faithfully obeyed Jesus (**V12-13**). **James 2:18**

Application for life—Which is a better description of your life, the unbelief of Nazareth or the faithfulness of the disciples? Would Jesus marvel at your faith or your unbelief? TRUST IN JESUS!