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Mark 6:1-6 (ESV)

6 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ 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?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

1. In verse two, it says that Jesus taught on the Sabbath. What does this show about who Jesus is and the New Covenant to come?

2. The Nazarenes questioned the authority behind what Jesus was saying because they knew Him in His childhood. In what ways do you doubt someone who found new life in Christ? How can you strive to get better at supporting new Christ followers?

3. How can you mirror Jesus' courage when facing challenging gospel situations?

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4. What was Jesus referring to in verse four? Hint: observe the patterns of all the prophets in the Old Testament.
5. Why do you think the Nazarenes had such a hard time accepting Jesus as a prophet?
6. Why did Jesus do “no mighty work there”?
7. How does the posture of our hearts affect what we receive from Jesus? What does this tell you about the nature of belief and unbelief?