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❖ Familiarity can breed contempt

Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue.

Mark 6:1-4



And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?"

Mark 6:1-4

Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And **they were offended at Him.**

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He is despised and rejected by men,

Isaiah 53:3



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**God doesn't look at your profession.
He looks at your heart.**

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God makes it very clear that He uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. (others in your life and you in others' lives)

**Remember, dear brothers and sisters,
that few of you were wise in the
world's eyes or powerful or wealthy
when God called you.**

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT



Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT



God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT



But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

Mark 6:4

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**You don't need a seminary degree to
follow Jesus**

**However, when He, the Spirit of truth,
has come, He will guide you into all
truth; for He will not speak on His own
authority, but whatever He hears He
will speak; and He will tell you things
to come.**

John 16:13-14

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

1 Corinthians 2:14 NLT



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**Some people miss out on Jesus simply
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Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

Mark 3:21-21 NIV



He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

John 1:10-11



For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law.

Romans 10:3 NLT

**Their minds are full of darkness; they
wander far from the life God gives
because they have closed their minds
and hardened their hearts against him.**

Ephesians 4:18

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❖ Unbelief limits Jesus in my life

**Now He could do no mighty work there,
except that He laid His hands on a few
sick people and healed them. And He
marveled because of their unbelief...**

Mark 6:5-6



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**Our lack of belief/faith in Jesus limits
what He will do in your life**

**...if you have faith as a mustard seed,
you will say to this mountain, 'Move
from here to there,' and it will move;
and nothing will be impossible for you.**

Matthew 7:20

And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

Mark 6:11

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Be very careful about rejecting Christ

He may just accept your rejection

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❖ I only want to hear what I want to hear

For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. For John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

Mark 6:17-18

**So they went out and preached that
people should repent.**

Mark 6:12



**for Herod feared John, knowing that he
was a just and holy man, and he
protected him. And when he heard him,
he did many things, and heard him
gladly.**

Mark 6:20



**I tell you, no; but unless you repent
you will all likewise perish.**

Luke 13:3



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**God doesn't really care about what you
"say" you believe. Has your belief in
Jesus led to repentance? Have you
truly given your life to Christ?**

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2-4



For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, **because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and **they will turn their ears away from the truth,** and be turned aside to fables.**

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You can find “churches” that will just tell you what you want to hear. Be careful! If you are in a church that never makes you feel a little uncomfortable, then you are probably not in the right church.

What is your reaction to Jesus?

- **Familiarity can breed contempt**
- **I can't explain it, so I refuse to believe it**
- **Unbelief limits Jesus in my life**
- **I only want to hear what I want to hear**

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