

Quiz Mark 6:1-13

Jesus had been doing marvelous things elsewhere — stilling a storm — healing a man possessed by _____ and a woman with a hemorrhage and restoring a little girl to life. Crowds flocked to him, and _____ tells us that the people "were overcome with amazement" at the wonderful things he was doing.

But then he came to Nazareth, where he began to teach in the _____. Nazareth was Jesus' hometown — the place where he grew up. He was born in Bethlehem, but raised in Nazareth. As a man, he moved to Capernaum — he had been gone for a while — but now he was traveling through the area so he stopped to _____ in his hometown synagogue.

You would think that the people would have welcomed him gladly — with banners and balloons — with Hosannas — a hometown boy made good! But they didn't. Other people were bowled over by his _____, because he taught "as one having authority and not as the scribes". There was never anything boring about his _____. You never knew what he would say next. When he spoke, it was as if he were drawing back the curtain so you could see into heaven. When he taught in the synagogue in his hometown, the people were astounded, and not in a good way. They didn't say. "This is the most wonderful teaching I ever heard." They said, "Who is this guy! We know him! He is a _____ — the son of a carpenter! We know his _____ and who does he think he is so highfalutin?" "And they took offense at him". "And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their _____. "Now, keep in mind that other _____ recognized Jesus as a great teacher and healer. There was no doubt in their minds about him. Jesus always had trouble with religious leaders — the scribes and Pharisees — but his hometown was the only place common people failed to see his greatness. Who was the loser? Was it Jesus? Did Jesus need something from these people? No! They were the losers.

Hearing this story makes us wonder if we would recognize Jesus if he came into our midst today. Would you recognize him? Would we be willing to hear the _____ demands that he makes of his disciples? Would we be willing to take up our cross and follow him? Would we be willing to love God and neighbor above all else? Would we? Would we?

The people of _____ recognized Jesus in their midst, but they did not recognize the Lord in their midst. And so, they took offense — and so they missed the blessing.

The Lord will be with you tomorrow — in your home — in your workplace — in the highways and byways as you go about your business. Who knows what form he will take? But keep your eyes open and your heart ready to receive him — and you will be sure to receive his blessing.

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| A. brothers | E. Nazareth | I. demons |
| B. sermons | F. unbelief | J. teachings |
| C. radical | G. Mark | K. teach |
| D. synagogue | H. carpenter | L. people |