

# A Chilly Reception

Mark 6:1-13

As we share the message of the gospel, we should not be surprised when some receive the message willingly and others do not. Not much has changed in 2,000 years.

## **Ministry is Hindered by Unbelief (1-6)**

Leaving Capernaum, Jesus journeys to his hometown of Nazareth. He returned home as a teacher surrounded by his students.

Jesus is invited to speak in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Some were amazed at his teaching, but others made disparaging remarks.

Since the townspeople could not explain Jesus, they rejected him.

Because of their persistent unbelief, Jesus was limited in the ministry he could do among them.

The greatest obstacle to faith is not the failure of God to act but rather the failure of the human heart to believe.

## **Some will Receive the Message While Others Will Not (7-13)**

Jesus called his disciples for the purpose of preaching (Mark 3:14). The time has now arrived for them to do just that.

Rather than go in their own authority, they went out under the power and authority of Jesus.

The urgency of the mission demanded that they travel light.

As they ministered from town to town, they would experience both hospitality and hostility, both friends and enemies.

The Twelve preached the gospel, drove out demons, and healed many who were sick.

*As we share the good news of the gospel today, we should:*

Live in dependence on Christ.

Travel light. Rather than seek comfort, we should seek God's pleasure.

Anticipate that some will believe the gospel while others will reject it.