Too Familiar With Jesus?

Mark 6:1-6

Introduction:

- A. Have you ever known someone for a long time, but one day you were blown away when you learned something new and unexpected about him?
- B. We can become so familiar with friends, family members or spouses that we think we know just about everything about them, and so we are surprised to learn something new about them.
- C. Sometimes we may not even believe what we've heard, because it doesn't match what we thought we knew.

The People of Nazareth Were Too Familiar With Jesus (Mk. 6:1-6).

- A. "Is not this the carpenter...?" (v. 3). This question is meant in a derogatory manner.
- B. They saw no reason to believe Jesus was different from them.
- C. Have we become too familiar with Jesus to the point we refuse to see Him for who He really is?

How To Know We Are Too Familiar With Jesus:

- A. When we know "enough" about Jesus that we don't care to find out anything more about Him (Jer. 9:23-24; Hos. 4:6).
- B. When we can read or hear something about Jesus and not be wowed by Jesus.
 - 1. Our response to Jesus' life should be one of amazement (Lk. 5:26).
 - 2. We should be wowed to the point we can't help but tell others about Him (Mk. 7:36-37).
- C. When we know the Law of Christ, but we don't practice the Law of Christ.
 - 1. The Pharisees knew the Law, they just didn't practice the Law (Matt. 23:1-7).
 - 2. "But prove yourselves doers of the Word, and not merely hearers." (Jam. 1:22)
- D. When we can hear all Jesus endured on our behalf and still choose not to live for Him.
 - 1. Peter responded by denying Jesus while witnessing Him suffer (Matt. 26:57-75).
 - 2. The Jewish people responded by choosing to obey the Gospel after they heard all Jesus endured for them (Acts 2:36-42).

Conclusion:

- A. Knowing Jesus Is Not About Information BUT About Transformation!
- B. It's not about how much we know, it's about how much we show. A person whose life has been transformed by Jesus will exemplify Him by the lifestyle they live.