

“Tripping Over the Familiar”

Mark 6:1-6

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I. Jesus in His hometown

- A. The citizens of Nazareth took offense at (*tripped over*) Jesus.
- B. Their familiarity with Christ led them to foolishly reject Him.
- C. Consequently, they benefitted very little from His ministry.

II. Lessons for Us

A. Encouragement

- 1. Sometimes our outreach attempts toward non-believers are rejected due their familiarity with us.
- 2. In this we are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, with a promise of reward.

Romans 8:16–17 - ¹⁶ *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,* ¹⁷ *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

B. Warning

- 1. We're often tempted to dismiss the regular means of grace because of their familiarity to us.
- 2. Consequently, we often miss out on the blessings they contain.