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Mark 6:6, "**And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.**"

The first part of chapter six in the book of Mark deals with an occasion when Jesus "**came into his own country.**" He desired to visit with those where He grew up; with those who knew Mary and Joseph and his natural brothers and sisters. At this point they did not understand Him to be verily God and verily man. They thought of Him not as the Son of God, but as the son of Joseph and as a lowly carpenter. In Mark 6:2 it tells us that He taught His wonderful truths of Salvation and saw first hand His ability to heal a "**few sick folk**" among them.

Even after hearing Him speak as no other man had ever spoken unto them, they still questioned His deity, prompting Jesus to say - "**A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**" Their unbelief caused them to miss out on close communion with our Lord.

Now, notice the seriousness found in verse 11 as He began to send the disciples out to preach His gospel. To shake off the dust from the bottom of your feet was a symbol of testimony against those it was rendered or intended for. For too many of God's people today want to go their own way and not receive the truths of the gospel, either by not giving God the praise, honor and glory they should, or by not believing He can and will do all that He says He will.

What about you and your house? Are you serving the Lord as you should, or, are you dishonoring your own kin (your husband) by not worshipping Him as you are commanded to do? Does the Lord marvel because of your unbelief? The consequence is serious for not receiving the gospel truths of Jesus Christ our Lord and not believing them to be true. So much so that Jesus said, "**It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.**" And, we know what happened to them when judgment

came upon them. Their destruction was not an eternal judgment, but rather a judgment in time due to their wickedness and unbelief.

For those born again children of God who believed His gospel there was peace and comfort for their souls. It is better we be as the man whose child the Lord healed. This loving father said with tears, "**Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief**" (Mark 9:24). "***Think About IT!***"