

# You Can't Go Home Again

## Mark 6:1-6

### Into the Lesson:

In anticipation of the mention of Jesus' half brothers and sisters, spend some time revisiting characteristics developed by birth order theory:

**First Borns**-perfectionist, achiever, leader, bossy, responsible, motivated, conscientious, controlling, cautious, reliable.

**Middle Borns**-adaptable, independent, go-between, people pleaser, can be rebellious, feels left out, peacemaker, social.

**Last Borns**-social, charming, outgoing, uncomplicated, manipulative, seeks attention, self-centered, fun.

**The Only Child**-confident, conscientious, responsible, perfectionist, center of attention, mature for their age, seek approval, sensitive, leader.

**Twins**-all bets are off (based on personal observations). Found on a google search, so it must be true.

Obviously, there are a number of variables involved (especially with those pesky "last borns"), but how does this help to give a picture of "family dynamics"?

### Into the Word:

From Lane's message, commentaries and bible margin notes, what do we know of Jesus' half-brothers (including their future endeavors)?

How does Mark 3:31-35 provide a sense of some of the "family dynamic" at work?

What does John 2:1-11 seem to indicate of Mary's awareness of Jesus' new mission?

How does Mark 6:2-3 point to the neighbor's sense of incredulity?

What does the lack of mention of Mary's husband seem to indicate and how this would impact the sibling dynamic?

How would Jesus' new mission cause some conflict for the rest of the members of the "Nazarene Carpentry Company"?

Respond to Lane's comment, "Jesus is taking His disciples home with Him -... and I find the decision curious."

Especially considering this second quote from his sermon, "He is still The Creator of the universe with power over all of creation."

### Into Life:

How does John 15:8 serve as a source of, "preparation and encouragement"?

What are some of the indications that although people may say they are "very spiritual" we live. "in a culture of unbelief"?

Respond to Lane's quote, "Fact is that our culture - and unfortunately sometimes even our church culture is increasingly unbelieving and hostile to the teachings of Jesus..."

If as Lane pointed out what is to be the church's response at each level?

**SOME PEOPLE WILL BE AMAZED  
SOME PEOPLE WILL BE OFFENDED  
MANY WILL DENY AND WILL BE DENIED**

How do we maintain and enhance the level of amazement that some realize in the presence of Jesus?

What about those who will be offended by the message of hope, love and truth that we have to offer?

How critical is it to pray for those who will deny, before they are denied?

**Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." -Matthew 28:18-20**