

The third point is a how to point.

How to live to offend others as Jesus did.

So here's the test if you've found yourself never being offensive because of the exclusivity of the Good news then you're being a coward.

But if you find you're constantly offensive you're probably not being persecuted for righteousness sake but for obnoxiousness sake.

Where do you get the power to be exclusive sounding but inclusive acting?

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 3 Isn't this the carpenter? *Isn't this Mary's son*
Mark 6:2,3

On the cross Jesus Christ truly became a man without a Father.

He received the ultimate rejection so that we could get the ultimate acceptance.



The story of the King... who came to serve.

Part 16:

Living Offensively
Mark Chapter 6 verses 1-13

And they took offense at him vs.3

Understanding the offensiveness of Jesus and what it means to follow him.

#1- Jesus is offensive.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, ... And they took offense at him. Mark 6:1-3

...the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus. Mark 3:6

When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." 22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." Mark 3:21,22

Jesus does and can offend all sorts of people,
but he offends them each in a different way.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. John 15:18

#2 Why is Jesus offensive to his own hometown folks?

Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Mark 6:3

A. The Ordinariness of Jesus is offensive because it

(on the Road to Emmaus) ..but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. ...he (Jesus) explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:21, 27

Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. Luke 24:39-43

Why is the risen Christ so ordinary?

Because God isn't coming down to _____

from human life but to _____ all human existence.

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. Romans 8:19-21

B. The Ordinariness of Jesus is offensive because it

undermines our understanding of God's _____

2 Kings 5- The story of Naaman

Matthew 11:6 And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."

#3 How does this relate to us?

And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits; 8 and He instructed them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt— 9 but *to* wear sandals; and *He added*, "Do not put on two tunics." 10 And He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. Mark 6:7-10

Jesus tells them:

1. No _____

2. They don't just go talking they go in _____
They went out and preached that *men* should repent. 13 And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them. Mark 6:12,13

3. But in spite of the fact they went serving, they were going to

Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them." Mark 6:11

You know throughout church history Christians have spoken the most exclusive message the world has ever heard, but on the other hand the church historically, has been the most inclusive acting people the world has ever seen. The most exclusive sounding people but also the most inclusive acting people they'd ever seen.

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