

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 6 1-13



Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue.
Psalm 66:14-15

Praising:

Forth in the peace of Christ we
go;
Christ to the world with joy we
bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our
lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's
true King.

Reading:

Mark 6:1-13
Jesus is not welcomed home

It's hard enough being spurned by people we don't know. When it's people we do know, it really hurts. Jesus has gone home to Nazareth and brought his friends with him. While the locals recognise the miraculous power of Jesus' words and deeds, the simple fact that they know him and his family is enough to turn

them actively against him. Shaking off the dust is Jesus' way of saying that the fault lies not with the disciples but with those who have refused to welcome them. Part of being human is to recognise the humanity in other people. It's up to all of us to show warmth, kindness and hospitality to everyone we meet, whoever they, wherever they're from, and whatever they happen to believe or not believe. But it's up to them to show the same to us.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we pray for those who reject or dismiss us for being Christians

- those who would generalise about us or mock us from a distance
- those who claim to know us but who write us off as hypocrites or holier than thou
- those whose beliefs, morals, politics or lifestyle make us reject or dismiss them

Lord I ask for grace and patience to love the ones who don't love me, and for faith and courage never to return slight for slight or insult for insult. Amen

Doing:

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