

ML404 Prophets without Honor

Why is it easier to believe people you don't know than people you know? You would think the opposite would be true. Jesus spoke of this phenomenon:

Mr 6:4: But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

The cause has to include all races and creeds because James said this: "*Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are...*" [Jas. 5:17]. If we can find the antidote for this phenomenon, we can believe our "own kin in our own houses." Let's see what we can find:

Mr 6:2-3: And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?"

Christ's siblings magnify the problem, which makes it easier to see the answer — they grew up with Jesus. They knew His parents and all His brothers and sisters. If we look into our own lives, we can learn something that the scriptures don't reveal.

Christ's siblings never heard Him say anything to cause them to think He was different, and they had never seen Him do things they could not have done. By this we know that Mary hadn't told even His half brothers He was the Son of God. Read this next text:

Joh 7:2-5: Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him.

We know personal environment is a factor in this matter, but we still don't have the antidote. Again, "Why is it easier to believe people we know than people we don't know?" If you "know the scriptures," you also know the answer, you just don't know that you know. The following scriptures explain the phenomenon and thus help reveal the antidote:

1Co 1:25: Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1Co 1:26: For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

1Co 1:27: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

1Co 1:28: And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.

1Co 1:29: That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Read those verses again and pay attention to who God chooses to serve Him. He does not choose those who have aptitudes for specific works; He chose those who have no aptitudes for specific works.

Therefore, the prophet has no honor among his own people. If you haven't seen this before now, it's because you haven't thought about it within the context of the above text.

Water represents spirit. Walking on water represents talking by the Spirit. No one walks on water unless the Spirit anoints them, and then holds them up after they step out of the boat.