

On The Path To More Of God's Help

Intro: Missing the Whole Story

1. Expecting too much or too little from someone
2. The challenge is when we don't recognize who Jesus really is
3. But when we see Him for who He is **(Psalms 62:5-6 NKJV)**

I. The people who did not recognize who Jesus was missed out on His help **(Mark 6:1-6 NLT)**

- A case of mistaken identity
 1. They saw Jesus only as a carpenter - not a prophet or the Messiah
 2. They were offended by Him and did not believe in Him
- How we perceive God is vitally important
 1. God the Father as an old man in a white beard
 2. God will not prove Himself to us
 3. What we see is what we'll get **(Psalms 27:1 NLT)**

II. The people who recognized Jesus as a healer/miracle worker received help **(Mark 6:53-56 NLT)**

- He was still the same Jesus as He was in His hometown
 1. The people of Gennesaret did not see Him as a carpenter
 2. They believed in Jesus and acted accordingly
- Perceiving God as loving, merciful, and powerful toward us opens the door to Him
(Psalms 86:5 & 10 NLT)
 1. Believing the right things about God and His desire to be involved with us

III. Recognizing who we are spiritually because of our connection to Christ is a game changer

- A case of corrected identity
 1. We are more than just regular people with Christian ideals and morals
- The Scriptures give us insight into our new identity **(1 Peter 2:9-10 NLT)**
 1. Chosen, royal, part of a powerful eternal nation
 2. Called to reveal God's goodness to others