

# Today's Scripture

MARK 6:4-6 **ISAIAH 53:3** 

**GENESIS 1:1 LUKE 14:20** 

**MATTHEW 13:53-58** 1 JOHN 3:9

MARK 6:1-6 **LUKE 16:31** 

ISAIAH 35:5-6

**MATTHEW 14:33** 

**JOHN 11:47** 

**JOHN 9** 

**JOHN 6:19** 

**JOHN 2** 

**MATTHEW 12:22** 

JOHN 11:43-44

**MATTHEW 8-9** 

**MATTHEW 13:53-38** 

**MATTHEW 14:1-36** 

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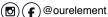


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# Family & Community Discussion

## INTRODUCTION

The beauty of God rescuing us from our broken places in life shows His desire to seek and save us even when there is nothing "good" in us. Many religious traditions say, "The good are in, and the bad are out. The disciplined

are in, and the undisciplined are out," but God rescues us because of His grace, not our merit. The glory of the gospel is that because of the grace of Jesus, the humbled are in, and the proud are out (though still being called and offered a life of humbleness). God comes and works in our normal, ordinary existence, and we must realize that there are not a lot of quick fixes in our life. When we serve, we will find that serving others is hard because people are hard and will try our patience. The ordinary is where God develops Christlikeness, character, and a life that gives God His glory.

#### DISCUSSION

What are the most ordinary parts of your life? Why do you consider those ordinary? Can you see anything extraordinary in them?

## **EXPLANATION – READ MARK 6:1-6**

Do you think if you met Jesus you would think He was ordinary? Why or why not?

When was the last time you asked Jesus to do something extraordinary? What was it? What happened?

#### APPLICATION

What is your own "path" or "ritual" to purity?

How often do you get locked into a works-based mentality in regards to your (or someone else's) salvation?

If you could make a miracle happen whenever someone believed in Jesus, what would it look like?

## **MISSION**

How can you explain the Gospel in ordinary terms? How do we live out the Gospel in ordinary ways?