Kingdom and Conflict: The Myth of the Home Field Advantage

Mark 6: 1-13

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Introduction: **Statistical Report on the Home Field Advantage**
Seattle Seahawks and the New Orleans Saints
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Israel was Jesus' country.
Jesus continues to speak to a subordinate theme of the gospel of Mark.

I. Fraught with Opposition

- **a. Review**
  - **i. If Jesus was only good, why is there opposition?**
  - **ii. If you had known ahead of time, that Jesus the Messiah was coming into the world, who would have predicted His rejection?**
  - **iii. The Religious**
  - **iv. The Irreligious**
  - **v. The Ambivalent**
  - **vi. Three soils**
  - **vii. Evil and the Evil One**
- **b. Push Back**
  - **i. Capernaum was the site of great crowds and spectacular miracles.**
  - **ii. Capernaum would never again be a destination for Jesus as far as the gospel writers were concerned.**
  - **iii. Traveled 20 miles to Nazareth – in the hill country of Galilee**
  - **iv. People heard his teaching and were astonished at its substance.**
  - **v. Nevertheless, they took offense to Jesus.**
- **c. Pop Quiz**
  - **i. He vested the disciples with power.**
  - **ii. They performed spectacular things.**
  - **iii. Two lessons:**
    1. **Trust only God.**
    2. **Don't trust people.**

II. Full of Theological Truths

- **a. The dual nature of Jesus**
  - **i. Had to be a man.**
  - **ii. Had to be God**

III. The Shadow of the Cross

- **a. You would think that Jesus would have home field advantage wherever He went – He built the stadium.**
- **b. Surely Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth would treat Him well.**
- **c. Clearly, His family would treat Him with awe and majesty.**
- **d. Obviously, heaven would be His home field.**
- **e. What Jesus heard from heaven was silence.**
- **f. Jesus had no home field.**