

MARK 6: 1-6

PERCEPTIONS

The people in Jesus' home town saw Jesus as one of their own. What they knew of Him, who He was, where he had come from, their experiences with Him, had created perceptions and expectations. After all wasn't He Joseph the carpenter's son. When we limit someone to what we think we know of them, we put them in a box and thus limit their freedom to be anything else.

We also measure others against our perceptions of ourselves. Thus our perception of others often has more to do with ourselves than truth. The people of Jesus' hometown couldn't see past themselves to see Jesus. They couldn't accept Jesus as the Messiah because they limited Him to what they knew of Him, and didn't allow Him to be any different

than themselves. Because they couldn't accept Him they had little faith. Thus Jesus couldn't help them. Is this not our difficulty? Do we not have difficulty seeing beyond ourselves to see Jesus? Are we not in a box created by our own perceptions, expectations, desires, a box that limits our ability to see truth, to be our true selves

We can learn to be predisposed to seeing the love and goodness that is in our lives, by giving and sharing love and goodness. Love and goodness begets freedom, freedom for ourselves and others to be a much loved child of God. We are called to be God's love in this world, His love to ourselves and others. Our giving love and goodness allows us to see and receive love and goodness. Thus God's love and goodness will flow.

In spite of what we read and hear through the media,

there is a thousand times more love and goodness in our world than anything else, God's love! We are God's love and goodness. If we would only look, we would see it.