*Series: The Mark of the Gospel, # 9*

All Authority is Given to Me

**Mark 6:1-13**

The paradox of authority is that many who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ often wish they didn’t, and most who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wish they did.

Jesus was questioned by Jewish leaders about his teaching and working miracles; “By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you authority to do this?” **Mark 11:28**

We tend to think we’ll be favored by friendship; ie, if we know those in charge, we will be treated better. Yet Jesus states that as a prophet, he was dishonored in his hometown, among his family and friends. (see also **John 1:11**)

Why does familiarity breed contempt?

Reflections on spiritual authority:

1) **Mark 6:5-6**

2) **Mark 6:7**

3) **Mark 6:8-11**

4) **John 15:14**

5) **Matthew 28:18-20**

6) **Mark 6:12-13**