

Unlearning Jesus

Rev. Nicole Massie Martin

Mark 6:1-5

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Introduction: This week UPC is very pleased to once again welcome the Rev Dr. Nicole Massie Martin as our guest preacher.

Dr. Martin serves as the Chief Impact Officer at Christianity Today and as a Church Engagement Strategist with Gloop. She is the founder and Executive Director of Soulfire International Ministries, which accelerates thriving for pastors, churches, and younger leaders. She is also active in her local congregation in Maryland at Kingdom Fellowship AME Church where she leads the Grow Ministry.

Dr. Martin is a gifted writer and author of *Made to Lead: Empowering Women for Ministry and Leaning In*, *Letting Go: A Lenten Devotional*. As a nationally recognized speaker, Martin has been inducted into the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Board of Preachers at Morehouse College and is a co-catalyst for the Lausanne Scripture Engagement Global Network.

Rev. Martin is married to her best friend, Dr. Mark Martin, and they have two amazing daughters, Addison and Josephine. Welcome Dr. Martin!

Prayer: Jesus, We want to know you. Reveal your self to us as we study together. Amen.

Review: What did you learn from God about your stewardship of time, talents and treasure?

Read: Mark 6:1-5

Discussion:

1. What did the people of Nazareth think they knew about Jesus?
2. Why would they be offended? See Luke 4:16-30. Note that Luke may be narrating a different event.
3. What do you know about Jesus? How did you learn about Jesus? How did you come to know him personally?
4. What cultural encrustations are obscuring your view of Jesus? What resources do you have to help you with clearing the distortions you may have picked up?

Application: Ask God to show himself to you clearly.

Prayer: God of all wisdom, teach us to know you. Show us which witnesses we can rely upon. Amen.