





"My publisher said, in his ultimate wisdom - Stan, that is the worst idea I have ever heard. First of all, people hate spiders, so you can't call a book Spider-Man. Secondly, he can't be a teenager—teenagers can only be sidekicks. And third, he can't have personal problems if he's supposed to be a superhero— don't you know who a superhero is?"

"People often say glibly that Marvel succeeded by blending superhero adventure stories with soap opera. What Lee and Ditko actually did in "The Amazing Spider-Man" was to make the series an ongoing novelistic chronicle of the lead character's life. Most superheroes had problems no more complex or relevant to their readers' lives than thwarting this month's bad guys . . . Parker had far more serious concerns in his life: coming to terms with the death of a loved one, falling in love for the first time, struggling to make a living, and undergoing crises of conscience."





"Simple fact is Marvel comics reflect the world in all its shapes, sizes and colors. We believe there's an audience of people out there who is thirsty for a character like Miles Morales."



Jesus went back into His own hometown where He had grown up, and His disciples followed Him there. When the Sabbath came, He went into the synagogue in Nazareth and began to teach as He had done elsewhere, and many of those who heard Him were astonished. **Those in the Synagogue:** Where did He gain this wisdom? And what are all these stories we've been hearing about the signs and healings He's performed? Where did He get that kind of power? Isn't this Jesus, the little boy we used to see in Joseph's carpenter shop? Didn't He grow up to be a carpenter just like His father? Isn't He the son of Mary over there and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, Simon, and their sisters? Who does He think He is?



Mark 6

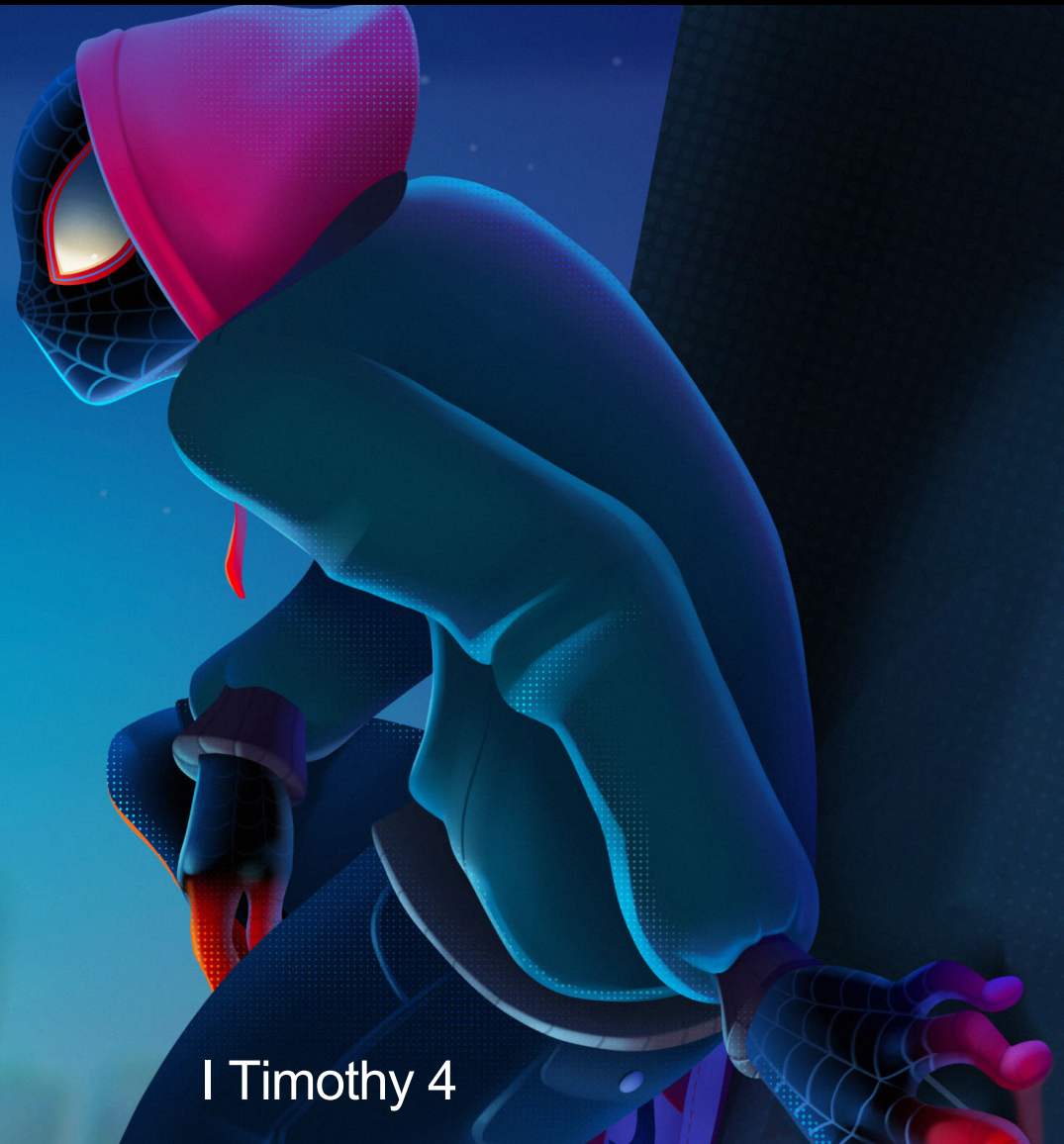
And when they had thought about it that way, they became indignant and closed themselves to His message. **Jesus** (seeing this): A prophet can find honor anywhere except in his hometown, among his own people, and in his own household. He could not do any of His great works among them except with a few of the sick, whom He healed by laying His hands upon them. He was amazed by the stubbornness of their unbelief.



Mark 6

So go out and insist on these things. Teach them. Don't let anyone belittle you because you are young. Instead, show the faithful, young and old, an **EXAMPLE** of how to live: set the standard for how to talk, act, love, and be faithful and pure. Until I get there, make sure to devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching. Don't neglect the gift that was given to you through the prophecy spoken when the company of the elders laid their hands on you. Cultivate all these practices; live by them so that all will see how you are advancing and growing. Take care of yourself, concentrate on your teaching, and stick with these things. If you do, then you will be effective in bringing salvation to yourself and all who hear you.

I Timothy 4





Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him; he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

with great power comes
great responsibility



do not be conformed to
this world, but be
transformed by the
renewing of your mind