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# The Book of Mark



- **Genre:** Ancient Biography or *Lives* (Latin, *vita*; Greek, *bios*)
- A book centered on one historical figure
- Written to promote a way of life or to encourage emulation.
- Mark 1:1 - *The Good News of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God*
- Mark 1-5 - Jesus' authority as the Messiah and Son of God.
- Mark as a Discipleship Book

# Mark 6:1-3



He left there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. “Where did this man get these things?” they said. “What is this wisdom that has been given to him, and how are these miracles performed by his hands? Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren’t his sisters here with us?” So they were offended by him.

# Mark 6:4-6



Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his household.” He was not able to do a miracle there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. He was going around the villages teaching.

# Mark 6:7-13



He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the road except a staff—no bread, no traveling bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not put on an extra shirt. He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that place. If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, when you leave there, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons, anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

# Mark 6:14-17



King Herod heard about it, because Jesus's name had become well known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that's why miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He's Elijah." Still others said, "He's a prophet, like one of the prophets from long ago." When Herod heard of it, he said, "John, the one I beheaded, has been raised!" For Herod himself had given orders to arrest John and to chain him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.

# Mark 6:18-21



John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” So Herodias held a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing he was a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard him he would be very perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. An opportune time came on his birthday, when Herod gave a banquet for his nobles, military commanders, and the leading men of Galilee.

# Mark 6:22-25



When Herodias's own daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I'll give it to you." He promised her with an oath: "Whatever you ask me I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" "John the Baptist's head," she said. At once she hurried to the king and said, "I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a platter immediately."

# Mark 6:26-29



Although the king was deeply distressed, because of his oaths and the guests he did not want to refuse her. The king immediately sent for an executioner and commanded him to bring John's head. So he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard about it, they came and removed his corpse and placed it in a tomb.

# Mark 6:1-29



- **Where is it coming from?**
  - Mark 5:1-20 – Gerasa/Gadara
  - Mark 5:21-43 – Capernaum
  - Mark 6:1-6 – Nazareth
- **What happened before?**
  - Mark 5:1-20 – Demon-possessed (Spiritual)
  - Mark 5:21-34 – Woman with chronic bleeding (Physical)
  - Mark 5:35-43 – Jairus' daughter (Death)

# Mark 6:1-29



- Contrast
  - Faith of Jairus and the woman
  - The people who knew Jesus 30+ years
- Coming back home
  - As a Rabi (with disciples)
  - Invited to teach?

# Mark 6:2



When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were **astonished**.

“**Where** did this man get these things?” they said. “**What** is this wisdom that has been given to him, and **how** are these miracles performed by his hands?”

# Mark 6:2



- They were "astonished" (or "bewildered") – not in a good way.
- They couldn't comprehend how this person they knew got all this wisdom and miraculous power.
- Their familiarity with Jesus became an obstacle for them to have faith in Him.

# Mark 6:3



Isn't this **the carpenter**, the **son of Mary**, and **the brother** of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't **his sisters** here with us?"

So **they were offended** by him.

gk. skandalizō (scandal)

to make to stumble, give offense, lead astray

# Mark 6:3



- "The carpenter"
  - (Mason?) - builders were important, but did not have a lot of prestige.
  - Dismissing Jesus as a commoner.
- "Son of Mary"
  - Jews typically identified men by their fathers
  - Even if Joseph had died, it was customary to refer to Jesus this way.
  - The belief that He was an illegitimate child

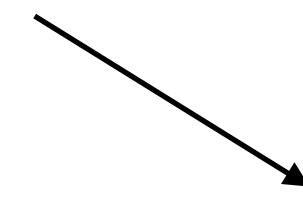
For thirty years the Son of God resided in this town, and went to and fro in its streets. For thirty years He walked with God before the eyes of its inhabitants, living a blameless, perfect life. But it was all lost upon them. They were not ready to believe the Gospel, when the Lord came among them, and taught in their synagogue. They would not believe that one whose face they knew so well, and who had lived so long, eating, and drinking, and dressing like one of themselves, had any right to claim their attention. They were  
“offended at Him.”

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# Mark 6:4-6



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cf. Mark 3:20-21, 31-35

He was not able to do a miracle there, except that **he laid his hands** on a few sick people and **healed them**. And he was *amazed at their unbelief*.

He was going around the villages teaching.

# Mark 6:1-6



A Disciple **Stands Firm** and **Unashamed** in the Face of  
Rejection

# Firm and Unashamed



- **What was Jesus response?**
  - Jesus didn't change his message
  - He didn't tried to convinced them (v. 5)
  - He knew who he was/is (cf. Mark 1:11)
  - This episode didn't deter Jesus from His mission.
  - He continued His journey, something He would teach His disciples to do next (7-13).

# Mark 6:7-13



- Common Jewish practice for mutual support and companionship
- Fulfilled OT requirements for testimony (Deut. 17:6; 19:15)

He summoned the Twelve and began to **send them out in pairs** and gave them **authority over unclean spirits**.

- The fundamental purpose of miracles (OT & NT)
- Authenticate agents of revelation (cf. John 3:2).

# Mark 6:7-13



He instructed them to **take nothing for the road** except a staff—**no bread, no traveling bag, no money** in their belts, but to wear sandals and **not put on an extra shirt.**

He said to them,

“Whenever you enter a house, *stay there* until you leave that place. If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, when you leave there, **shake the dust off** your feet as a testimony against them.”

# Mark 6:1-29



A Disciple **Obeys** Without Worrying About Circumstances

# Obeying without Worrying



- **A lesson in trust:**
  - Rely on God's provision (no money, no extra tunic, full dependence on hospitality).
  - Stay in one house – avoiding materialism and favoritism.
  - Shake the dust off their feet – symbolic declaration of separation and warning of judgment.
  - vv. 12-13 - A fulfillment through the disciples' obedience to Jesus' command (verse 7)

# The Death of John the Baptist



- **Herod Antipas's Concerns about Jesus (6:14–16)**
  - Herod hears about Jesus' activity (6:14a)
  - The people's opinions about Jesus (6:14b–15)
- **Flashback to the Arrest and Execution of John (6:17–29)**
  - John's arrest resulting from his criticism of Herod and Herodias (6:17–20)
  - Herodias's scheme: request for the head of John (6:24–25)
  - The execution of John (6:26–28)
  - The burial of John by his disciples (6:29)

# Mark 6:1-29



A Disciple is **Faithful**, No Matter the Outcome

# Faithful No Matter the Outcome



- **John's example**

- Shows John's courage and faithfulness in the face of opposition.
- He didn't care if it was the current ruler of his people.

- **Herod's example**

- Feared man more than God
  - He liked listening to John, but not the God of John
  - Lack of faith and fear of God.
- **Faithfulness has a cost but is essential in discipleship.**

# Takeaways from Mark 6:1-29



- **A Disciple of Jesus,**
  - Stands Firm and Unashamed in the face of Rejection
  - Obeys without worrying about circumstances
  - Is Faithful, no matter the outcome

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# Discussion Questions



1. How does Jesus's response to rejection teach us how to respond when our faith is challenged?
2. How does the disciples' mission teach us about trusting God with our needs?
3. What can we learn from John the Baptist about faithfulness even in the face of death?
4. How does knowing who Christ is help us remain obedient and faithful?