

Mark 6: Unrelenting Servant

Love

I. Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

6 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

- Disciples follow Jesus to Hometown; Nazareth

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, "Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom *is* this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

- Wisdom
- Mighty works: 1st Exorcism in Capernaum [Galilee]

3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

- Carpenter
- Son of Mary
- Joses, Judas, Simon

So they were offended at Him.

Mark 3:22 [Scribes] "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

- Left carpenter comes back with group of "disciples"

4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

1. Own country
2. Among relatives
3. In his own house

Been said "**An expert is an ordinary fellow from another town**"

- Though they knew Him but did not:
 1. Believed Jesus illegitimate [Virgin Birth/pregnant before marriage]
 2. Family ostracized: Joseph dead; mother brothers and sisters
 3. No one believed anything good could come out of Nazareth
- Rejected in Nazareth 2x

1. Luke 4: Alone /rejected/no miracles/left when tried to kill Him/Capernaum
2. Mark 6: Went with disciples/healed few sick/ stayed

- Desire to reach people He grew up with

5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief...

- No miracles except few healings

Could do NO mighty work...

"The only limitation on omnipotence is unbelief" JVM

He marveled at their unbelief...

- Jesus marveled at Jewish unbelief and Gentile belief

6b ...Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

- To all who would listen; large or small group

Dr. C.I. Schofield [Schofield Reference Bible] invited to South Carolina Church on a rainy night to speak and 25 people show up. Young preacher apologized to Dr. Schofield about the number that showed up to hear him preach/teach. Dr. Schofield replied: "Young man, my Lord had only 12 men in His school and in His congregation most of the time. If He had only 12, who is C.I. Schofield to be concerned about a big crowd?"

SUMMARY: Jesus rejection begins in Nazareth; He would take time those who believe

II. Sending Out the Twelve

7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. 8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts— 9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

- 12 Apostles
 1. 2 x 2
 2. Power over demons [Principalities and Powers]
 3. Take nothing
 4. Only 1 staff, 1 pair sandals, 1 change of clothes

Total Dependence on God and His provision...fun

10 Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. 11 And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against

them.

- Further instructions:
 1. Go to one house in each area and stay there until you leave the area
 2. Proclaim Kingdom to all
 3. Towns that don't accept...let them know that their accountability...
- Not hiding light under basket but shining light all around

"Light creates responsibility...to reject the grace of God invites judgment"

I told you what's right...now do what you want!

11b Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

- More tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah: Final judgment for inhabitants not yet
- More tolerable: Degrees of Eternal Judgment?

12 So they went out and preached that people should repent.

- **Message:**
 1. Preached [proclaimed] REPENT
 2. Gr. Conscience of sin intent on finding God's pardon [Change of mind]
- More details from **Matthew 10**
 1. Send you as sheep among wolves
 2. Be wise as serpents/innocent as doves
 3. You will be given words by My Holy Spirit
 4. Do not fear our hearers
 5. What I tell you in the dark speak in the light; proclaim from housetops
 6. My message will cause division [not peace but a sword]
 7. He who receives you receives me:

Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

8. You will be rewarded for you service

"When the apostles went out to preach to men, they did not create a message; they brought a message." (Barclay)

13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

- Cast out demons and Healed Sick: Miracles authenticated/validated the message

- **Signs:** Point to Savior. Sign without direction is worthless

SUMMARY: Sending the 12: Jesus not going. Preparing them for His departure. Message: Repent and believe

III. Herod Cave to People-Pleasing: J the B Beheaded

14 Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."15 Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."16 But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!"

- News of Jesus reached the throne of Herod
- **Reincarnation:** John the Baptist risen from the dead?
 1. Elijah [prophesied to come before the Messiah]
 2. The Prophet
 3. Like one of the prophets
 4. Herod believes Jesus is Jesus is reincarnated J the B: Guilty conscience?
- Herod a tad paranoid after killing J the B:

17 For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. 18 Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

- Herod married brothers wife: J the B calls him out

Leviticus 18:16 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.

- Herod throws John in prison
- Herod afraid killing John: Man of God/ Good man
- Herod protected John and loved to listen ; Herodias wants him dead

"More weak than cruel, Herod listened to John with an undeniable fascination. John's word left him perplexed, and in anguish. Yet he found a strange pleasure in the authoritative preaching of this holy man, whose stringent life gave added power to his probing word. Too weak to follow John's counsel, he nevertheless had to listen." (Lane)

21 Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee.22 And when Herodias' daughter [Salome] herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you."23 He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom." 24 So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I

ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

- Herod's birthday: Big wigs present; nobles, high officers, chief men
- Herodias daughter pornographic dance; take anything up to 1/2 the kingdom
- Herodias says ask for John's head [see Jezebel seeking Elijah]

"[Herod] had her not only for his wife, but for his mistress; for she ruled him at her pleasure, as Jezebel did Ahab ... But it never goes well when the hen crows. How many have we known, whose heads have been broken with their own rib?" (Trapp) 2 heads are a monster

25 Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.

[Herod was]...exceedingly sorry; yet...because of those who sat with him... [He will kill his friend]

- People pleasing is deadly: Afraid of wife, what his friends think

27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, 28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

- **Grizzly:**

1. Head given to mother at the birthday party [jump?]
2. John's disciples take his headless body to a tomb
3. Also at the cross

Mark 4:18 ... [seed sown among thorns] ones who hear the word, 19 and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Summary: Herod chose desire for temporal status over eternal life. Did Herodias keep Herod from believing: **Sad when a spouse will not turn because of other.**

IV. Feeding the Five Thousand

30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. 31 And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. 32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

- The crowds followed Jesus around Sea of Galilee; there when he landed on shore
- Disciples back for mission...**all needed rest**

"Rest is necessary for those who labour; and a zealous preacher of the Gospel will as often stand in need of it as a galley slave." (Clarke)

- Depart in a **"get a way"** boat

33 But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him.

- **Could not escape:** Arrived before Him/Came together to Him: Converged on Him!

34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Hebrews 13: "That Great Shepherd of the Sheep"

1. Protects sheep from wolves
 2. Cares for sheep with compassion [moved with compassion]
 3. Feeds the sheep when hungry
- Does not matter how tired Shepherd is, needs of sheep come first
 - Spiritual needs first [He taught them many things] next physical needs:

35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. 36 Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

- Dusk: Disciples say "They are hungry...send them away"

37 But He answered and said to them, **"You give them something to eat."** And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?" 38 But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

Jesus commands them to do the impossible!

- 5 Loaves of Bread/2 Fish

39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.

Psalm 23:2 [The Good Shepherd] makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters.

40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. 41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the

loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. 42 So they all ate and were filled. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. 44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

- Gr. Food multiplied in His hand for 5000 [15,000 total]
- Jesus will use the little we have and multiply it for the glory of God

John 6:14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

SUMMARY: Feeding 5 Thousand. Jesus compassion. Jesus provision. The Good Shepherd

V. Jesus Walks on the Sea

45 Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away.

- **Immediately:** After recognized as prophet Jesus get's in the boat:

John 6:15 ...when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

1. Disciples get in boat
2. Multitude sent away
3. Jesus finally left alone:

46 And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. 47 Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land.

- Mountain to pray
- Evening Jesus comes down from mountain; still alone

48 Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

- Saw them straining...let them strain a while until 4th watch
- Walked off shore to the boat

...would have passed by? He sees us straining and rowing...who will we call to?

- Drawing a response..."Cry out"

49 And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; 50 for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 51 Then

He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. 52 For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

- Ghost: Cried out in fear, troubled
- Immediately talked with/calmed them..."Do not be afraid"
- Peter walking on water is left out of Mark's account [Peter told him to?]
- Wind stopped when Jesus is in the boat

1 Peter 1:13 ...rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

Striving ceases when Jesus is in the boat

SUMMARY: Jesus Walks on the Sea...He will let us strive for a while till we cry out. Striving ceases as we trust Him

VI. Many Touch Him and Are Made Well

53 When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, 55 ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. 56 Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

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