MARK 6:1-29 (LSB)

Unbelief, Mission, and Martyrdom

I. Jesus Rejected at Nazareth (Mark 6:1-6)

1 And Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to this man, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?

3 "Is this man not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they were taking offense at Him.

4 And Jesus was saying to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household."

5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

6 And He was marveling at their unbelief. And He was going around the villages teaching.

Jesus returned to Nazareth as a recognized _____. The people were amazed by His wisdom and mighty works, yet refused to believe.

The Greek word *ekplēssō* means Jesus' teaching was_____-_____.

The Greek word *skandalizomai* means the people were _____ by Him.

Jesus was called a _____ (*tektōn*), meaning a builder or craftsman.

Notes

• Unbelief is ultimately a _____ problem.
• Familiarity with Christ can produce contempt for Christ.
• A prophet is not without honor except in his own hometown.
• Jesus _____ returned to Nazareth.

II. The Apostolic Commission (Mark 6:7)

7 And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and was giving them authority over the unclean spirits;

Jesus sent the Twelve out in _____.

Every matter was established by two _____.

To _____ the apostles was to receive Christ.

To _____ the apostles was to reject Christ.

The apostles preached that men should _____.

Miracles were given to _____ their message.

III. Dependence Upon God (Mark 6:8-11)

8 and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff only—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt—

9 but to wear sandals; and He added, "Do not put on two tunics."

10 And He was saying to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.

11 "And any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them."

"When Jesus _____, He _____."

The disciples were not _____-sufficient.

They were sent to learn complete _____ upon God.

Jesus taught _____ rather than _____.

Notes

• God's work must be done in God's strength.
• Faith replaces self-reliance.
• Ministry success ultimately depends on God, not resources.

IV. The Message of Repentance (Mark 6:12-13)

12 And they went out and preached that men should repent.

13 And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

A true Gospel call can never bypass the necessity of _____.

Notes

• The Gospel includes a call to turn from sin.
• Repentance is essential to biblical faith.
• Forgiveness is found only in Christ.

V. Herod's Guilty Conscience (Mark 6:14-20)

14 And King Herod heard it, for His name had become well known; and people were saying, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him."

15 But others were saying, "He is Elijah." And others were saying, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard it, he kept saying, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen!"

17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 Now Herodias was holding a grudge against him and was wanting to put him to death and was not able;

20 for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he was keeping him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him.

Unconfessed sin can turn even a king into a _____.

Notes

• Hearing truth is not the same as obeying truth.
• Conviction without repentance increases guilt.
• A fascinated listener is not necessarily a converted listener.

VI. The Death of John the Baptist (Mark 6:21-29)

21 And a strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his great men and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee;

22 and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you."

23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my kingdom."

24 And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

25 And immediately she came in a hurry 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 although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27 And the king immediately sent an executioner and commanded him to bring back his head. And he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard this, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

Reckless promises often lead to _____ consequences.

Herod feared man more than God and compromised his conscience.

John remained faithful to God's truth regardless of the cost.

VII. Worldly Sorrow vs. Godly Sorrow

Worldly sorrow produces _____, not _____ repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Notes

• Regret is not the same as repentance.
• Worldly sorrow focuses on consequences.
• Godly sorrow focuses on offending God.
• True repentance produces a changed life.

APPLICATIONS FROM TODAY'S PASSAGE

1. Guard Against Familiarity: Do not let spiritual truths become routine or breed hard-hearted contempt.

2. Preach True Repentance: The Gospel message cannot be edited to appease cultural comfort.

3. Beware of Superficial Intrigue: Enjoying biblical teaching is worthless if it does not lead to genuine surrender to Christ.

Answer Key (Teacher Copy)

Rabbi • Mind-Blowing • Repelled • Craftsman (*Tektōn*) • Heart • Never • Pairs • Witnesses • Receive • Reject • Repent • Authenticate • Sends • Sustains • Self • Dependence • Contentment • Comfort • Repentance • Coward • Destructive • Death • Repentance