"Immediately:" The Gospel of Mark's Concise Guide to Following Jesus

"Weak Preachers, Corrupt Politicians, and Wandering Pilgrims"

Mark 6:1–29

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The Lord's Day Morning

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Writing to Christians in Rome about 57 A.D., Mark is answering questions that those early Christians raised as they followed Christ in a hostile culture. Mark answers three basic questions:

- *Who is Jesus?* The Son of Man predicted in Daniel; truly God and truly man (2:10; 4:41; Daniel 7:13)
- *Why did he come?* To serve us and give his life as a ransom (10:45).
- *What do I do?* Repent and believe the gospel: the good news of who Jesus is and why he came (1:15).

However, this message is as offensive to the world now as it was then. Christ-followers will always be tempted to adjust the message to make it more acceptable because they fear or favor powerful people. This morning's text answers the question, "What can I expect if I follow Jesus?"

1. _____ by those who are offended by the gospel (6:1–6).

2. _____ to proclaim the gospel (6:7–13).

3. _____ from the state that is threatened by the gospel (6:14–28).

4. _____ for persevering through the opposition to the gospel (6:29).