

# Mark 6 – 16 May 2021

## “Disciples Are Different”

### Introduction

- \*Jesus has begun travelling thru Galilee in the north
- \*Preaching all should repent & prepare for the Kingdom
- \*Preparing for the Kingdom is a lifelong endeavor
- \*As we come to believe that Jesus is trustworthy, we begin to follow Him
- \*Followers become disciples when they draw near to learn
- \*So the goal isn't just to proclaim the Gospel of the coming Kingdom thru Jesus blood
  - \*The goal is to have people believe it and become disciples!
- \*We going to start getting some clues today about what disciples really look like...you can determine if you are one!

**So today we'll see 4 attributes of disciples of Jesus**

# 1<sup>st</sup> attribute of disciples is that they believe & teach otherworldly things (Vs 1-13)

Read Vs 1-3

1. Many of these people grew up with Jesus
2. They couldn't believe He taught w/ such power
  - a. They could only see the physical earthly things & couldn't see the spiritual circumstances
  - b. When God has His hand on you, you spend your time talking about the next life more than this one.
3. Notice Jesus had half-brothers/sisters
  - a. If you were taught otherwise, that was a lie
  - b. James is the one who is converted and writes the Book of James
4. So Jesus is rejected of his own people, b/c they knew the man & we're willing to look beyond

Read Vs 4-6

1. B/c they didn't believe who Jesus was, it limited what God would've done to help them
2. In order to believe, they need taught.

## Read Vs 7-9

1. This is same power that Jesus was willing to give his own townspeople if they would only believe.
2. They physically need nothing to perform this spiritual tasking
  - a. It takes something spiritual (faith)
  - b. Some think that the world won't listen to them unless they're flashy or charismatic, but all you need is faith and the story of Christ

## Read Vs 10-13

1. What was their mission? (Vs 12) To preach/teach
  - a. That's intentional (Side effect was healing)
  - b. Teaching is the drive of the ministry (vs 2,6)
  - c. If one receives teaching, STAY & give them their fill
2. They're looking for the people that are open to see the spiritual and go beyond the physical
  - a. Cast out enough seed (Bible) & you'll find those that know they need to repent & believe

## **2<sup>nd</sup> attribute of disciples is that they sacrifice this world for the next (Vs 14-30)**

Read Vs 14-16

1. Non-spiritual people always make it about themselves
  - a. They think the world revolves around them
  - b. Unlike a disciple of Christ who's willing to sacrifice power & pride in this life, Herod will do anything to maintain his image & mystique
2. The "others" at least had spiritual reason to think that Jesus was Elijah or that prophet to come
3. Now the author Mark is going to back up in time to tell the story of how Herod had John killed.

Read Vs 17-20

1. Herod feared the truth that spiritual John was giving & Herodias wanted John dead b/c of it.
2. The fleshly man Herod wanted the spiritual John silenced, but Herodius' flesh wanted worse.

## Read Vs 21-23

1. The fleshly man will give anything to continue feeding his sensual appetite.
2. He living for this world & what he can get now

## Read Vs 24-26

1. The flesh of one person and of another, don't always agree with each other.
2. However, the Spiritual one is being directed in the same direction as another spiritual one.
3. Now, b/c of pride, Herod has to follow thru
  - a. His fleshly pride is more important to him that doing what he knows is right.

## Read Vs 27-29

1. John's death happened b/c of the pride & flesh of a man...not b/c it was just in any way.
2. John is great example of being willing to sacrifice the comforts of this life to get the truth out

Read Vs 30 – Bookends vss 7-13, Apostles came back

**3<sup>rd</sup> attribute of disciples is that they're energized by God's Word (Vs 31-44) *(Story of feeding the 5,000)***

Read Vs 31-32

1. Nothing wrong with taking a complete break without feeling guilty
2. If your life is characterized by laziness
  - a. God would say, "If you don't work, you don't eat."
3. If your life is characterized by laboring for God
  - a. God would say, "Come apart & rest awhile"

Read Vs 33-34

1. Breaking His rest time didn't make Him mad.
2. He had compassion & wanted to give them what they needed. What did they need?
3. What do sheep w/o a shepherd need?
  - a. What they needed was taught about eternal healing not a just temporary physical healing.
  - b. True compassion will teach.
    - i. That's the help they need.

## Read Vs 35

1. They spent the day TEACHING
  - a. Give a man a fish, he'll be hungry tomorrow
  - b. Teach a man to fish & he'll eat forever!
2. John 6:5-6 – Jesus said, “Where shall we get bread for all of them. This He said tempting them.”
  - a. He wants them to see their need of spiritual bread and that God's Word has what you need.

## Read Vs 36-42

1. Point of this miracle is to teach that “man doesn't life by bread alone but by every word from God”
  - a. Teaching their need of God's Word is the reason for this miracle
  - b. Read Deut 8:3 – The physical trial is to point you to your spiritual need
2. God can multiply what we have to be sufficient

## Read Vs 43-44

1. Filled their bellies but was designed to teach them their need of God's Word (Read John 6:26-27)

## **4<sup>th</sup> attribute of disciples is that they seek for God Himself (Vs 45-56) (*Story of Jesus walking on water*)**

Read Vs 45-46

1. Jesus is our example of how to be a disciple
2. He depended on God the Father
  - a. *Prayer isn't a desperate solo conversation but it's a lifestyle of wanting God near you.*
  - b. If you marry a wife then go off to war, you write letters, not for any reason other than you desire them to be close to you

Read Vs 47-49

1. 4<sup>th</sup> watch is 3am - 6 am
2. Jesus saw them struggling but was going to pass by anyway.
  - a. God sees you in your struggle
  - b. There's a reason for the mess
  - c. God is available, & when you call, He comes



## Read Vs 50-52

1. Matt 14 tells us this is when Peter asked to come out
2. They received what they needed b/c they called out to God, but shouldn't have had this 'fear then amazement' if they had had faith
3. We need to let our past experiences w/ God teach us that He will always be faithful to us.
  - a. It says their hearts were hardened b/c they forgot the lesson of multiplying the fish/loaves
  - b. Seem each time we get in a new 'dangerous' situation we go blank to all that we've learned
  - c. Don't let your situation give you tunnel-vision
  - d. But looking unto Jesus, the Author & Finisher of our faith, let us run with patience the race that is set before us

## Read Vs 53-56

1. People always seek the physical healing
2. But how many want to be taught about eternal healing? That's why He's here!

## Conclusion

Jesus has been spending His time preaching about the coming Kingdom to call people to follow Him as disciples. So what characterizes new disciples?

- 1. They believe and teach otherworldly things**
  - a. You will seem strange to the unbelievers that you grew up with as you walk w/ Christ
  - b. There's a whole new world of things that are important to you now!
- 2. They sacrifice this world for the next world**
  - a. The natural man is always striving to earn and keep their position, power and pride.
  - b. Disciples are willing to let it all go, to bring just one more soul in the Kingdom of God
- 3. They're energized by God's Word**
  - a. So much of Bible is devoted to teaching us that need to daily depend on God for wisdom
- 4. They seek for God Himself**
  - a. Is it a burden to pray & call out to God?
  - b. Or is it a joyful act of worship being w/ God?