



The Gospel of Mark Following Christ

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“The Cost of Discipleship”

Sending out the Twelve & Flashback to the Death of John the Baptist

Mark 6:6-29

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Theme: Jesus commissions the Twelve and sends them out to replicate His ministry: casting out demons, healing the sick, and calling people to repentance in light of the power and presence of the kingdom of God in Jesus’ ministry. Jesus’ instructions to the Twelve calls for a life of simple dependence on God and on the generous hospitality by those who welcome them and their message. The account of the martyrdom of John the Baptist that follows illustrates the true cost of discipleship, as John gives up his life for his faithful testimony.

Outline

1. The Mission of the Twelve (6:6–13)
 - a. Summary: Jesus’ teaching from village to village (6:6b)
 - b. Commissioning the Twelve (6:7)

c. Instructions for the Twelve (6:8–11)

d. The Mission of the Twelve (6:12–13)

2. The Martyrdom of John the Baptist (6:14–29)

a. Herod Antipas's Concerns about Jesus (6:14–16)

b. Flashback to the Arrest and Execution of John (6:17–29)

Takeaway: Authentic discipleship means giving up all to follow Christ and living a life of trust and dependence on Him.

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