



Equipped and Empowered

Mark 6:4-7, 12-13

Jesus Ministers through Us

FOCUS VERSES

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LESSON TEXT

- MARK 6:1-13

TRUTH ABOUT GOD

- YAHWEH IS GREATER THAN ALL OUR PRECONCEPTIONS.

TRUTH FOR MY LIFE

- I WILL SURRENDER TO JESUS TO MINISTER THROUGH ME.

SERIES OVERVIEW:

- In His grace, Jesus has chosen to minister through His people to other people who need Him. Watch as Jesus sent Disciples to work miracles and even used them to serve lunch to a hungry city. Open your heart to ask Jesus to use you as He used them.

THE CONTEXT:

BEFORE

1. BAPTISM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
2. TESTING IN THE JUDEAN WILDERNESS
3. CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE
4. MINISTRY IN JUDEA
5. MINISTRY IN SAMARIA

AFTER

1. GOSPEL OPERATION IN CAPERNAUM
2. SUCCESSFUL GALILEE MINISTRY
3. COMMISSION OF THE 70 DISCIPLES
4. REVELATION OF THE CRUCIFIXION
5. TRANSFIGURATION ON MT. HERMON

THE TEXT:

- Then He went out from there (Samaria) and came to His own country (Nazareth, Galilee), and His Disciples followed Him. ² And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue.
 - Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding regions. ¹⁵ And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶ So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And He was handed the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the Book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Yahweh is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Yahweh (ISAIAH 61:1-2)."²⁰ Then He closed the Book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."²² So all bore witness

to Him and marveled at the gracious Words which proceeded out of His mouth (LUKE 4:14-22, NKJV).

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! 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?"

- And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "You will surely say this Proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" (LUKE 4:22-23, NKJV)

So, they were offended at Him.

- Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His Twelve Disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. ² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." (MATTHEW 11:1-6, NKJV)
- Hear ye therefore the Parable of the Sower. ¹⁹ When any one heareth the Word of the Kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside. ²⁰ But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; ²¹ Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is offended (MATTHEW 13:18-21, NKJV)

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." 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.

- Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no Prophet is accepted in his own country. ²⁵ But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the Heaven was shut up three years

and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; ²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the Prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. ³⁰ Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way (LUKE 4:24-30, KJV).

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

- And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease . . . ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. ⁹ Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, ¹⁰ Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat (MATTHEW 10:1-10, KJV).

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. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that city!" ¹² So they went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

- Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. ²² For the Father judges no one,

but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. ²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. ²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me (JOHN 5:19-30, NKJV).

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- What do you think was going through the minds of those in the synagogue as they heard Jesus claim to be the Messiah?
- Have you ever experienced people close to you not seeing you for who you are? How did that make you feel?
- What would have been possible in Nazareth if their response had been acceptance and faith?
- How does our belief about Jesus affect our ability to believe in miracles, signs, and wonders?
- Discuss how you can work together with others in your church to serve.
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PRAYER FOCUS:

- For Yahweh to enable us to believe His simple promises, both to receive His Spirit and to fulfill His mission.
- For Yahweh to increase our faith to see everything He has spoken come to pass in our generation.