

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Mark 6:1-31

MINISTRY IN TIMES OF REJECTION

As we seek to become and develop disciples who live and love like Jesus, we must carefully observe how the Lord continued to love when He was being personally attacked. The disciples have seen their Teacher display incredible love, power, compassion, mercy, grace, and wisdom. They have watched Him quiet storms and quiet troubled hearts. The lesson they must carefully learn now is “ why do so many people reject the love they so desperately need?” and “how do we keep ministering when we are being rejected by those we minister to?”

- I. **DON'T EXPECT EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND YOU (Mark 6: 1-6)**
 - a. Truth cannot be taught to closed minds (v.1-3)
 - b. Those who don't know you well will honor you more quickly (v 4)
 - i. Luke 4: 14-29

- II. **RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT GOD “CANNOT” DO (Mark 6: 5-6)**
 - a. Unbelief “prevents” the Lord from doing certain things in our midst.
 - i. *Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must first believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
 - b. God cannot lie, and He cannot save those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ
 - c. The Amazing One is “amazed” by our refusal to believe on Him!

- III. **GOD DOES NOT EXPECT YOU TO GO IT ALONE (Mark 6: 7-13)**
 - a. We are called **first to Him**, and **then to serve for Him**
 - b. Become a part of a *dynamic duo* for Christ (v.
 - c. There will be seasons of **total dependence on God** *working through others* (v.8-9)
 - d. Make people aware that they are rejecting Christ when they reject you

**IV. THE MESSENGER MAY HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THE MASTER
(Mark 6: 14-29)**

- a. Many sinners enjoy good preaching, but still refuse to repent (v. 20)
 - i. *Ezekiel 33:30-33 "Son of man, your people are whispering behind your back. They talk about you in their houses and whisper about you at the doors, saying, 'Come on, let's have some fun! Let's go hear the prophet tell us what the Lord is saying!' [31] So they come pretending to be sincere and sit before you listening. But they have no intention of doing what I tell them. They express love with their mouths, but their hearts seek only after money. [32] You are very entertaining to them, like someone who sings love songs with a beautiful voice or plays fine music on an instrument. They hear what you say, but they don't do it! [33] But when all these terrible things happen to them—as they certainly will—then they will know a prophet has been among them."*
(NLT)
- b. Satan uses lustful encounters to try and destroy God's servants (v.22-29)

**V. PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS HAVE NEEDS. GOD GIVES US
PERMISSION TO REST (Mark 6: 30-31)**

- a. Find a desert place to reflect on what you are doing and saying to others

DON'T LET REJECTION STOP YOU FROM REJOICING (Matt. 5: 11-12)

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