

# A Prophet Without Honor

Lesson 8: Mark 6:1-29

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# Mark Outline – Geographic

- 1:1-13 Introduction
- 1:14-7:23 Galilean ministry
- 7:24-8:26 Northern journey
- 8:27-10:52 Journey to Jerusalem
- 11:1-13:37 Jerusalem ministry
- 14:1-15:47 The Passion
- 16:1-20 The resurrection

# Mark Outline – Good News

- 1:1-13 The beginning of the Good News
- 1:14-8:21 The Good News about Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God
- 8:22-10:52 The Good News about Jesus' teaching on discipleship
- 11:1-15:47 The Good News about Jesus' death
- 16:1-8 Conclusion: The Good News about the empty tomb

# Mark Outline

- 1:1-13 Introduction
- 1:14-13:37 Jesus' ministry
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- 14:1-15:47 Jesus' sacrifice
- 16:1-8 Jesus' resurrection

# Lesson Outline

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# Prophet without honor

## Mark 6:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him. <sup>2</sup>When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, “Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him.

- Jesus would often teach in synagogues
- Nazareth’s response to Jesus
  - Where did He learn these things?
  - What is this wisdom?
  - Isn’t this the son of Mary?
- God’s wisdom and teaching seem unbelievable to the world

# Prophet without honor

## Mark 6:4-6

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household.”

<sup>5</sup>And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

<sup>6</sup>And He wondered at their unbelief.

And He was going around the villages teaching.

- Jesus’ response to Nazareth
  - A prophet is not honored in his hometown
  - He could not do many miracles there
  - He was amazed at their unbelief

# The sending of the Twelve

## Mark 6:7-11

<sup>7</sup>And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits; <sup>8</sup>and He instructed them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals; and *He added*, “Do not put on two tunics.” <sup>10</sup>And He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. <sup>11</sup>Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them.”

- Who – the twelve, in pairs
- What – sent out
- Where – other villages
- Why – to preach repentance
- How
  - With authority over unclean spirits
  - Without unnecessary items
  - Remain in one house until they left
  - Leave the town if they would not receive or listen to them

# The sending of the Twelve

## Mark 6:12-16

<sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that *men* should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they were casting out **many** demons and were anointing with oil **many** sick people and healing them.

<sup>14</sup>And King Herod heard *of it*, for His name had become well known; and *people* were saying, “John the Baptist has **risen** from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.” <sup>15</sup>**But others were saying**, “He is Elijah.” **And others were saying**, “*He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.*” <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard *of it*, he **kept** saying, “John, whom I beheaded, has **risen!**”

- What the twelve did
  - Preached that people are to repent
  - Cast out many demons
  - Anointed many sick and healed them
- The people’s opinions about Jesus
  - John the Baptist has been raised
  - He is Elijah
  - He is a prophet
- Herod’s opinion – John has risen

## Herod and John Mark 6:17-20

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup>Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not *do so*; <sup>20</sup>for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him.

- Herod the Great
  - Herod (Antipas)
  - Philip
  - Aristobulus
    - Herodias
- Even kings can violate the law
- A grudge can lead to murder
- Herod both put John in prison and protected him

## Herod and John Mark 6:21-24

<sup>21</sup>A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee; <sup>22</sup>and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, “**Ask** me for whatever you want and I will **give** it to you.” <sup>23</sup>And he swore to her, “Whatever you **ask** of me, I will **give** it to you; up to half of my kingdom.” <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I **ask** for?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”

- Herod made a rash oath
- He swore in front of witnesses
- Herodias uses this to accomplish what she had not been able to do

## Herod and John Mark 6:25-29

<sup>25</sup>**Immediately** she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a **platter**.” <sup>26</sup>And although the king was very sorry, *yet* because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her.

<sup>27</sup>**Immediately** the king sent an executioner and commanded *him* to **bring** back his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison, <sup>28</sup>and **brought** his head on a **platter**, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard *about this*, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

- There seems to be haste in doing this
- Herod is sad, but kills John anyway
- Even in death, John is still preparing the way before Jesus

# Summary

- Man naturally rejects God and His messengers, even His own Son
- Are we amazed at unbelief, first in ourselves, then in others?
- It takes wisdom for those God sends to know when to stay and when to leave
- Are we telling people that they need to repent?
- There are many thoughts about who Jesus is, but only one is true
- John continued his preparatory role before Jesus to the end