

Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 6)

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Series objective

Regardless of what stage we are at in life, whether we are in the first steps to wanting to know more about God or 30 plus years of walking with Christ, we all need to know Jesus. By God's design, the best way to do this is by studying the Bible. The book of Mark gives us a very real and personal look at Jesus, almost as if we were sitting down with Him. Many people believe that the writing of Mark was significantly influenced by Peter, the disciple with whom many of us identify the most (often speaking and acting before thinking!!). Peter also loved Jesus in a very real way.

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that makes us look in the mirror. I think most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ and what He did for us.

Overview of Chapter 6

Verses 1-6	Jesus rejected at Nazareth
Verses 7-13	Jesus sends out the twelve
Verses 14-29	John the Baptizer is beheaded
Verses 30-44	Jesus feeds the 5,000 men (plus women and children)
Verses 44-56	Jesus walks on water

1. In verses 1 through 6 we read about Jesus' rejection in Nazareth. Why do you think He marveled at their unbelief (vs. 6) and what was the consequence for their unbelief?
2. Verses 7 through 13 tell us about Jesus sending out the 12 Apostles.
 - a. Why do you think He sent them out in "twos" and why was He so specific in terms of what they were to take on their journey?
 - b. Is there an application for us in His message to the Apostles?
3. The beheading of John was a critical moment in the ministry of Jesus as it ended the life of the man who proclaimed the coming of the Messiah.
 - a. How do you think John's death impacted Jesus?
 - b. When we take a stand for right and wrong, are there consequences for us in an ungodly world?
 - c. What role do other Believers play in our encouragement when going through tough times.

4. It's easy to read about the *Feeding of the 5,000* and be rather cavalier about the whole experience, but this miracle is mind-boggling. Throughout His ministry Jesus demonstrated to His followers (and to us) His ability to provide.
 - a. Why do we doubt God's ability to do the amazing?

 - b. Is there an area in your life where you desperately need to see God working?

5. As with the feeding of the 5,000, it's easy to be cavalier about Jesus walking on water.
 - a. Read verse 45. Why did He make them go ahead of Him?

 - b. What did Jesus do when He was by Himself?

 - c. What time is the 4th watch?

 - d. Verse 48 seems to indicate that Jesus was just going to walk past them. Why do you think He did this and are there any applications in our lives?

6. Consider Jesus' walking on water. Are you involved in anything so bold that it is destined to fail without Jesus' involvement (and accountability with Him)?

7. In Mark 6 there are three major incidences that are atypical in most of our daily lives: John's beheading, Jesus feeding the 5,000, and Jesus walking on water. What do you draw as significant from each of these events? Think specifically in terms of Christ's ministry here on earth.

Our next study (May 22)

Read Mark 7. Consider Jesus' discussion with the Pharisees on cleanliness. Why is being clean so important to God?