

MISUNDERSTANDING AND MARTYRDOM

Mark 6

Memorize God's Word for the week: Mark 6:34.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: MARK 6:1-6—FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT

1. How does the hometown crowd react to Jesus?
2. How does Jesus respond to their reception?
3. Have you had a similar difficult experience when you have tried to live out your God-given role? What can you learn from observing Jesus?

DAY 2: MARK 6:7-13—EQUIPPED FOR MINISTRY

4. Jesus thoroughly equipped His disciples for their ministry. From this passage, comment on their spiritual and material resources.
5. What ways did the disciples minister, according to 6:12-13?
6. As believers, Jesus has given us the same commission and authority. How does this fact affect you? (See Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20.)

DAY 3: MARK 6:14-29—THE RISKS OF MINISTRY

7. How did various groups of people identify Jesus?
8. What does the flashback in these verses reveal about:
 - a. John the Baptist
 - b. Herod

c. a possible outcome for the disciples as they became more actively involved with Jesus (Mark 3:6)

9. Do you think there is still risk in becoming actively involved with Jesus? Why or why not?

DAY 4: MARK 6:30-44—THE FLEXIBILITY OF MINISTRY

10. How did Jesus demonstrate His sensitivity to His apostles' needs?

11. What motivated Jesus to alter His original plans?

12. How did He demonstrate his sensitivity to the crowd's needs?

13. Do you believe God can miraculously meet your needs? Explain.

DAY 5: MARK 6:45-56—BELIEF AND FAITH

14. In this passage and in 6:31, how does Mark show Jesus' human needs?

15. What does this say about our need for solitude and prayer?

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Twice in this chapter, we see Jesus laying aside His plans out of compassion for others. He gives up a time of rest and retreat when He sees that the crowds are *"like sheep without a shepherd"* (6:34), and He decides not to *"pass by"* His terrified disciples while He is walking on the sea (6:48). Jesus lived a purposeful life, but He was also flexible enough to change His plans when a need arose. When was the last time you felt God was asking you to put aside your plans or activities in order to help someone? How did you respond? Write down any barriers you see in your life to being available for people in need. Then, record one step you could take this week to become more flexible.