

Mark 6

King James Version (KJV)

6 And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. (Galilee)

²And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? (God knows everything. These people had seen Jesus grow from a young boy into a man. They could only see Him as a man, the carpenter's Son; because they knew Him personally. Joseph had died by then)

³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. (They just couldn't accept Jesus as God with us, because they knew Him on a personal basis. They knew His half brothers and sisters, and His earthly mother, Mary. They knew Jesus as a man; one of their old neighbors; not as God with us)

⁴But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. (They couldn't accept Him because the people knew him on a personal basis, as a man; not as a prophet; and certainly not as God in the flesh)

⁵And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. (HE couldn't convert anyone to Christianity; even with the miracles that He performed in their sight. These people were beyond convincing)

NOTE: (Would they believe the "religious community" of the synagogue or would they believe their lying eyes? This is what happens when people become too indoctrinated in something. Their minds are sealed shut)

⁶And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. (His ministry was to teach so that is what He did. It's up to the people, as to whether or not they accept His teaching)

⁷And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; (God gives

Christians the same power today; if we believe in Him) see Luke-10:18-19

⁸ And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: (scrip = a begging bag; God doesn't send out beggars; preachers who beg for money are fakes)

⁹ But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. (Travel light)

¹⁰ And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. (It was customary to receive guests with a banquet in their honor)

(Jesus doesn't want the disciples to go from house to house, party to party. Go there; stay in one house; teach all in the village; and then leave for the next town)

¹¹ And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city. (Sodom and Gomorrah may have been perverts, but they had never been taught the truth. So to a point, they were innocent)

(If the Galileans refused the Word of God which was being offered to them by Jesus, then they would be held accountable. They were not innocent)

NOTE: (If people do not want to learn the Word of God, don't waste your time trying to teach them. Jesus said – whosoever will believe. It's up to the listener to choose. It's not up to the teacher)

¹² And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

¹³ And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. (They did that in the name of Jesus Christ. God healed them, not the disciples)

(The olive oil is used to show our obedience and our faith in God, as He directed us to do. The name Christ means "the anointed one")

¹⁴ And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore

mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. (Herod's guilty conscience was getting to him. He had murdered John the Baptist. He thought that Jesus was John, resurrected)

¹⁵ Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. (The people were trying to understand how Jesus could perform such miracles; and how He had such wisdom and knowledge. It didn't occur to them that Jesus was God, in the flesh)

¹⁶ But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. (He did that at the request of the daughter of the wife of his own brother who he had taken. Now he was trying to seduce her daughter as well)

(The woman <Herodias> hated John for calling her and Herod out as adulterers. She told her daughter to ask for John's head on a platter in exchange for dancing for Herod who was drunk at the time. She was as guilty of John's murder as Herod was)

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. (She hated John)

¹⁸ For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

¹⁹ Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: (She didn't have the political clout to have John murdered)

²⁰ For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. (Herod feared John because he knew that God was with John. But he enjoyed hearing him teach)

²¹ And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; (A drunken party; the wine was flowing)

²² And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. (The promises from a drunk; he lusted after her)

²³ And he swore unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. (He said it publicly, so he entrapped himself. He couldn't take it back)

²⁴ And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. (This is murder)

²⁵ And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. (Now the daughter is complicit in the murder)

²⁶ And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. (Drunken fool, seduced by a couple of murderous women)

²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

²⁸ And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. (What kind of lowlifes were these two women? They were ruthless, evil murderers. Herod would have been better off to go back on his drunken word, than to be part of a murder)

²⁹ And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

³⁰ And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. (These are the apostles that Jesus sent out earlier)

³¹ And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. (People mobbed Jesus wherever He went, so that they could hear Him preach)

³² And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

³³ And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and out went them, and came together unto him. (They caught up with the disciples on the other side)

³⁴ And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having

a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. (The priests in the temples were teaching traditions of men)

(Jesus taught the Word of God, and proved it by performing many miracles. People knew the difference. They wanted to hear the truth, not traditions of men)

³⁵ And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: (Night is coming on, and these people have nothing to eat, because they are in the desert)

³⁶ Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

³⁷ He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? (God fed them spiritually. Now He is telling the disciples to feed them physically)

³⁸ He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. (Not much)

(The fish is symbolic for Christianity; in the Greek. The word fish is a cipher. The letters that spell the word fish are the first letters of the words - Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior - **Ikθῆς** <in the Greek>. The bread is symbolic for Jesus – as the spiritual Bread of Life)

(Even today, the fish symbol is the sign of Christianity) 

³⁹ And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. (God wants organization, not mobs. HE made them sit in an orderly manner)

⁴⁰ And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

⁴¹ And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. (Jesus blessed the food in the name of God, as we do when we say grace)

(Jesus didn't feed the people. HE told the disciples to feed them. That is what He expects of Christians today)

⁴² And they did all eat, and were filled. (There was plenty of food for everyone)

⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

(Jesus taught to beware of the fragments. They are symbolic for – when the Word is taught and people are fed spiritually, you will always have those that move in and “enhance” the Word with their own doctrines. These false teachers mislead people, and make void, the Word of God; because they have changed its meaning with their lies) see Mark-8:14-21

⁴⁴ And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. (They were with their women and children, so that it was far more than 5,000 people)

⁴⁵ And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. (Bethsaida = house of fish)

⁴⁶ And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. (To meditate; this is always good advice for us today. Meditate with God. Reflect on your daily life. Re-align yourself with God's Word)

⁴⁷ And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

⁴⁸ And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. (The forth watch is about 3 – 6 AM. There was no heat, no sun, no mirage. Jesus was walking on the water. It wasn't a mirage. It was a miracle)

⁴⁹ But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: (This is the presence of God – in whatever form He chooses to be. There is only one God; He has many offices. God can be a flesh man, a Spirit or whatever He chooses to be at the time)

⁵⁰ For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. (Jesus was testing their faith. They failed again)

⁵¹ And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. (Again, Jesus proved that God has power over nature & the very universe itself. HE created it all. HE is in control of it)

⁵² For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. (This word in the Greek means - the habitual ways of man. We forget the lessons of God quickly in order to get back to our worldly lives)

See Mathew-16:6 & 11-12 (The false doctrines of men always try to pervert or change the Word of God. This is a recurring theme throughout history. People imagine that they have a new, modern interpretation for certain verses in the Bible. There are no new interpretations. God's Word never changes)

⁵³ And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.

⁵⁴ And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, (they = the people of Gennesaret)

⁵⁵ And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

⁵⁶ And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole. (They had faith in Jesus, even if they didn't understand His teachings)