

Assignments on Mark 6

Please read Mark 6 and answer the following questions.

1. Where did Jesus teach next – 6:1-3? What concern did the people there raise?

2. **Case Study:** Some churches teach that Mary the mother of Jesus remained a virgin all of her life. What can we learn about this doctrine according to 6:3?

3. What explanation did Jesus give for the reaction of the people – 6:4? Explain it.

4. How did the reaction of the people affect the Jesus' miracles – 6:5,6? (Think: Does this mean Jesus was unable to do miracles or simply that there was no point in doing miracles?)

5. Whom did Jesus call to Himself and what power did He give them – 6:7?

6. What arrangements did Jesus instruct the men to make for their journey – 6:7-10?

7. **Special Assignment:** Study parallel passages regarding the Limited Commission. List ways Jesus' instructions here were limited, in contrast to the Great Commission given later.

8. **Case Study:** Some people claim these instructions mean preachers today should not marry or own property, but should just travel depending on people to provide for them. Did these restrictions still apply after the death of Jesus. Prove your view.

9. What did Jesus instruct the apostles to do if people refused to hear their message – 6:11? How did He describe the consequences to such a city? Explain the meaning.

10. What work did the apostles do as they traveled – 6:12,13? What message did they preach?

11. What opinions did various people hold about who Jesus was – 6:15?

12. Who did King Herod think Jesus was – 6:14,16? Why did he think this?

13. Why had Herod imprisoned John – 6:17,18?

14. **Application:** What can we learn from the fact that John rebuked this king and taught him that he had married a woman that he had no right to have?

15. What attitude did Herod's wife have toward John – 6:19,20? But how did Herod treat John? Why?

16. How did Herodias' daughter please Herod? What did he swear to her – 6:21-23?

17. To whom did Herodias' daughter go for advice as to what gift she should ask from Herod – 6:24,25? What request did she make?

18. **Application:** What can we learn from the response of Herod's wife, and what can we learn from this example about the danger of foolish vows?

19. How did Herod feel when he heard the request of Herodias' daughter – 6:26? Why did he decide to honor it? (Think: What does this show about the motives of some politicians?)

20. What finally happened to John – 6:27-29? What was done with his body?

21. What did the disciples do when they returned from their trips – 6:30?

22. What did Jesus then suggest they do – 6:31,32? Why?

23. Who followed them – 6:33,34? What did Jesus do when He saw the people?

24. Explain the illustration of the sheep and the shepherd.

25. What concern did the disciples raise – 6:35,36? What did they suggest to do about the problem?

26. What did Jesus say to do about the problem – 6:37? How did disciples respond?

27. How much food did the disciples have with them – 6:38-40? What were the people then told to do?

28. What did Jesus do with the food – 6:41? What did He do first?

29. How many people ate – 6:42-44? How satisfied were they? How much food was left over?

30. **Special Assignment:** Explain how this event demonstrates the characteristics of true Bible miracles. What details are given that show the event was impossible by natural law? Do modern faith healers duplicate miracles like this?

31. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do – 6:45? What did He do with the multitude?

32. Where did Jesus go then and why – 6:46? What can we learn from this example?

33. What problem did the disciples have on the sea – 6:47,48? Where were they at this time?

34. How did Jesus go to the disciples – 6:48? What time of day was it?

35. What did the disciples think when they saw Jesus – 6:49,50? How did He comfort them?

36. What happened when Jesus got into the boat – 6:51,52? How did this affect the disciples?

37. Application: What lessons can we learn from this miracle?
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38. Where did they go next – 6:53 (see *map*)?

39. What did the people do when they recognized Him – 6:54-56? What did they want Jesus to do?

40. What is amazing about the healings – 6:56? How many people were healed?

41. How did these healings differ from the so-called miracles of modern faith healers?