

Mark / Chapter 6

Short Summaries

Jesus goes to his hometown and is not well received. He performs a few miracles, but overall the people are unimpressed and reject him.

Jesus went to his hometown, Nazareth, and preached in the synagogue. The people were amazed at his teaching because he spoke with authority, but they took offense at him and tried to kill him.

Summaries

Jesus and his disciples travel to his hometown of Nazareth. He is rejected by the people there and is only able to perform a few miracles. He then sends the disciples out on a mission and returns to Galilee.

The passage tells of Jesus' early ministry in Galilee, including his return to his hometown, Nazareth. He is rejected there and goes on to perform various miracles, including healing a man possessed by demons and feeding a crowd of five thousand with just five loaves of bread and two fish.

Jesus goes to his hometown of Nazareth and is not welcomed warmly. He performs a few miracles, but the people do not believe in him. They plot to kill him, but he escapes.

Application Questions

What can we learn about perseverance from Jesus sending out the twelve? (Mark 6:53)

What can we learn from Jesus about having faith? (Mark 6:30)

What can we learn from Jesus about Prayer? (Mark 6:46)

What can we learn about obedience from Jesus feeding the five thousand? (Mark 6:38)

How can we follow Jesus' example of ministry to others? (Mark 6:34)

What can we learn about trusting God from Jesus walking on the water? (Mark 6:50)

What can we learn about God's power from the miracles Jesus performed? (Mark 6:2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 28, 30, 32, 44, 45, 46, 48, 56)

What can we learn from John the Baptist's example of humility? (Mark 6:18)

Exegetical Questions

What do you think is the overall message of Mark 6?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus telling the disciples to take courage when they saw him walking on the water?

What do you think is the significance of the disciples being terrified when they saw Jesus walking on the water?

What do you think is the significance of John the Baptist being beheaded?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus feeding the five thousand?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus being a prophet without honor in his hometown?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus sending out the twelve?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus walking on the water?

Observation Questions

How does Herod react when he hears about the miracles that Jesus is performing? (6:14-29)

What do the people do when they see the miracle of the five thousand being fed? (6:30-44)

What miracle does Jesus perform for the disciples while they are out on their missionary journey? (6:30-44)

What instructions does Jesus give the twelve disciples before sending them out on their missionary journey? (6:7-9)

How does Jesus respond to the people's rejection? (6:6)

What reasons did the people in Jesus' hometown give for not accepting him as a prophet? (6:4)

Who brings John the Baptist's head to Herod? (6:14-29)

What is Jesus' response when the disciples ask him to come to them in the middle of the storm? (6:45-52)

Group Discussion Questions

What do you think was going through the disciples' minds when they saw Jesus walking on the water (v. 45-52)?

What do you think this story teaches us about faith (v. 53-56)?

What does it mean that a prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and among his own kin and in his own house (v. 4)?

Why do you think people rejected Jesus even though he had done so many miracles among them (v. 5-6)?

What are some ways that we see Jesus as a prophet without honor in our own lives?

How do you think the people who were fed by Jesus felt when they saw the miracle (v. 30-44)?

Why do you think John the Baptist was beheaded (v. 14-29)?

What do you think it would have been like to be one of the twelve disciples that Jesus sent out (v. 7-13)?