



SESSION 6 | FEBRUARY 13, 2022

READ MARK 6:1–29.

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- Pay attention to (1) how people in Jesus’ time understood the nature of God and (2) the role of faith in effectively living in obedience to God.

READ MARK 6:1–6.

Note especially the end of verse 3: “And they took offense at him.” The word for “took offense” comes from *skandalizo*, where we get our word “scandal.” It’s easy to judge the hometown response to Jesus with the benefit of hindsight. But put yourself in the place of the Nazarenes.

- *Why were they scandalized by Jesus’ words (which they acknowledged as wisdom) and His deeds (which they acknowledged as miracles)?*
- *What objections to Jesus would you expect someone to have today?*

READ MARK 6:7–13.

Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs on a mission to spread the same message of repentance that John the Baptist did. The word “repent” (metanoeo) means to change your mind or purpose.

- *In what ways do you continue to repent in order to remain close to your Savior?*
- *How can you incorporate the need for repentance into your conversations with those who are open to talking about Jesus?*

READ MARK 6:14–29.

- *What choice does John have in the matter of his life or death? Why does he die?*
- *The cost of discipleship—the price of following Jesus—is everything ... including our very lives. What have you sacrificed to follow Jesus? What opportunities did it open up for you?*

SESSION GOALS

Main Idea: Faithful following means doing what Jesus asks regardless of the worldly outcome.

Head Change: To know that following Jesus includes times of celebration and times of persecution.

Heart Change: To feel free from the burden of believing that we alone are responsible for someone else’s salvation.

Life Change: To practically strategize how we may share the good news of Jesus.

TO TAKE WITH YOU AS YOU GO

(Consider using this to guide your prayer as you close your time together)

This passage deals with some of the more difficult realities surrounding Jesus: the *scandal* of His message and the *change of mind* and *cost* required to accept it. **Will you speak the truth about Jesus if He gives you the opportunity—despite the risk that it will cause discomfort or that you will incur real cost? Will you accept the Holy Spirit’s prompting to change your mind (perhaps yet again) as you move toward maturity in Christ?**



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