

Who Do You Say I Am? – Mark Scene 14

Kyle Collins

Mark 6:1-29

November 3, 2019

Reflection & Discussion Questions

As we read Mark, we can miss things because we are familiar with the story or because of our learned church culture

*What have you missed in Mark before because of your familiarity that you've now noticed while studying more in depth?

Read and discuss Mark 6:6-13 (ESV)

And he went about among the villages teaching.⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

*What is this passage saying to you?

*What is he asking of the disciples? What is he not asking them to do?

Jesus sent them out with permission and authority

He sends them even though their own understanding was still partial.

*How have you felt unprepared to be sent? What encouragement does this passage provide?

*Can you tell of a time that you had partial understanding but said ‘yes’ anyway?

Then evil has its day in the beheading of John the Baptist

Jesus sandwiches this story within the story of sending the disciples.

*Why would Mark do this? What tension does he want us to see in the two stories?

*What does this including this story tell us about Jesus?

The sent ones returned to Jesus and told him all they had done and taught

Mark tells of Jesus' consideration for them.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

*What does this passage show you about the heart of God?

*How is Jesus using this scene in Mark to invite you to respond?

As weighty and important as the message he has entrusted them with is, he is even more concerned with his messengers

He is always giving care and provision.

*Where have you seen Jesus provide for you physically, relationally or emotionally lately?

*How does the care he shows you as his messenger encourage you to trust him enough to say Yes to where he is sending you?