

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK – LESSON 6

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## PAUSE & PRAY

Before diving in, pause and pray. Ask God to reveal himself to you through His Word.

## READ & RESPOND

**Read Mark 6:1-29**

- What’s your immediate response to what you read?
- Write down any thoughts, questions, concerns, statements, and surprises that come to mind. You may want to write a summary that captures what you just read.

## CONTEXT & KEY INSIGHTS

*Here, we’ll provide helpful background information and key insights to consider in coming to the text. These are meant merely to supplement your time in the Word.*

Throughout this segment there are several words to take note of:

- In verse 3 the word **carpenter** was actually a much broader term than meaning just one who works with wood. It had the idea of “a builder”. Jesus may have worked with stone as much as with wood, because stone was a much more common building material in that time and place.
- The phrase ‘**son of Mary**’ or ‘**Mary’s son**’ is probable disparaging. It was contrary to Jewish usage to describe a man as the son of his mother, even when she was a widow, except in insulting terms. The lack of mention of Joseph possible implies that he died when Jesus was young. Jesus probably stayed at home to support His family until the youngest children were old enough to support the family.
- As Jesus spoke, his Jewish listeners ‘**took offense**’ at him. This term is *skandalizo* in the Greek (where we get our word scandal today). This word sometimes takes the form of a noun and is translated to mean “stumbling block” (see Rom 9:23-33; I Cor 1:23; I Peter 2:8).
- In verse 6, Jesus **marveled** at the Jewish unbelief. The only other time Jesus marvels at something is in Luke 7:9 when he marvels at the Gentile faith. Jesus didn’t marvel at architecture, creation, or Roman oppression, but he did marvel at faith - when it was present in an unexpected place and when it was absent where it should have been.
- In verse 12 “they went out and preached that people should repent”. To **preach** simply means to proclaim, or announce news; to **repent** (*metanoeo* in Greek) means to change one’s mind - in the Old Testament the word *shub* was used which means to physically turn around.
- In verse 26 the depth of distress experienced by Herod at Salome’s request for the head of John the Baptist is expressed graphically by the Greek word *perilypos*. This is the same word used to describe Jesus’ agony in Gethsemane (Mark 14:34).

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## SEEK & STUDY

Our sermon series is titled, **Who Do You Say I Am?** As we look to the Scriptures, we'll keep that question front and center, helping frame all we're seeking in the Word.

1. In **Mark 6:1-7**, What was Jesus' hometown? What do you learn about his family? Note what Jesus does and when. List the reactions of the people. How does Jesus respond to them?
2. Read **Mark 6:7-12 & 30**. What happens? What instructions did Jesus give his disciples? Why would he instruct them to go with only a staff?
3. In the parallel passage **Matthew 12:1-23**. what additional details do you find? What message did the disciples preach?
4. Read **John 20:21**. How does what the disciples were doing compare with what Jesus was doing?
5. Read **Mark 1:4-15 and Mark 6:14-29**. Why was John imprisoned? Read **Leviticus 18:16; 20:21** and **Deuteronomy 25:5-6**. What does the Old Testament say about this? What insights do you have about the consequences of speaking the truth?
6. In **Mark 6:1-30** we see celebration, repentance, and persecution. Where are you in your faith walk? Are you currently experiencing a time of celebration, repentance, or persecution?
7. Sometimes we read the reactions of others in the Bible and assume we'd be different. But the sin nature we share with them tells us otherwise. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10** and **John 6:44**. What does it take to *believe*? What is *grace*? If you have been saved, do these verses affect your understanding of your salvation?

## FIND & FOLLOW

Each week, we'll conclude with these two questions:

1. How did Jesus reveal more of himself to you this week?
2. From what you *found* in Christ, how will you *follow* Him now?