

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES FOR KINGDOM GROWTH  
*Mark Series: Let the Gospel Tell the Gospel*

**SAYING YES OR NO TO JESUS**

*Jesus' presence calls you to account and you are saying yes or no.*

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**MARK 6:1-29**

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**Mark 6:1-5a Jesus went home to proclaim & teach the Kingdom, so rejection leads to moving on.**

6:1 God's Rabbi comes home to Nazareth

6:2-3 They take offense at him (we want God's works but not his redefining of who we are.)

6:4-5 Because of Jesus' purpose he does only a few works of power

**Mark 1:14-15** (NASB)

14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

6-6 Instead of their marveling at him, he marvels at their unbelief

**Mark 6:5b-13 The twelve with authority preach that Galilee should be repenting or be rejected.**

6:6b-7 The "prepared" twelve now spread out and begin to preach to Galilee

**Mark 3:14-15** (NASB)

14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He *could* send them out to preach, 15 and to have authority to cast out the demons.

6:7 *Two by two/in pairs* for accountability & encouragement, yes, but even more so as **reliable witnesses**

**Isaiah 61:1-2** (NASB95)

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted;  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives  
And freedom to prisoners;  
2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,

**Isaiah 9:1-4** (NASB)

- 1 But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.
- 2 The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light;  
Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.
- 3 You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness;  
They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest,  
As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

6:8-11 Exodus/Passover/Wilderness themes: calling and preparing the new kingdom people

6:8-9 staff & sandals (tunic & belt) ready to stay on the move

**Exodus 12:11** (NASB95)

11 'Now you shall eat it in this manner: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the LORD'S Passover.

God's provision in the wilderness and now in Galilee: trusting God for true bread from heaven

Note also Luke 22:35–36 (NASB95)

35 And He said to them, "When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" They said, "No, nothing."

36 And He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.

6:10 hospitality is always a sign of the kingdom people (1 house per town, not planning on staying)

6:11-13 the twelve preach kingdom repentance and see kingdom-gathering response

**Mark 6:14-29** *We are (become) the choices that we make: Herod is in bondage to his past and cannot see the kingdom of God now before him present in Jesus.*

Another gospel sandwich: 6:1-5a (rejection); 6:5b-13 (much acceptance); 6:14-29 (rejection & death)

6:14-16 Note the movement: Jesus' hometown, to the villages of Galilee & now to the King's palace: Who will say **Yes** to Jesus?

6:16 Herod cannot see the present, but is blinded by his blinded conscience

6:17-20 Herod's wife, Herodias, saw John as an obstacle to her ambition, and had Herod arrest him, but Herod heard John gladly; Herodias "was grudging against" John, likely both because of the personal sting of his reminders and because she feared his accusations were hindering her husband's rising influence.

6:21-29 Herod's fear of man (and women), his pride and sensuality, all shaped him and his choice.

Herod rejected John and Jesus, so later Jesus rejects him and does not answer him; Herod stilled John's tongue and now God is silent before him.

**Luke 23:6–9** (NASB)

6 When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him.

9 And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing.

**2 Corinthians 2:14–16** (NASB)

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?