

## Jesus Is Rejected In His Hometown | Mark 6 | 11.11.18

**John 1:46** And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

**LUKE 4** (1) What did Jesus say that upset the audience to the point of murder? (2) How were they going to kill Jesus? (3) How did Jesus escape?

*People enjoy truth when it gives them insight, but they resist truth when it exposes their lives.*

**Mark 6:3-6** Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" **So they were offended at Him.** But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."<sup>5</sup> Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. **And He marveled because of their unbelief.** Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

**VRPs** – Very Resourceful People; they invest into the lives of others. They encourage others to know, love and serve God in a greater way. They ask heart-searching questions and are willing to spend their time and resources on others.

**VIPs** - Very Important People; they express genuine concern about the spiritual wellbeing of others. They are faithful and dependable and they participate where needed. They understand the big picture of being a Christ follower. They're commitment keepers.

**VTPs** – Very Important People; they are eager to learn, they listen, they want to mature in their walk of faith and they are enjoyable to be with. They make wise use of opportunities for the purpose of spiritual growth.

**VNPs** – Very Nice People; they enjoy our company and time but do not invest into the lives of others. They pick and choose their involvement based on their comfort zone and convenience. They are satisfied with their spiritual life and see little need, if any, for personal growth.

**VDPs** – Very Draining People; they are takers emotionally and in other ways, they do little to help or participate. They are self-focused and place unrealistic expectations on others and will share their disappointments. They leave in their wake confusion, frustration, and conflict.

- **Re: 1 Thessalonians 5:14, Romans 16**

**Philippians 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**Philippians 2:21** For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

**Mark 6:12** So they went out and preached that people should repent.

Repent = to have a change of mind about God and His purpose for our lives.

**Psalm 119:59** *I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies.*

**Mark 6:14-29** records the details of how John the Baptist was killed.

- Though King, stilled wrestled with “peer pressure.”
- Herod allowed sexual temptation to overcome sound reasoning.
- Pride and lust are two huge temptations that we face as Christ followers.
- Herodias was to John the Baptist what Jezebel was to the Elijah.
- All of this is a result of John confronting Herod and Herodias with adultery.
- Pleasing God doesn’t always bring positive results.
- *At certain times, people despise truth and despise the one who shares it.*

**Mark 6:22-28** *And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.”<sup>23</sup> He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”<sup>24</sup> So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” **And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!”**<sup>25</sup> Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”<sup>26</sup> And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.<sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison,<sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.*

**Spiritual victories** are usually balanced with burdens, and for good reason. We see this modeled for us in Scripture.

**Mark 6: 51-52** *Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”<sup>51</sup> Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.<sup>52</sup> For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.*

*Seeing miracles and experiencing spiritual highs, as good as they are, **were never designed to do for our soul what only the person of Jesus can do.***

**Four questions we should ask ourselves regarding Mark 6:**

1. What does this text teach about God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?
2. What does this text teach about sinful humanity and our fallen world?
3. What does God want me to know about this text?
4. What does God want me to do about what I know?

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- **Communion Service:** 11.25.18 at **9:30am**
  - **Ladies Tea:** 12.1.18 (Ticket sales end November 18<sup>th</sup>.)