

Calvary Chapel Cajon

Women's Bible Studies

Mark 6

Lesson 5

In Mark 6 Jesus revealed His power to feed thousands, to walk on water, to calm the sea, and to empower His followers to cast out demons and heal the sick. His power was unlimited – except – except when He went to His own country and preached to those who saw him as little more than the local carpenter. May your perspective of Jesus be challenged. May you desire that His power in your life, rather than be limited, be unleashed.

DAY ONE: Read Mark 6

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
2. How would you title this chapter? Record your title on the **Chapter Titles Chart**.
3. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbols**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

Jesus and immediately

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Mark 6. Remember, as you mark the key word *Jesus*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Him.

4. Scan the many references to Jesus in this chapter. List five things revealed about Him.

DAY TWO: Read Mark 6:1-13

1. Jesus went to the synagogue *in His own country, Nazareth, and began to teach in the synagogue.* What four questions did the people ask who heard Him? verses 2,3

a. Record Jesus' comment from verse 4.

1.) Consider your own life. Why do you think we tend to ignore advice given by relatives or those we are close to?

2.) These people watched Jesus grow up; they knew His family. Why do you think this hindered them from believing His words?

2. According to verses 5 and 6, what was the result of their lack of belief?

a. What can we do to prevent ourselves from having the same lack of faith that the people in Nazareth had?

b. In what ways do you think we prevent Jesus from working miraculously in our own lives?

3. Jesus then *called the twelve to Himself, giving them power over unclean spirits.* He gave them several instructions. Record them below.

verse 8

verse 9

verse 10

a. Why do you think Jesus told them to pack lightly?

Challenge: Read the parallel account in Matthew 10:5-15 and record the additional instructions given to the disciples.

4. What did the disciples do? Mark 6:12,13

DAY THREE: Read Mark 6:14-29

1. Jesus' fame had spread to the courts of King Herod. Herod greatly feared Jesus, believing that he was John the Baptist risen from the dead. For Herod himself had arrested John the Baptist and ordered him to be beheaded. Read Mark 6:17-29 and write a sample newspaper article about the event, placing yourself there as an eyewitness.

2. John the Baptist boldly confronted Herod regarding his sin with his brother's wife. Consider a time when it was difficult for you to confront someone about sin. What concerns did you have?

a. Although John the Baptist confronted Herod, what did Herod still think of John the Baptist? verse 20

1.) How does this encourage you?

3. What can we learn from Herod's negative example about preventing sin from "snowballing" or getting out of control?

DAY FOUR: Read Mark 6:30-44

1. *Then the disciples gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught* (Mark 6:30). Read verses 31-33 and describe the situation.
 - a. When Jesus saw the *great multitude, He was moved with compassion* (verse 34). How did He view them?
 - 1.) Responding with *compassion*, what did Jesus do?
 - a.) In what way can *teaching* someone be a *compassionate* response?
2. View Mark 6:34-44 as a reporter and write a newspaper article covering the event.
3. What do you think the disciples learned through this experience?
4. What examples did Jesus give us in this story (including verses 45,46)?
 - a.) Share one example that challenged you and explain why.

DAY FIVE: Read Mark 6:47-56

1. When evening came, Jesus saw the disciples *straining at rowing, for the wind was against them*. At about the fourth watch (3:00 a.m.) Jesus *came to them*. According to verses 48,49, how did Jesus *come to them*?

2. Describe the reaction of the disciples. verses 49,50

a. What did Jesus say to them?

1.) Record the comforting words of Isaiah 41:10.

a.) What is comforting about the Lord's presence?

Challenge: Read the parallel account in Matthew 14:24-33 and record information that Mark did not include in his account.

3. *Then He (Jesus) went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased* (Mark 6:51). According to this verse, how did the disciples react?

a. What reason is given in verse 52 for this reaction?

1.) What should they have *remembered* about the miracle of feeding the multitude earlier that day?

2.) What attributes/actions of Jesus do you remind yourself of when you are anxious or fearful?

b. What difference does it make that Jesus has the power to control the forces of nature?

4. Using Mark 6:53-56, record one detail and share your thoughts.

DAY SIX: Review Mark 6

1. The people of Jesus' home town found it difficult to see Him as anything but a local carpenter. What is one piece of advice your parents (or anyone) gave you that you ignored while you were growing up?
 - a. In what ways can we prevent Jesus from working miracles in our lives?
2. How do you feel when you receive a challenging opportunity like the one Jesus gave the disciples?
3. What lesson can we learn about our use of the things we have from the story of feeding the 5,000?
4. How does Christ calm your fears or help you when you are afraid?

*But I will sing of Your power;
Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
For You have been my defense
And refuge in the day of my trouble.*

- Psalm 59:16

Chapter Six

¹Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ²And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! ³Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him. ⁴But Jesus said to them, "*A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.*" ⁵Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. ⁷And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. ⁸He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff--no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts-- ⁹but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰Also He said to them, "*In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. ¹¹And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!*" ¹²So they went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them. ¹⁴Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets." ¹⁶But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. ¹⁸For John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. ²¹Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. ²²And 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." ²³He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" ²⁵Immediately 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." ²⁶And 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. ²⁷Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the

girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb. ³⁰Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. ³¹And He said to them, "*Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.*" For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. ³²So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. ³³But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. ³⁴And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. ³⁵When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. ³⁶Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat." ³⁷But He answered and said to them, "*You give them something to eat.*" And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?" ³⁸But He said to them, "*How many loaves do you have? Go and see.*" And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. ⁴¹And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. ⁴²So they all ate and were filled. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. ⁴⁴Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men. ⁴⁵Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. ⁴⁶And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by. ⁴⁹And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; ⁵⁰for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "*Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.*" ⁵¹Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. ⁵²For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, ⁵⁵ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. ⁵⁶Wherever He entered into villages, cities, or in the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.