

Student Handout: Mark Chapter 6

Overview

Mark chapter 6 reveals what it looks like to follow Jesus through rejection, mission, sacrifice, miracles, fear, and faith.

Big Idea: Your response to Jesus shapes what you experience from Him.

1. Rejection at Nazareth (6:1–6)

Key Truth: Familiarity can limit faith.

What Happened:

- 1 Jesus teaches in His hometown.
- 2 People question His authority.
- 3 They see Him only as a carpenter.
- 4 Unbelief limits what they receive.

Life Application:

- 1 Don't let familiarity dull your faith.
- 2 Honor opens the door to receive from God.
- 3 Trust Jesus beyond what you already know.

2. The Twelve Sent Out (6:7–13)

Key Truth: God sends and equips His people.

What Happened:

- 1 Disciples are sent out in pairs.
- 2 They are given authority.
- 3 They are told to depend on God.
- 4 Some receive them; others reject them.

Life Application:

- 1 You don't need to be perfect to be used.
- 2 Depend on God, not yourself.
- 3 Rejection is part of the mission.

3. Death of John the Baptist (6:14–29)

Key Truth: Truth may come at a cost.

What Happened:

- 1 John confronts Herod's sin.
- 2 Herod struggles between truth and pressure.
- 3 A prideful decision leads to John's death.

Life Application:

- 1 Stand for truth even when it's hard.
- 2 Avoid decisions driven by pressure or pride.
- 3 Live out what you believe.

4. Feeding the Five Thousand (6:30–44)

Key Truth: God multiplies what we give Him.

What Happened:

- 1 A large crowd gathers.
- 2 The disciples focus on lack.
- 3 Five loaves and two fish are offered.
- 4 Jesus multiplies it to feed thousands.

Life Application:

- 1 Bring what you have to God.
- 2 God works through small acts of obedience.
- 3 Trust His provision over your limitations.

5. Jesus Walks on Water (6:45–52)

Key Truth: Jesus is present in our struggles.

What Happened:

- 1 The disciples struggle in a storm.
- 2 Jesus walks toward them on water.
- 3 They are afraid and don't recognize Him.

- 4 The storm calms when He enters the boat.

Life Application:

- 1 Recognize Jesus in difficult seasons.
- 2 Remember what God has already done.
- 3 Trust Him even when you don't understand.

6. Healing at Gennesaret (6:53–56)

Key Truth: Faith takes action.

What Happened:

- 1 People recognize Jesus quickly.
- 2 They bring the sick to Him.
- 3 Even touching His garment brings healing.

Life Application:

- 1 Pursue Jesus intentionally.
- 2 Faith requires action.
- 3 Staying close to Jesus brings transformation.

Chapter Themes

- 1 Faith vs unbelief
- 2 Dependence on God
- 3 The cost of truth
- 4 God's provision
- 5 Trust in storms
- 6 Active faith

Personal Reflection

- 1 Where has familiarity affected your faith?
- 2 What can you offer God right now?
- 3 How are you responding to challenges?
- 4 How can you pursue Jesus more intentionally?