Real Refreshment - The Podcast: Mark Study

Mark 6:1-56: Opposition of the Servant

Begin by praying that God's Spirit will bless your time in His word, that He will teach you His truth, that He will meet you right where you are today as you seek Him. Next, read through the whole passage slowly. Try to step into the passage remembering that Mark is recounting real events as Peter told him.

Passage breakdown:

Mark 6:1-6

Where did Jesus go next?
Who followed Him?
Which day of the week is it?
What does Jesus do?
Where?
How did the crowd respond?
Describe what they were wondering about Jesus.
What did they conclude?
What did Jesus say?
What was the result?
What did Jesus wonder about?
What was Jesus doing in the villages?

For further study see Matthew 13:53-58 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 6:7-13

What did Jesus do with the twelve?
How many did he put together?
What authority did He give them?
What did He tell them to take along?
When they went out, what message did they deliver?
What else did they do?

For further study see Matthew 10:1-15 and Luke 9:1-6 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 6:14-32

Who heard about what the disciples were doing? What was the talk about Jesus? Who all did various people think Jesus was? Who did Herod think Jesus was?

Why did Herod have John the Baptist arrested?

Who held a grudge against John the Baptist?

Who was afraid of John the Baptist?

Why?

How did he respond when listening to John the Baptist?

What happened on Herod's birthday?

What rash promise did Herod make?

What request was made?

What was Herod's response?

What two things motivated him to keep his promise?

What order did Herod give?

How was the request presented to the girl?

Who went and claimed the body of John the Baptist?

When the disciples returned from their short mission, what did they do?

How did Jesus respond?

What did Jesus and His disciples do?

For further study see Matthew 14:1-12 and Luke 9:7-11 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 6:33-44

Who sees, recognizes, and runs after Jesus?

When He saw the crowd, how did Jesus respond?

What were they like?

What did he do?

Later, what concern did the disciples have?

What suggestion did they make to Jesus?

How did Jesus respond?

What question did they ask Jesus?

What question did He ask in response?

What did the disciples discover they had?

Upon hearing this, what did Jesus instruct them to do?

What did Jesus do with what the disciples gave Him?

What did He keep doing?

To whom did Jesus give the bread?

To whom did the disciples give the bread?

What did Iesus do with the fish?

What resulted?

How many baskets of leftovers did they gather up?

How many men were fed?

For further study see Matthew 14:13-21, Luke 9:12-17 and John 6:1-14 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 6:45-52

Right after the miraculous feeding, what did Jesus urge the disciples to do?

Where were they to go?

What did Jesus do?

Where did He go?

Why?

In the evening, where was the disciples' boat?

Where was Jesus?

What did Jesus see?

How did Jesus go to the disciples?

When they saw Him, what did they think they saw?

How did they respond?

What did they say to Him?

What did He do next?

How did the wind change?

What was their response?

In what condition were their hearts?

For further study see Matthew 14:22-33 and John 6:15-22 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 6:53-56

Where did they land?

How did those who were there respond to His arrival?

What resulted?

Here are the "immediately" verses in this week's passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

6:25

6:27

6:45

6:50

6:54

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word and the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

How do you respond to Jesus' teaching?

What issues or questions about Him cause you to doubt who He is?

Might you be able to take/plan some time to get away with Jesus in a secluded place?

What do you have to bring to Jesus?

How do you respond to His encouragement to "take courage...do not be afraid"?

Given the centrality of repentance to the gospel, spend some time to consider your heart's condition and asking God to reveal to you any areas that need your attention.