

**SERIES TITLE:** Servant King

**PART SIX:** EXPECTING

**TEXT:** MARK 6

### **INTRODUCTION TO STUDY**

The gospel of Mark portrays Jesus as a Servant on the move. Using the word “immediately” over 40 times, he shows Jesus ministering. Obedient to the Father’s will, Jesus preaches the good news, heals the sick, teaches his followers, and performs miracles. All the while, he heads toward his sacrificial death on the cross. Mark 10:45 sums up his mission: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” Mark’s gospel reveals Jesus to be the perfect Servant and the perfect Sacrifice. Those who receive him as the good news are empowered to serve in his name.

### **CONTEXT OF SCRIPTURE**

Here are several incidents that teach us what to expect from trusting Jesus—rejection, poverty, hunger, danger, fear, and even death. We also learn that, in return, giving our life to Jesus means getting it back a thousand-fold.

### **FOCUS QUESTION**

Have you ever had high expectations about something or someone that were greatly disappointed? What happened?

### **EXAMINATION**

Chapter 6 has five scenes, and in each one, something negative happens to those around Jesus.

Scene One—vv.1-13

- Why were the people in Jesus’ hometown offended?
- How were the disciples to respond to those who didn’t receive them?

Scene Two—vv.14-29

- What would cause Herod to think Jesus was John the Baptist come to life?

Scene Three—vv.30-44

- Why would the disciples and Jesus be tired, hungry, and need time in a quiet place?

- Why would Jesus miraculously provide food for the crowd when he could just send them away?

#### Scene Four—v.45-52

- Jesus made the disciples get in the boat. He compelled them. Why?
- What reason does v.52 give for the terror of the disciples?

#### Scene Five—vv.53-56

- Although Jesus sent them toward Bethsaida (v.45), they landed in Gennesaret. Why do you think that happened and what would be the purpose of including that travel detail?

#### **EXPLORATION**

- 1 Kings 19:3-13
- Proverbs 3:5-10
- Jeremiah 17:7-8
- Matthew 14:22-33
- Philippians 3:7-14

#### **APPLICATION**

- Consider the insight from each of these five scenes and how it applies to your life:
  - 1) Following Jesus will not exempt you from rejection.
  - 2) Following Jesus will not exempt you from hatred.
  - 3) Following Jesus will not exempt you from need.
  - 4) Following Jesus will not exempt you from distress.
  - 5) Following Jesus will not exempt you from interrupted plans.
- Do you think it is important to let people know that there is a cost to following Jesus? Why or why not?

**SUMMATION**

- Fact: What are key truths that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?