



## Mark 6:1-34

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## The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth (6:1-6a)

- Jesus teaches in his hometown
- The people want to know how this carpenter son of Joseph has such wisdom
- This is a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry
- Mark notes that he couldn't do any mighty work there, except for healing a few sick people



## The Commission of the Twelve (6:6b-13)

- Jesus commissions the apostles and sends them out in pairs to do their work
  - Ministry is shared! Collaboration is important, support is needed, and we share the responsibility of the Great Commission with others.
  - The strengths of one person complement the weaknesses of another
- The apostles are given authority over unclean spirits and power to heal the sick.



### **The Death of John the Baptist (6:14-29)**

- Who we have here: Herod, Herodias, Salome
- Shows us the opposition Jesus was experiencing
- Foreshadows Jesus' death
- “The cost of discipleship” and the courage required to be true to your calling



### **The Return of the Twelve (6:30-34)**

- Jesus gives the apostles space to debrief, rest, and regroup
- The crowd finds them
- They are like “sheep without a shepherd” and Jesus takes pity on them. They are spiritually and physically hungry
- “He began to teach them many things”

