

The background is a piece of aged, textured paper with a mottled, light brown and beige color palette. The paper has a rough, deckled edge. A crown of thorns, made of dark brown, sharp, and jagged branches, is positioned in the lower half of the image, partially overlapping the text.

*The Pain of
Rejection*

6
Mark

Day

1

1. Read Mark 6 before starting this study guide. Pray asking the Lord to bless your time in his word.
2. Mark 6 begins by stating that Jesus had just come to his hometown. This is not a reference to the place of his birth but to place his family and he considered home. Do you recall why his home was Nazareth but he was born in Bethlehem? Read Luke 2:1-7
3. Jesus went into the synagogue with his disciples. What did he do in the synagogue?
4. What was the reaction of those listening to him that day? Verse 2
5. They began asking a series of questions, write their questions below.
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 - e.
 - f.
6. Why were they asking these questions? Did they really have a desire for answers? What do you believe they may have meant by all these questions? Be careful not to miss the last few words of verse 3.
7. Do you recall what Jesus said was his purpose in traveling from village to village and town to town? Look back at Mark 1:35-38.
8. It is natural for us to want to be accepted by others, but the truth is rejection by the world is often a part of following Christ. Rejection did not stop Jesus' ministry. Have you ever suffered rejection for the gospel's sake? How did you respond?
9. The scriptures say they took offense at Jesus. Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. How did their unbelief affect the work Jesus might have done there?

Day

2

10. Last week we defined the word miracle. A miracle is a mighty work supernatural in its origin. It is a sign done by Divine authority. Mark 6 tells us the only miracles Jesus did there was to heal a few sick people. Why do you believe Jesus healed the sick but would not do other miracles?
11. How important is our faith when it comes to seeing God work a miracle? Look back at Mark 5:34 and 36 before you answer this question.
12. In Mark 6:7-13 we see Jesus traveling around village to village. Jesus called his 12 closest followers: Simon Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot. He sent them out two by two. What did Jesus give them to do the work he had called them to do?

13. As a follower of Jesus Christ, we are given the Holy Spirit at the time of our conversion. When we place our faith and trust in Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit as God's earnest of our salvation. Read Acts 1:8, what does the Holy Spirit bring with Him when he comes to live in us?
14. The disciples were instructed to take nothing extra with them. Read Matthew 6:31-33, who knows their needs and will provide and care for them?
15. What was the message they were sent to share? Mark 6:12-13
We have heard this message before. Look back at Mark 1:4.
The word translated "baptism" comes from the root word baptizo, to immerse. According to Mark 1:4, what must we be totally immersed in to receive forgiveness of sins?
16. How were they to handle rejection to the message they were bringing?
17. What do you believe Jesus meant by telling them to shake the dust off their feet if a town does not want to hear what they have to share?
18. According to Mark 6:13, how effective was their ministry?

Day 3

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19. The next section of scripture we want to look at is Mark 6:14-29. Who is the ruler mentioned?
 20. What does the text tell us the King had heard concerning Jesus? What were people saying?
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 21. What did Herod believe about Jesus?
 22. What motivated him to believe like that? What had Herod done that would not let his conscience rest?
 23. The Bible talks about 3 conditions of the conscience: clean or clear, weak or untrained, evil or defiled. Read the verses below and comment on what you see concerning a clean and clear conscience.

2 Corinthians 1:12 (ESV) For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.

1 Timothy 1:5 (ESV) The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Hebrews 13:18 (ESV) Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

Acts 24:16 (ESV) So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

Hebrews 5:14 (ESV) But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

24. Even though John the Baptist called out Herod for marrying his brother's wife, Herod was not that angry with him. He wanted to hear John preach and teach. But not everyone felt that same way. How did Herodias feel about John?
25. Mark 6:21 tells us that "Finally the opportune time came." Opportune for who? What were the chain of events that came about?
26. After listing the chain of events what do you believe had been on the heart and mind of Herodias?
27. This mother daughter team are unbelievable. Such hatred in their hearts for the man of God. Hatred can drive a person to all levels of evil. Hatred causes us to rationalize the cruelest wickedness. Hatred is a poison. It begins with a root of pride. If that root is not dealt with quickly it will grow into a vile, evil that will take control of our thoughts. We might think we would never do something so wicked like Herodias, but we should take heed lest we fall. Where does the seed of hatred begin? When is the best time to deal with this sin?
28. What did the disciples of John do as one last show of respect and love for the man of God?

Day 4

29. The next section we will look at is Mark 6:30-44. This is probably one of the top 10 well known stories in the New Testament. Many people had gathered to hear Jesus teach. The disciples returned to give him a report as to all they had been doing while they were gone. Such gentle compassion Jesus shows to these men, he is sensitive to all their needs. What does Jesus tell his disciples to do?

Are you sensitive to those around you who are tired and in need of a peaceful place to come home to? What can we do to make our home a quiet place of rest for our family? How would you describe your home?

Please don't misunderstand me, if you have multiple people living in your home there will be noise at times. I'm talking about intentionally providing a place of quiet rest for those in need.

30. It is getting late in the day, according to Mark 6:35. What did the disciples want Jesus to do?
31. What did Jesus tell his disciples to do?
32. The disciples were not just reluctant, but they lacked the supply to meet the need of this multitude. What provisions did they have? Humanly speaking, what would be required to meet this need?
33. When you see a great need and you want to help, what do you do? There is nothing the matter with checking our supplies but what should we do after we see what we have checked?
34. According to verses 42-43, what was the result of God's blessing the supply of food that day?

35. How many men were fed that day?
If you add in women and children to the count, I believe that classifies as a miracle. Five loaves and two fish would never satisfy a crowd like that, but it did. It not only satisfied but what was the result of the leftovers gathered?
36. It was evening when the disciples tried to talk Jesus into sending the crowd home. Now they have had a meal and done the clean-up. Jesus tells his disciples to get in the boat and go on ahead to Bethsaida while he gives a few parting words of encouragement to the crowd. What did Jesus do after leaving them?
37. What do you think Jesus was talking to his Father about?

Day

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38. Jesus saw the disciples struggling in the boat to row against the wind. There are times when it feels like we are rowing against the wind in our day-to-day activities. The wind of discouragement and distractions make it difficult at times to see any progress. We read about Jesus calming a storm for them in Mark 4, but no one has ever seen someone walk on the water. Shortly before dawn Jesus came out walking on the water. How did they respond to seeing Jesus?
39. Oh, those sweet words of Jesus to his friends, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." What words of comfort has Jesus has spoken to your heart lately?
40. When Jesus arrived and climbed into the boat the wind died down. What emotion did the text tell us they experienced?
41. Have you experienced amazement at the calm you felt knowing Jesus was present in your storm?
42. When the boat arrived at the other side of the Sea of Galilee it anchored at Gennesaret. I hope Jesus and the disciples got to sleep for at least a bit. What happened when the people recognized Jesus with the disciples?
43. Jesus shows up at all kinds of places and times. When you know the Spirit of God is going to be in a place what do you do? These people wanted Jesus to touch and heal their friends and family members. What can we do to get our loved ones close to Jesus?

