

JESUS SENDS OUT THE TWELVE

Mark 6:1-29

Key Verse: 6:7

* JESUS WAS REJECTED BY HIS HOMETOWN PEOPLE (1-6a)

1. Read verses 1-3. What did the people of Jesus' hometown know about him? What was their first response to his ministry? Their next response to him? Why did they take offense at him?
2. Read verses 4-6a. Why was Jesus amazed and sorry? What was his comment? Why could he not do any great miracles in his hometown? What does this show about the importance of faith?

* FIELDWORK TRAINING (6b-13)

3. Read verses 6b-7. When Jesus sent his apostles out for fieldwork training, why did he send them two by two?
4. What spiritual equipment did he give them? (7b) Why is this authority most important to God's servants?
5. Read verses 8-9. What strict limitations did he give them? What were the basic principles that he wanted to teach them and disciples of all times through this?
6. Read verses 10-11. What is the purpose of the instructions given in these verses? Why must we be confident about the superiority of the gospel?
7. Read verses 12-13. What were the message and work of the apostles during their fieldwork training? What did Jesus want them to learn from this training?

* BURDENSOME KING HEROD (14-29)

8. Read verses 14-16. Why did Jesus' name become so well known? What did the people think about him? What was Herod's reaction when he heard? Why did he react like this?
9. Read verses 17-20. What did Herod really think of John? Why had he had John arrested? What was the terrible crime he committed after this? (21-29). What does this tell us about the man Herod? How had he become demon possessed?
10. What does this incident contribute to our understanding of the environment into which Jesus sent his disciples for fieldwork training? How can we receive such fieldwork training?