

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Mark 6

What we will see in this chapter:

- How Jesus' relatives and own townspeople reacted to his message
- Jesus sending his disciples out to preach
- The death of John the Baptist
- Examples of Jesus' attitude to and concern for people

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 6	1. How did Jesus' relatives and townsfolk react to his message?	The people of Jesus' own town were astonished but didn't value him or believe in him.
7 to 11	2. What instructions did Jesus give the twelve when he sent them out?	He said: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff ➤ they were to stay in one house until they left ➤ if anyone wouldn't receive them or hear them, they were to shake off the dust that was under their feet for a testimony against them
12 & 13	3. What was their message?	They preached that people should repent.
14 to 16	4. Who did people think that Jesus was?	King Herod thought he was John the Baptist risen from the dead. Others thought he was Elijah or one of the prophets.
17 to 29	5. Why was John put to death?	John told Herod he shouldn't have Herodias, his brother's wife. At a birthday supper on Herod's birthday, Herodias conspired to have John killed.
30 to 32	6. What did Jesus want the apostles to do and why?	He wanted them to have a rest because they were so busy they didn't have time to eat.
33 to 44	7. How did Jesus react to the huge crowds and what did he do?	Jesus had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He asked his disciples to feed the crowd. After praying, he then fed them from five loaves and two fish.

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45 & 46	8. What did Jesus do after feeding the large number of people?	He sent the disciples off in a boat, sent the multitude away and then went up a mountain to pray.
47 to 51	9. What happened to the disciples and Jesus?	They were struggling rowing against a strong headwind. They were afraid when they saw Jesus and thought he was a ghost. They were amazed when he calmed the wind.
52	10. Why should they not have been so afraid and amazed at what Jesus did?	They should have remembered the power Jesus had shown when feeding 5,000 men.
53 to 56	11. What happened when Jesus arrived at Gennesaret?	When Jesus and the disciples reached the other side of the lake, many ill people were brought to him and he healed them.

3 Related theme from v 12: *Repentance*.

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Ezekiel 18 v 30 and 31	The prophet Ezekiel, through God's appeal to Israel, defines repentance and its necessity.
Mark 1 v 14 and 15	Jesus also calls people to repentance during his ministry.
Luke 5 v 31 and 32	Jesus' ministry caters for a universal human need – forgiveness of sins following repentance.
Luke 13 v 1 to 5	When his attention is drawn to the untimely death of some contemporary people, Jesus says that repentance is essential for a long-term future.
Luke 24 v 45 to 47	Jesus tells his disciples that preaching of repentance should continue in his name.
Acts 3 v 19 Acts 26 v 19 and 20	Jesus' apostles carry out this commission and preach repentance throughout the Roman Empire.