

When Jesus Sends You Out
On the Way: A Journey Through the Gospel of Mark
Gospel of Mark
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Mark 6:1-56

Sermon Points:

I. The Call to be "Little Christs"

- The Mission Mandate: Following the Ascension, believers are called to receive power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).
- Focus on the Gospel: Rather than getting distracted by "times or dates" (Acts 1:7), the mission is to proclaim the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Imitating the Master: Being a disciple means being a "Little Christ"—imitating Jesus' life, grace, and resilience (1 Cor 11:1).

II. Sent Out in Faith (Mark 6:6-13)

- The Mentoring Model: Jesus sends the Twelve out in pairs, giving them authority over impure spirits.
- Radical Reliance: Instructions to take nothing—no bread, bag, or money—emphasize total dependence on God rather than personal resources.
- The Message and Results: The disciples preached repentance, drove out demons, and healed the sick.

III. Rest and Compassion (Mark 6:30-34)

- The Invitation to Rest: After the exhaustion of ministry, Jesus invites his followers to "a quiet place" to get some rest (Mark 6:31).
- Sheep Without a Shepherd: Despite the need for rest, Jesus had compassion on the crowds because of their spiritual vulnerability.

IV. The Miracle of Stewardship (Mark 6:35-44)

- The Impossible Task: Faced with feeding thousands in a remote place, Jesus challenges the disciples: "You give them something to eat".
- Faithful Offering: A small boy's lunch—five loaves and two fish—is multiplied by Jesus to satisfy everyone, leaving twelve basketfuls of leftovers.
- Caretakers of Resources: This miracle teaches stewardship of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. Everything we have is the Lord's.

V. Growing in Generosity

- The Heart of Giving: Giving is an act of worship and a declaration against consumerism.
- Cheerful Generosity: Believers are encouraged to give what they have decided in their hearts, for "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6-7).

- Reliance over Security: Generosity is a truer indicator of discipleship than words; it demonstrates that our security comes from the Lord, not financial wealth.

Conclusion: Ready to Obey

- When Jesus sends us out, the focus is not on the resources we bring but on our readiness to obey and rely on God. He provides everything needed for the mission.

