

7th Sunday after Pentecost, 6th Sunday after Trinity – 2024

Saturday, 7/6 at 4:00 | Sunday, 7/7 at 9:00



Text: Mark 6:1-13 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: We are in [Mark 6:1-13...](#)

1. **Setting:** ¹ **Jesus went out from** [*Capernaum, where He had just raised a twelve-year-old girl back to life*] **and came into His hometown** [*of Nazareth*]; **and His disciples followed Him.** // When Jesus began His ministry, *He moved to Capernaum.* The people loved His miracles **“but took little or no interest in the Word of eternal life”** (Kretzmann). So, **Jesus returned to His hometown to offer them eternal life!**
2. **Too Familiar:** ² **When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon** [*“male sibling with at least one parent in common” (BW, Friberg)]? **Are not His sisters here with us?”** And they took offense at Him. ⁴ **Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his***

hometown and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household.”⁵ And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.⁶ And He wondered at their unbelief.

- a. Sabbath – Synagogue – Word of God: Jesus showed us what to do each Sat / Sun – **gather to hear God’s word!** Dr. Luther: “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it” (Sm, Cat., Third Comm.).
- b. Teaching: Jesus had become known as a teacher, so *the opportunity to teach was extended to Him*.
- c. Offense: Though they were amazed, **they were too familiar with Jesus**, who grew up among them. Therefore, rather than gladly hear and believe what He said, *they became offended*. In other words, **they were unwilling to believe in Him and tried to discredit Him**.
[Dear Holy Spirit, please remove **every roadblock – for us and others – that prevents belief in Jesus!**]

3. **Teaching / Training**: **And He was going around the villages teaching.** // Jesus and His disciples traveled together. As Jesus taught, *He was also training His disciples to do the same*. Whenever we are instructed by others, **let us learn how and what to teach**. Then, *let us seize our opportunities to share God’s word!*

4. **Sending**:⁷ **And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits;**

- a. Pairs and Authority: Jesus knew it was a HUGE step for His disciples to go and teach; therefore, He gave them two great blessings: ♣going in pairs – *for*

encouragement, AND †having authority over demons –
to show their teaching was from God! What about us?
***We show our teaching is from God when our teaching
is in harmony with God’s word!***

- b. Disciples – Apostles: Disciples are *followers, learners*.
Apostles are ***sent ones***. Therefore, *later in Mark 6*,
when they returned to Jesus, *they are called **apostles***.

5. **Instructions**:

- a. Supplies: ***8 and He instructed them that they should
take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff--
no bread, no bag, no money in their belt--9 but to
wear sandals; and He added, “Do not put on two
tunics.”*** // If they would have taken supplies, *they
would have trusted in those supplies. Instead, with no
supplies, **they had no choice but to TRUST IN GOD!***
- Where is your trust – in things or in God?
 - What consumes your time – temporal things or
eternal things?
 - What are you building up more – your physical
health or your spiritual health?
 - Who is the focus of your prayers – people with
physical needs or people with spiritual needs?
- b. Lodging: ***10 And He said to them, “Wherever you enter
a house, stay there until you leave town.”*** // Why?
†Don’t waste time looking for a better place **AND**
†don’t switch houses when you receive a better offer.
- c. Rejection: ***11 “Any place that does not receive you or
listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust
off the soles of your feet for a testimony against***

them.” // By doing so, *they indicated that the inhabitants of that place had* ✨ **rejected God’s word AND** ✨ **made themselves a target of God’s horrible wrath. Jesus explained: **Matthew 10:15** “Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for *the* land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.”**

6. **Obedience:** ¹² **They went out and preached that *men* should repent.** ¹³ **And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.**
- a. **Casting and Healing:** Those things were amazing *but did not save anyone*. Instead, God did those things through them *so their hearers would **believe God’s word!***
 - b. **Repentance:**
 - i. **First,** the Holy Spirit works through **God’s word of Law** to show people their sin and helplessness. For those who are open to God, ***the HS works godly sorrow within them!***
 - ii. **Second,** the Holy Spirit works through **God’s word of Gospel** to show people ✨ who Jesus is and ✨ what He has done for our salvation. For those who have godly sorrow, ***the HS gives them the gift of faith by which they are trusting in Jesus for eternal life!***

Let Us Pray: Dear HS, *please lead many to repentance – before it is too late!*

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