

Week IV - Mark 6:1-7:31
Enough For Everyone/Lessons in
Inclusivity(Meyers)

- I. Notice the continuing rejection of Jesus and the violent response to John as a foretaste of what Jesus may expect in his life.
- 6:1-6 - in his home town
 - 6:14–29 - Herod's violent response to John
 - 7:1-23 - Elder's response to Jesus' teaching

II. Vulnerability of Jesus - Love only happens with vulnerability

6:1-6 - Why was Jesus not welcomed in his home town?

6:7-13 -What do you make of the guidelines Jesus gives the 12 on their mission?
Why does he insist on such vulnerability for his disciples?

III. Beheading of John the Baptist - 6:14-29

- What did John do to infuriate Herod's wife to ask for his head on a platter?
- What can be understood about people with power(Rome) and how power is used in this event?

IV. Miracles:

6:30-44 - Feeding of 5000 - You feed them -
There is Enough...

6:45-52 - Walking on Water, intending to
pass them by

6:53-56 - Healing sick

7:24-30 - Syrophoenician Woman daughter

7:31-37 - healing of a deaf man and his
ability to talk

How does Mark use the miracles of Jesus to teach us what it means for him to be the Messiah/Son of God?

V. 7:24-30 - Syrophoenician Woman - Inclusive

- Put yourself there with the disciples Are you shocked by Jesus' action or approve of them?
- Jesus seems to make a shift in the understanding of his Messiahship/Son of God through this event.

What do you make of Jesus seeming to grow in the understanding of his call to be Messiah/Son of God to include Gentiles?

7:31-37 - What may Mark be asking us or teaching us in the healing of a deaf man following the story of the Syrophoenician woman?

Questions and Observations While you Read

- Is the Gospel(Good News) what Rome and the Temple offer, or something different?
What is Jesus Offering?
- Jesus' continued rejection - hometown/elders
- Why is vulnerability so important to Jesus?
- How do the powerful use power vs. Jesus use of power?
- What do the miracles teach us beyond Jesus being a miracle worker?
- What do you make of Jesus' opening his call to the Gentiles(Syrophonecian Woman)?

Questions for Reflection

- In answering the call to Follow Jesus and become "Fishers of Men," what securities might I be called to give up?(Vulnerable)
- Jesus didn't enter the boat until the disciples cried out. Where in your life do you need to cry out and invite Jesus to climb into your boat?
- How do we discern the commandments of God from loyalty to human traditions?
- Who might Jesus be calling us to include?