

"The Cost Of Discipleship"

Mark 6:1-29

5/19/24

Message 14

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: "The Cost Of Discipleship"

- **Today - Pentecost Sunday**

- **The Day the Holy Spirit Came Upon the Disciples**
 - **Empowered** them to be witness in all the earth

Acts 1:4–8 (NKJV)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:1–4 (NKJV)

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- So - it is ONLY fitting Since we are ALL Disciples

- That today –
 - The Message title is “The Cost of Discipleship”
- **The Word Discipleship**
 - **Greek: MATHETES (math-ay-tes')**
 - **Means - A learner, i.e. pupil: KJV-- disciple**
 - One who accepts the instruction given to him and makes it his rule of conduct, and lives by it!
 - I love the way Oswald Chambers defines it!
 - *Discipleship means personal, passionate devotion to a Person---our Lord Jesus Christ. There is a vast difference between devotion to a person and devotion to a principle or to a cause. Our Lord never proclaimed a cause--- He proclaimed personal devotion to Himself. To be a disciple is to be a devoted bondservant motivated by love for the Lord Jesus.*
 - **Clear up Any Confusion**
 - Now - I know in our CONSUMER driven church age
 - There are some Christians that don't think they are Disciples
 - But this is simply not true
 - When we embrace Jesus as Lord & Savior, we have become His Disciples
- **Our Mission As A Disciple - We are to be About Our Lord's Business**
 - **SOULS – Disciples!!!**

Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)

19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
20 *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

▪ **Evangelism**

- To Seek and SAVE that which was LOST
- Reaching out to people who do not know Him
- Sharing the gospel that their souls may be saved!

▪ **NOTE:**

• **This is EVERY CHRISTIANS Responsibility**

- Not just those called to Full Time Ministry

▪ **So – ALL Believers should see...**

- **Every Job, Family Holiday, Encounter, - As A Pulpit –**
 - As an opportunity to share Jesus –
 - The ONLY Hope for mankind

• **NOW - There is A COST to BEING His Disciple!**

○ **This Morning We will Look at 3 REALITIES to Being a Disciple**

- The Rejection That Can Happen vs. 1-6
- The Reliance On Jesus That Is Needed vs. 7-13
- The Reaction Of Herod That Could Happen To Us vs. 14-29

The Rejection That Can Happen vs. 1-6

• **First: The Attitude Of The People vs. 1-3**

- **1st Came to His Own Country v. 1**

Mark 6:1 (NKJV)

1 *Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.*

- **He went home to Nazareth!**

- This isn't the first time Jesus has done ministry in Nazareth!

- Luke (Luke 4:16-30)

- The first time Jesus spoke publicly after being baptized tested in the wilderness was at Nazareth
- And it did not go well at that time

- **His Disciples with Him**

- He is bringing His Disciples – FOLLOWING
- That is what we DO we FOLLOW Jesus

- **2nd When the Sabbath Had Come v. 2**

- **Sabbath had Come v. 2a**

Mark 6:2 (NKJV)

2 *And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue.*
And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

- **It was His custom to be in CHURCH**
 - He Began to Teach
- **Application**

- As a Disciple we need to make sure church is a Priority NOT just another event on the calendar

- **Many Astonished v. 2b**

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- **Astonished –**

- Greek: Ekplesso –
- Means: To strike out, totally shocked, flabbergasted.

- **In His hometown**

- He faced a crowd that wondered how He became so powerful in both Word & Works.
- Jesus left Nazareth as a “carpenter”
- He came back as a rabbi
- Complete with a group of disciples.
- It isn’t hard to see how the Nazareth locals would wonder

- “What happened to Jesus?”

- **3rd Is this not the carpenter v. 3**

- **1st Carpenter v. 3a**

Mark 6:3 (NKJV)

3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

- Carpenter –
 - Greek: Tekton
 - Means:
 - A worker in wood, craftsman, or workman
 - It had the idea of “a builder.”
 - Jesus most likely worked with stone
 - Stone was a much more common building material in that time and place
- **2nd NOW - Being Called a Carpenter**
 - This was not a Compliment – **it was an INSULT**
 - A Way of pointing out that Jesus
 - Had no Formal Theological Training.
 - He was never a formal disciple of a rabbi
 - Much less a prominent rabbi
 - So - they attempt to discredit Him
 - So that they did not have to listen to HIM
 - At tactic still uses by those that don't want to hear
- Application
 - 1st There is NOTHING wrong with Education!

- Nothing wrong with Formal Education
- I am consistently working on more education!
- 2nd BUT There is NO SUBSTITUTE for BEING WITH JESUS
 - The Reality Being with Jesus Filled with the Holy Spirit studying His Word
 - Is Greater than any formal education school
 - The School of a LIFE with Jesus it the BEST
- 3rd Personally – I Can't tell you how many times –
 - People inside the church have look down on me because I have no formal education from a (Cemetery) I mean a Seminary...
 - Especially when they are being convicted by the HS
- **3rd Advantage to Being a Carpenter**
 - God is a builder
 - He knows how to build in our lives
 - He knows how to finish the job.
 - A few things Jesus learned as a carpenter:
 - A lot of potential in building material
 - Take a piece of wood and in the right hands it's amazing what can happen

- It takes work and time to make something useable
 - It will take time to make it happen
- He learned that the finest things are made from the hardest work
 - Hard work is critical
- Application - Very Candidly - In my HUMBLE Opinion
 - The best course for a man who feels a call to the ministry
 - Have a Secular job first
 - Not just for a short time but for a good season
 - He needs to understand how the world works
 - How hard it is to provide
 - Feel the pressure
 - Feel Reality
 - You need to get knock around a bit and learn to get up
 - You will also have a job to fall back on when or if needed to continue the ministry
 - Coming straight from Seminary into FULL time ministry
 - Is a disadvantage

- Not that God can't compensate
- BUT it is good to know what the struggles are
- Helpful when your leading
- The Ministry is the hardest thing you will do
 - It hard to describe the pressure to those who have never done it
 - BUT struggle is very REAL and the Judgment to stricter
 - Pastor Chuck
 - Would try and talk men out of the ministry NOT into the Ministry
 - If you can do anything else, do it!
- **4th The Son of Mary v. 3b**

Mark 6:3 (NKJV)

3 *Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.*

- This also was NOT a Compliment.
 - Because there was No mention of Joseph
 - It was contrary to Jewish usage to describe a man as the son of his mother, even when she was a widow, except in insulting terms.
- **5th His Family v. 3c**

Mark 6:3 (NKJV)

3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

- Brothers
 - James, Joses, Judas, and Simon
 - These were actual half-brothers of Jesus.
 - James
 - Was later the leader in the Jerusalem church (Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18; 1 Cor. 15:7; Gal. 1:19; 2:9, 12)
 - Wrote the epistle of James.
 - Judas (Heb. name "Judah")
 - Wrote the epistle of Jude.
 - Nothing more is known of the other two
- And Sisters
 - Nothing more is known
- NO VIRGIN MARY for the rest of her life

▪ **And they were offended at Him v. 3d**

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- Offended
 - We should not be surprised if people are offended by us as well

- Application
 - We seem to live in a world that says we MUST NOT OFFEND
 - Some will even say Jesus never offended
 - It's Impossible to live the Christian life without offending people

• **Second: The Answer Jesus Gave v. 4-6**

- **1st A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country v. 4**

Mark 6:4 (NKJV)

4 But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.”

- Without Honor –
 - Greek: Atimos
 - Means: Without value
- Application
 - If you've ever felt like the people closest to you didn't understand what God has done in your life
 - You're not alone.
 - Jesus wasn't understood by those in His hometown and in his own family.
 - At this time even His own family didn't believe in Him!
 - SO - Don't be surprised

- When you receive persecution from your own family
- As matter of FACT - Jesus already warned us that there would be division (Matthew 10)
- SO - Keep
 - LOVING
 - Working
 - Moving Forward
- **2nd He could do no mighty work v. 5**

Mark 6:5 (NKJV)

5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

- His work was limited in this climate of unbelief.
 - I guess you could say
 - In this sense,
 - Jesus' power was limited by the unbelief of His countrymen.
 - Or Fine you don't won't to believe –
 - I am not going to work in your mist
- **3rd He marveled because of their unbelief v. 6**

Mark 6:6 (NKJV)

6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

- **1st He Marveled –**

- Greek: Thaumazo –
- Means: To wonder, marvel, to be amazed. Imperfect tense.
- The Scripture only records 2 times when Jesus “marveled”
 - 1st The Gentile Centurion Faith (Mark 8:5-13)
 - 2nd And here at Nazareth – No Faith
- **2nd He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching**
 - Jesus did not let this rejection by His countrymen STOP Him
 - He Kept Moving Forward
 - Application
 - Satan knows Family problem can stop people from doing His work
 - IT can paralyze them
 - We must NOT let this happen

The Reliance On Jesus That Is Needed vs. 7-13

• First: The Requirements for Ministry vs. 7-11

- **1st And began to send them out two by two v. 7**
 - **1st He CALLED the Twelve to Himself v. 7a**

Mark 6:7 (NKJV)

7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

- **1st They were Called**

- 1st To FOLLOW Jesus –

- HOW do we “Follow Him”?

- 1st Lifestyle must be like Him / Jesus

- Are we living a life worthy of our calling

- 2nd In our Witness

- We are all called to be witnesses for Him...to have an influence in people's lives

- To be SALT & LIGHT

- 3rd In our Service

- We are ALL called to serve His Body

- **2nd Be with Jesus – To Himself**

- BE WITH JESUS

- We will never be effective in Ministry UNLESS

- We are spending time with Jesus

- DEVOTIONS

- I love what it say in Acts

Acts 4:13 (NKJV)

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

- To Have His Heart for the Lost
 - The more we are WITH Jesus, the more we will see people the way He does
 - As Sheep without a Shepherd
 - People outside of Jesus are LOST / We have the answer

- **2nd Sent them OUT 2 by 2 v. 7b**

Mark 6:7 (NKJV)

*7 And He called the twelve to Himself, **and began to send them out two by two**, and gave them power over unclean spirits.*

- A GREAT lesson – Why?!
 - 1st Encouragement
 - As we get beat up – great to have a soldier to lean on
 - 2nd Accountability
 - Keep us Pure
 - Keep us from false accusations
 - 3rd Strength
 - No one has all the gifts
 - Great to have the strength of a brother next to you

- **3rd Gave them POWER v. 7c**

Mark 6:7 (NKJV)

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- **1st He GAVE them POWER**

- To do what He had called them to do
- In their case power over unclean spirits

- **2nd Lesson**

- There's a phrase that we should memorize

- **GOD'S CALLING IS HIS ENABLING**

- If God calls you to something...

- He's going to enable you and equip you
 - If you since the Lord is calling you to something and know you are way over head... GOOD
 - He will give what you need

- Illustration

- PHS Lunch / the kids called it Jesus Pizza
 - NOT as a way to puff up but as a testimony to what GOD HAS DONE

- **Show Pics**

- **2nd He commanded them to take nothing for the journey vs. 8-10**

Mark 6:8–10 (NKJV)

8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts—

9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

10 Also He said to them, *“In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place.*

▪ **1st What TO and what NOT to Take**

- A Staff –
- Sandals = Good
- Coat (Tunics) = Yes
 - But Only ONE
- NO Bag, Bread, or Money
- **In other words, they went with just the clothes on their back.**

▪ **2nd Where to Stay**

- In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place.
- Don't look for a better place
- Remain content
- Don't go shopping around for a better deal

▪ **3rd Application –**

- **1st Ministry Should be kept SIMPLE**
 - Keep Ministry SIMPLE
 - CCP = SIMPLY JESUS
 - **Are we here to Touch the Hem of His Garment**
 - **Or do we need Jesus and...**

- **2nd NOW It is good to support Ministries – BUT**
 - We should support Ministries & Missions
 - Pastors and Staff
 - This is Biblical
- **3rd Dependence On God is GOOD**
 - I believe if a person has a Call to be in Ministry
 - They need to show it
 - By stepping out of their comfort Zone
 - They need to prove that it is a CALL not just another way to make money
 - Not just have everything handed to them
 - They need to learn Dependence on Jesus
 - Illustration
 - So many times we see in our wealthy culture people starting out in ministry with every need being met
 - Great Salary – check
 - Great Medical Insurance – Check
 - Retirement Package – Check
 - Walking in to an Established Ministry – Check

- Only work 30 hours a Week – Check

- **Hear my heart**

- Having ALL your needs meet up front is a disadvantage
- We will miss the blessing of living a life of faith
- We will miss growing in faith
- Illustration

- The Call came in 1995

- Working 45-60 a week
- 20 Hours Ministry
- No PAY – Did not want it
- It was a Call
- I Grow in faith trusting God

- The Call to Come here

- Leavening CCA and Coming here
- A church that had great people
- BUT the church was struggling
 - Split APART
 - Debt – Very little money in the bank
 - Could Not offer a salary

- But we came

- With no assurance it would work
- Worked side jobs
- Had people support us in a great way
- All for His Glory
- We Can NEVER Replace what we have learned

- **Understand How Calvary Chapels Work**

- No money is given to us

- **3rd And whoever will not receive you nor hear you v. 11**

Mark 6:11 (NKJV)

11 And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

- **The Job**

- Sow Seeds
- Their job as preachers wasn't to change people's minds
- They were to present the message
- The choice was in the hands of those hearing the message

- **Whoever will NOT Receive it**

- Just move on
- They are not rejecting YOU
- They are Rejection GOD
- **It will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment:**
 - Was Judged on this Earth
 - The Next Judgment without Christ - will be FAR worse

• **Second: The Responsibilities they had vs. 12-13**

○ **1st They went out v. 12a**

Mark 6:12 (NKJV)

12 So they went out and preached that people should repent.

- **They actually did it.**
 - We can hear Jesus' word to us all day long
 - But something is missing until we do it.
 - It in the APPLICATION -

○ **2nd They went out and preached v. 12b**

Mark 6:12 (NKJV)

12 So they went out **and preached that people should repent.**

- **To Preach**
 - To Tell others
 - The sense of announcing news to them.

- Means: To be a herald, to officiate as a herald to publish, proclaim openly
- A herald was a messenger sent by a king / monarch to convey a message or proclamation
- They MUST and we MUST Preach the Gospel
 - It is CRITICAL the church never DEMISES preaching
 - Social work, other ministries are all important
 - But preaching the gospel is what changes lives
 - I can do all the great works in the world BUT if never preach the Gospel I have failed

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- J.C. Ryle; “The importance of preaching, as a means of grace, might easily be gathered from this passage, even if it stood alone. But it is but one instance, among many, of the high value which the Bible everywhere sets upon preaching. It is, in fact, God’s chosen instrument for doing good to souls. By it sinners are converted, inquirers led on, and saints built up. A preaching ministry is absolutely essential to the health and prosperity of a visible church. The pulpit is the place where the chief victories of the Gospel have always been won, and no Church has ever done much for the advancement of true religion in which the pulpit has been neglected. Would we know whether a minister is a truly apostolical (Ap-os-to-lical) man? If he is, he will give the best of his attention to his sermons. He will labor and pray to make his preaching effective, and he will tell his congregation that he looks to preaching for the chief results on souls. The minister who exalts the

sacraments, or forms of the Church, above preaching, may be a zealous, earnest, conscientious, and respectable minister; but his zeal is not according to knowledge. He is not a follower of the apostles.

- SO - Critical we understand the importance of preaching

▪ **Should REPENT**

- Repent – Greek: Metanoeo
- Means:
 - To change one's mind about one's previous life and course of action.
 - It means that you realize that your life has been going in the wrong direction and you make a choice to turn around.
- This is OUR message
 - Hey World stop going in the direction you're going and turn and follow Jesus
 - He has made a way for you to have forgiveness from your sins and given us the hope of Heaven
 - BUT you MUST REPENT

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

- **3rd And anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them v. 13**

Mark 6:13 (NKJV)

13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

- Ww see God working through them!
 - He will work through us too

The Reaction Of Herod That Could Happen To Us vs. 14-29

• First: The Concern vs. 14-16

○ 1st King Herod v. 14

Mark 6:14 (NKJV)

14 Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

▪ Who is - Herod Antipas I

- A son of Herod the Great.
- Herod Antipas was tetrarch (ruler of a fourth part of his father’s kingdom along with three of his brothers)
- Of Galilee and Perea (the northern areas of Israel) with the backing of Rome from 4 BC to AD 39.
- Technically

- He was not a full-fledged king but he served the function of a king.

▪ Jesus is becoming well known

- Even to the point that now the palace of Herod has heard about Jesus.

○ 2nd It is Elijah v. 15

Mark 6:15 (NKJV)

15 Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."

- There were a lot of different ideas about Jesus.
 - People didn't know what to make of Him.
 - Jesus quizzes His disciples about who they think He is (Mark 8:27-29).
- **3rd This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead v. 16**

Mark 6:16 (NKJV)

16 But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!"

- Herod has some wrong ideas about Jesus.
 - His bad ideas are based on his own guilty conscience.

• Second: The Cause of JTB Arrest vs. 17-18

- **1st Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John vs. 17-18**

Mark 6:17–18 (NKJV)

17 For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

18 Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

- **Herod imprisoned John for his bold rebuke of his sin.**
 - "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."
- **John preached repentance**
 - John did not spare the rich and powerful.
 - He called Herod and his wife Herodias to repent

- Because Herodias had been the wife of Herod's brother Philip.

▪ **It all starts with King Herod the Great**

- Who had seven sons by several wives, including Herod Antipas.
- Herod Antipas had first married a daughter of the Arabian king, Aretas IV.
- Then he fell in love with his niece Herodias, who was the daughter of his half-brother, Aristobulus. Aristobulus was already dead, having been killed out of paranoia by his own father Herod the Great. Herodias was a granddaughter of Herod the Great.
- Herodias was already married to her uncle, Herod's other half-brother Philip.
- Herod ended up divorcing his wife and marrying Herodias, who had divorced her husband Philip.
- Herodias and her first husband Philip had a daughter, Salome.
- Salome would end up marrying another Philip, who was also a half-brother of Herod. Confusing?

▪ **Application**

- When we preach repentance to a world that does not want to hear
 - This too could happen to us
 - One reason why the church has gotten soft on SIN
 - It wants to remain popular not be persecuted

- **Third: The Circumstances That Lead to JTB Death vs. 19-29**

- **1st And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced vs. 19-23**

Mark 6:19–23 (NKJV)

19 Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee.

22 And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you."

23 He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

- **Herodias' daughter (Salome) shamelessly danced before Herod and friends**

- Winning favor and a special request.

- **Dance**

- Refers to a solo dance with highly suggestive hand and body movements, comparable to a modern striptease

- **2nd So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" vs. 24-26**

Mark 6:24–26 (NKJV)

24 So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

25 Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.

- **The immediate reply of Herodias**

- Showed that the mother had this planned out all along.
- She knew her husband and she knew the situation, and knew she could get what she wanted this way.

- **The king was exceedingly sorry**

- Yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her

- **3rd Immediately the king Sent An Executioner vs. 27-29**

Mark 6:27–29 (NKJV)

27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison,

28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

29 When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

- **We Must Understand this last point**

- When we preach the Gospel stand up for righteousness
- We may also end up paying the Price – having our very life taken!

Closing

- There is a COST to Discipleship
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