



Dependent Disciples

Scripture: Mark 6:7-44
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Jesus' kingdom advances through dependent disciples, despite opposition, because He is the true Shepherd who provides everything His people need.

Mark 6:7-13, 7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. 8 These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. 9 Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. 10 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." 12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Dependent Disciples

- Serve together, not alone
- Rely on the Holy Spirit
- Walk through open doors
- Focus on gospel ministry

Mark 6:14-27, ...17 For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. 18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him...21 On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 22 When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced...The king said to the girl..."Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered...27 So he immediately sent an executioner...

Despite Opposition

- From worldly powers
- When truth exposes sin
- Fueled by resentment
- That appears to win

C.T. Studd, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

Mark 30:28-44, 30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31..."Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."...34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them... 35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. 36 Send the people away so that they can go...and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." 39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass... 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Because He is the True Shepherd Who Provides Everything His People Need

- He has compassion on us
- He supplies all that we lack
- He satisfies our souls

Two Kings, Two Banquets

HEROD'S TABLE

- The powerful & influential are invited.
- Luxury, lust, boasting & death.

JESUS' TABLE

- The humble & needy are invited.
- Truth, compassion, gratitude & satisfaction.

Which table are you sitting at?

