

5. What can we discover about Jesus from the events of 6:45-56?

6. What do you think was going through the disciples' minds as they discovered Jesus walking on the water?

7. Read Matthew 14:28-33. Why do you think Mark didn't include this part of the story in his version?

## Chapter Six THE BEAUTIFUL COLLISION – THE DEPRAVITY OF MAN AND THE DIVINITY OF GOD COLLIDE



### WHERE IS JESUS?

1. His hometown of Nazareth
2. From village to village
3. Sea of Galilee
4. Remote hillside on the Sea of Galilee
5. Gennesaret

**OVERVIEW:** One of the overarching themes in the Gospel According to Mark is the amount and frequency of the unbelief that Jesus encounters. At various times, the disciples, the religious leaders, even His own family express unbelief in Jesus and His mission. Chapter six is full of situations where Jesus is confronted with the unbelief of those around Him.

In 6:1-6, Jesus returns to His hometown of Nazareth and begins to teach in the temple, only to be greeted by unbelief and rejection. As a result, He could do no miracles in that place. What a steep price those people paid for their selfish unbelief! In 6:7-13, Jesus sends out the Twelve with instructions of how to treat the people and the villages where they will meet unbelief and opposition.

The chapter ends with the crowd of 5000 and the disciples getting caught up in an inability or unwillingness to believe that Jesus truly is the Son of God. Ultimately, the disciples are left to scream out in fear at the sight of the Lord walking on the water, and we are told that this is because their hearts were hardened. Amazing!

**Read Mark 6:2.**

? *“Amazed”* The Greek word here is **explessonto**, which means “astounded, awe struck, overwhelmed.”

**Read Mark 6:3.**

? *“took offense”* The Greek word here is **skandalidzo**, which means “to be caused to stumble; to be repelled.”

**FOR YOUR GROUP STUDY:**

1. What observations have you made in your study of Mark this week?
2. How can we model or apply the disciples' mission to our lives today?
3. Why do you think the story of John's beheading is told between the disciples' mission and the feeding of the 5000?
4. How do tiredness and stress affect your desire and/or ability to serve God?



4. Describe a time when you struggled to believe one of God's promises or something you read in the Bible? What was the result of the struggle?
  
5. Why did Jesus only allow the disciples to take the clothes they were wearing when He sent them out?
  
6. Jesus told them to find a home to go into in each town. How did they know which house to choose?
  
7. What two kings give feasts in Chapter 6?

8. What happened at each feast?
  
9. How do you think the disciples were doing in verse 30 and following?
  
10. If you had heard Jesus invitation to come away and rest (v. 31), what would you have expected to happen next?
  
11. How did Jesus and the disciples each view the crowd?