

The Gospel of Mark

Mark 6:7-32

“Enjoying the Message!”

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These were his instructions: ‘Take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 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.’

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying,

‘John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.’ Others said, ‘He is Elijah.’

And still others claimed, ‘He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.’

But when Herod heard this, he said, ‘John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!’

For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison.

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He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod,

‘It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.’

So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

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Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl,

‘Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.’

And he promised her with an oath, ‘Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.’

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She went out and said to her mother, ‘What shall I ask for?’

‘The head of John the Baptist,’ she answered.

At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: ‘I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.’

The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter.

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He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

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"Markan Sandwich"

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LITERARY DEVICE

"A Story Within a Story!"

Also called: "interpolations" or "intercalations"

"Markan Sandwich"

Gives both stories a greater sense of meaning.

Story A – Introduction The "inner" story...

Story B – Introduction **AND** Conclusion

Story A – Conclusion

"Markan Sandwich"

And... it's usually the inner story...
... that provides the key to the purpose of the sandwich.

Story A – Introduction The "inner" story...

Story B – Introduction AND Conclusion

Story A – Conclusion

"Markan Sandwich"

Examples

Mark 11:12-21

- A - Cursing of the fig tree
- B - Cleansing of the temple
- A - Withering of the fig tree

“Markan Sandwich”
Examples

Mark 5:21-43

- A - Jairus pleads with Jesus to save his daughter
- B - Jesus’ encounter with the woman suffering from hemorrhage of blood
- A - Jesus raises Jairus’s daughter

“Markan Sandwich”
Mark 6:7-32

Initially appears to be cut/paste error...
...a disjointed pair of stories!

STORY A – (Mark 6:7-13) Jesus sends out the 12 apostles.

STORY B – (Mark 6:14-29) Recollection of the murder of John the Baptist by Herod.

STORY A’ – (Mark 6:30-32) The apostles return and report on what happened when they were sent out. Jesus invites them to come away to a quiet place.

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Like-minded!
Mutual encouragement!
Shared joys, struggles, burdens...
Prayer in agreement!
Accountability!

Mark 6:12-13

“They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.”

Preached! **Healed!**
Drove out demons!

Recall the parable of the sower & the soils...

Mark 4:8, 20

“... like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop - some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

30
60
100

There's life in them-there seeds!

Endued with the same power and ability to produce the same effects as Him!

There's life in them-there seeds!

This is the kingdom of God breaking forth!

Question:
What do you call a lone corn stalk growing in a field of beans?

A weed!

The crop must be like unto the seed!

Otherwise... Weeds!

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Guilt!

Haunted by the memory!

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When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

... he used to enjoy listening to him. (NASB)

... he heard him gladly. (KJV)

"But Herod both feared and stood in awe of John and kept him safely in custody, because he was convinced that he was a righteous and holy man. Every time Herod heard John speak, it disturbed his soul, but he was drawn to him and was intrigued by his words." (TPT)

But no heart response!

Mark 6:21-26

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The king was greatly distressed, but!

Foolish vow!

“I (Jephthah) will give to the LORD whatever comes out of my house to meet me when I return in triumph. I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering.” Judges 11:31

“If you find his cup with any one of us, let that man die. And all the rest of us, my lord, will be your slaves.” Genesis 44:9

Mark 6:29-32

... On hearing of this, John’s disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)

“If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison - your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27)

Responses to the Gospel

Herodias - Give me power, autonomy... use others... Kill the voice!

Daughter - Insecure... seductive... living for pleasure... unaware... uninterested...

Herod

Responses to the Gospel

Herod -

- ✓ Enjoyed listening!
- ✓ Knew John was righteous & holy!
- ✓ Was even grieved!

Responses to the Gospel

Matthew 16:24-25

A true disciple

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.'"

"The farmer sows the word!" (Mark 4:14)

By the path, Hard!

Thorns!

Rocky!

Good!

"It's about the soil!"
and...
"that's about the FRUIT!"

30, 60, 100x fruitfulness!

Genesis 7:16

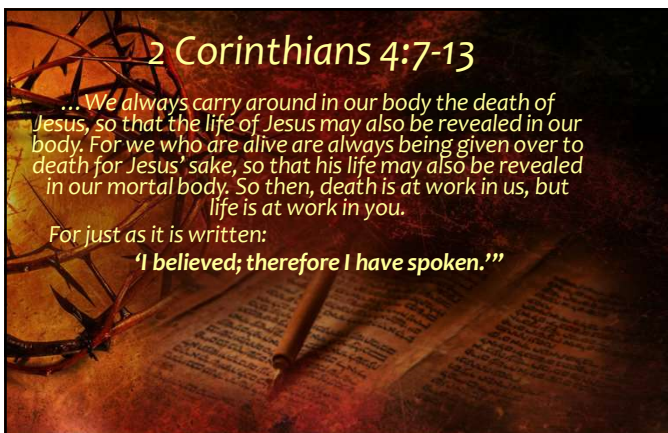
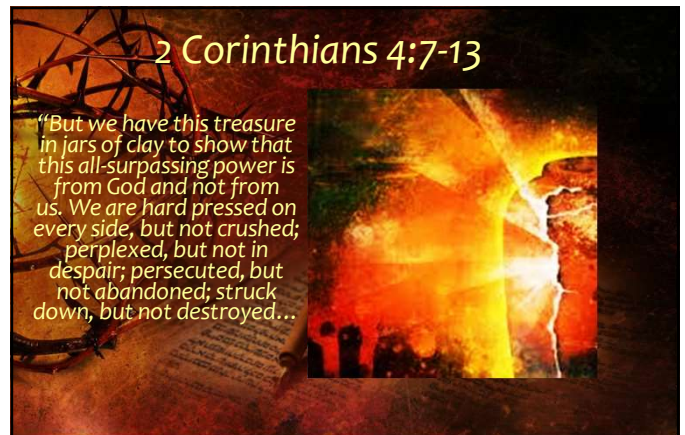
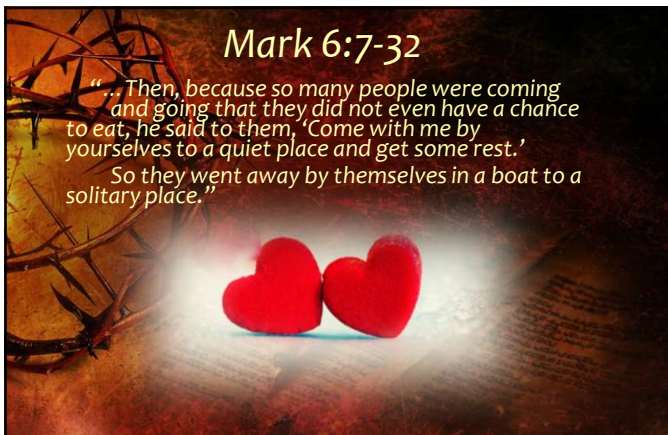
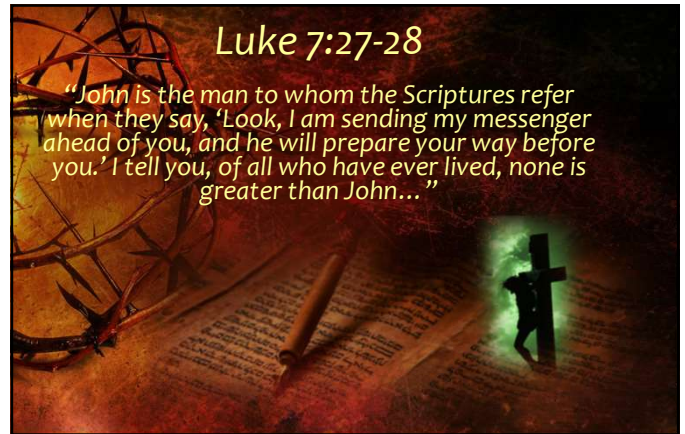
"A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind them."

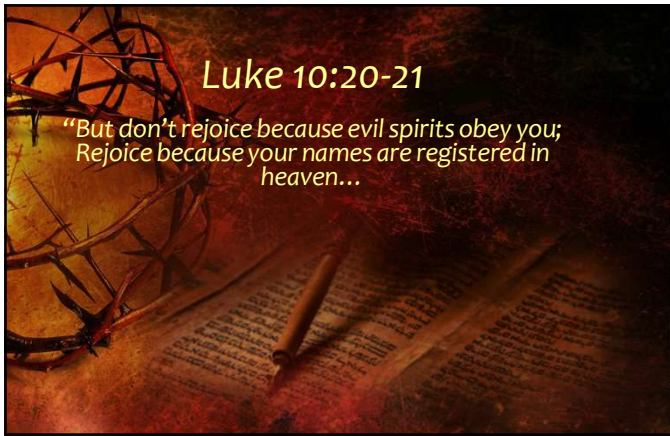
Luke 23:8-9

"When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer."

For He says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, NOW IS THE TIME OF GOD'S FAVOR, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.

2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV





Luke 10:20-21
"But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you;
Rejoice because your names are registered in
heaven..."



Matthew 16:24-25
"Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
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Responses to the Gospel



So, where do you fall on the spectrum?

Responses to the Gospel

What am I living for? What am I dying for?
And is what I'm living for worth Christ's dying for?