



I. OVERVIEW OF MARK 6:14-29

1. The confusion of following Jesus

- **The greatness of John the Baptist (Luke 7:28)**
 - ⇒ **A miraculous birth and calling (Luke 1:11-20)**
 - ⇒ **A courageous prophet (Matthew 3:7-8)**
 - ⇒ **A kind heart toward people in need (Luke 3:12-15)**
 - ⇒ **A beloved family member (Luke 1:36)**

- **The imprisonment of John the Baptist**

John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.

Matthew 11:2-5 (NLT)

- **The death of John the Baptist**

2. The cost of following Jesus

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.
Matthew 16:25 (NLT)

Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters—yes, more than his own life—otherwise he cannot be my disciple. And no one can be my disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow me.

Luke 14:25-27 (TLB)

3. The confidence of following Jesus

I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die.

John 11:25b-26 (NLT)

II. APPLICATION OF MARK 6:14-29

1. Refuse to live under the tyranny of a guilty conscience

let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22 (NLT)

2. Remove the dangers of grudges through forgiveness

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

3. Recognize the perils of "people pleasing"

Being afraid of people can get you into trouble, but if you trust the LORD, you will be safe.

Proverbs 29:25 (NCV)

4. Realize the hazards of impulsive promises

It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. Don't let your mouth make you sin...

Ecclesiastes 5:5-6a (NLT)

5. Remember that evil may appear to win – but God will always have the ultimate eternal victory

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Revelation 21:4 (NLT)