

A Flashback That Shows the Future **Mark. 6:7-32**

Now we find out what happened to John the Baptist after 1:14.
Note the obvious “sandwich structure” which Mark often uses.

Mission of the Twelve begins: sent by Jesus, 7-13

- Why groups of two? Dt. 19:15, Ecc. 4:9,10, also in Acts 11:30, 13:2.
- Why must they take such meager resources?
- What can they expect and how should they respond?
Matt. 10:16ff. adds a lengthy and sober warning to the twelve.

Martyrdom of John: implications for Jesus, 14-29

- Again note the confusion about just who Jesus really is!
- Lots of Herods! This is Antipas who sought Jesus, Lk. 9:9, 13:32,33.
- Lots of drama here! How are each of these characters portrayed?
- Who should the key characters here remind us of in 1 Kgs.?
- What things should we learn from what happens here?

- Why is this long digression about John's fate inserted here?

Mission of the Twelve completed: return to Jesus, 30-32

- We get specifics for how it went with John but not so with the 12!
- Again note the great ministry demands (3:20) and a need for R&R .



What should we
be fully aware of
once we put our
faith in Christ,
especially if we
are determined
to speak up?