

THE BOOK OF MARK

The background features a city skyline with various skyscrapers of different heights and shapes. The image is overlaid with a color gradient that transitions from a dark teal at the top to a bright orange at the bottom. The text is rendered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

UNEXPECTED  
KINGDOM

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

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Mark 6:29-30 (NIV 2011)

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Mark 6:12-13, 30-31 (NIV 2011)

# Power at Work in Herod's "Kingdom" - Mark 6:17-29

- Imprisoned & killed for speaking what's right against powerful people
- Infidelity
- Avoiding the consequences of "normal" people
- Child exploitation
- Alcohol abuse (probably)
- Leadership decisions – some spur-of-the-moment, others calculated – founded in fear, revenge, ego, and entertainment

# Power at Work in Jesus' Kingdom - Mark 6:7-13, 30-31

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# Power at Work in Jesus' Kingdom - Mark 6:7-13, 30-31

... <sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ...

# Power at Work in Jesus' Kingdom - Mark 6:7-13, 30-31

<sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, ...

... <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> 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." ...

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