



**Jesus Rejected, Sends the
12, John Beheaded
February 5, 2012**

Bible Readings

This Sunday's readings are divided into the readings below. We invite you to take time each day to read a part of this story.

Sunday	Mark 6:1-3	Isn't this the carpenter?
Monday	Mark 6:4-6	Hometown Disappointment
Tuesday	Mark 6:7-9	Exercise in trust!
Wednesday	Mark 6:10-13	Disciple Internship
Thursday	Mark 6:14-16	Past Actions Haunting Herod
Friday	Mark 6:17-29	Death of John the Baptist
Saturday	Mark 6:1-29	

THEME VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"Others said, 'He is Elijah.' And still other claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets long ago.'" Mark 6:15

PRAYER AND BLESSING:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, trusting You is not always easy. There are a lot of things in our lives that get in the way. Help us to push through the distractions and trust in you each day. Amen.

A Blessing of the Week:

May you trust in the Lord of Hope all the days of your life! Amen.



4 Key Faith Practices

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Create your devotion space. Start your devotions by sharing your highs and lows from the day. Read today's verses.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who do you trust?
- What makes it hard for you to trust someone or something?
- Do you trust God?
- What makes it hard to trust Him?

DEVOTIONS:

Trust is a big theme through this week's verses. Jesus is asking a lot of different people to trust Him in very different situations. First, Jesus preaches to His hometown. These people do not trust that Jesus is anything other than the carpenter they knew years ago and refuse to see Him differently. Second, Jesus asks the disciples to trust in His instructions to them as they are sent out to preach, teach and heal. This may sound simple enough, but some of those instructions require the disciples to trust others as well. Thirdly, Jesus asks John the Baptist to trust that He is the Savior that was promised. Trusting is not always easy, but it is a big part of faith! Explore this topic as you read through the verses this week.

SERVICE:

Read Proverbs 3:5. We like to think we know what we are doing, don't we? If given the option to trust ourselves or trust someone else, we almost always choose to trust ourselves! Yet this week's service verse tells us to trust in God and NOT on our own understanding! What are areas where you struggle to trust God? Find ways to change this this week.