

# In Tune



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## **Jesus' Ministry – John the Baptist**

In a world that can take our focus off of God, we spend time each Sunday in his Word to hear the words of life, so that we might be totally **IN TUNE** with him.

### **PRAY**

Before you begin your reading, STOP and ask God's spirit to bring to light something you never knew before.

*Jesus has been using his power to heal, his words to teach truth, and his actions to show love. We begin this week with Jesus wanting more and more people to be part of his kingdom.*

### **Read Matthew 9:35-38.**

What kinds of things does this say Jesus was doing?

How does Jesus see the crowds?

What does Jesus ask the disciples to pray for?

(And what exactly does he mean by those words?)

*Right after Jesus says this, he sends out the 12 disciples to advance the kingdom of God. We have a list of the 12 men, as well as famous sayings.*

### **Read Matthew 10:16.**

What does Jesus mean by these words?

*We read about how John the Baptist had been put in prison. At one point, he even began to question if Jesus was the Messiah. After being affirmed in his belief, we read about the end of his life on earth.*

### **Read Mark 6:17-20.**

Who imprisoned John and why?

How did Herod and Herodias feel toward John?

### **Read Mark 6:21-25.**

Describe the situation that Herodias takes advantage of.

### **Read Mark 6:26-29.**

How does the story end?

### **LIVE**

Do you think of yourself as a "harvest worker"? Why or why not?

How exactly do we live as "shrewd as snakes but innocent as doves"?

What lessons can we learn from John the Baptist in this situation?

What lessons can we learn from Herod and this situation?

**Prayer:** Write a prayer that these passages prompt you write.