

The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 66

Yeshua Sends Out His Emissaries ~ Part 6

In our last post, we continued to examine the topic of **Yeshua Sends Out His Emissaries**. In this post, we conclude this topic as we look briefly at **The Death of Yochanan the Immerser** and the **Emissaries' Return and Report**.

The Death of Yochanan the Immerser

I think that most of my readers are familiar with the ministry in **Yochanan the Immerser**. In the interest of space and the lack of **Red-Letter Words**, I'll refer you to his death and burial details to Mattityahu 14:3-12a and Mark 6:17-29.

Emissaries Return & Report

On their return, the emissaries detailed to Yeshua what they had done. What they had done refers to their use of **Yeshua's** delegated power and authority in the casting out of demons, healings, and preaching.

Then, taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a town called Beit-Tzaidah.¹ But the crowds found out and followed Him.² There were so many people coming and going that they couldn't even take time to eat, so he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a place where we can be alone, and you can get some rest."

The departure and return of the twelve **emissaries** frame the story of **Yochanan the Immerser's** death (Mark 6:14–29), which interrupts the **emissaries'** mission as a flashback.

They went off by themselves to an isolated spot;³ ... to the far side of Lake Kinneret (that is, Lake Tiberias),⁴ to a solitary place. But many people, seeing them leave and recognizing them, ran ahead on foot from all the towns and got there first.⁵

(I love how F. LaGard Smith pieces the four **Gospels** together to convey the scene.)

In our next post, we will examine our next series on **Miracles and Multitudes** beginning in Mark 4:34.

¹ A village near **Capernaum** and the hometown of **Kefa, Andrew, and Philip**.

² Luke 9:10-11a.

³ Mark 6:30–32.

⁴ John 6:1.

⁵ Mark 6:33.