

**INTRODUCTION: A MEANS TO AN END**

**I. TEXT: NEEDS & PROVISIONS IN TRANSITIONS** (Mt.14:12,13 || Mk.6:31,32; Lk.9:10,11)

**A. JOHN THE BAPTIZER IN TRANSITION** (Mt.14:1-13; see Mk.6:14-29; Lk.9:7-9)

1. sidebar threat (Mt.14:12)
2. summary: need for safety (Mt.14:13; see 4:12; 12:15; 15:21,1f)

**B. THE APOSTLES IN TRANSITION** (Mk.6:30-34; Mt.14:12-14; Lk.9:10,11)

1. chosen by Jesus (Mt.10:1f; Mk.3:13f; Lk.6:12f)
2. to bear witness to his words & works (Mt.10:5f; Mk.6:7f; Lk.9:1f)
3. overwhelming demands (Mk.6:31; see 3:20f)
4. summary: need for refreshment (Mk.6:31,32; see Mt.14:13; Lk.9:10)

**C. CONCLUSION: PROTECTION & PROVISION** (Mt.14:13 & Mk.6:31f; Lk.9:10f; see Jn.10:11f)

**II. LESSON: BLESSINGS IN BARRENNESS**

**A. ONLY THE LONELY: BY THEMSELVES, LONELY PLACE** (Mk.6:31,32; Mt.14:13; Lk.9:10,12)

**B. JOSEPH: A PIT IN THE WILDERNESS** (Gen.37:22; see Mt.14:12,13)

**C. EXODUS: IN THE WILDERNESS** (Ex.3:18; 5:3; 8:27f /Ex.18:10; Dt.2:7; 8:15,16; Nm.21:9(Jn.8:28; 12:34); see Jer.2:2; Gen.24:67; Song 4:12)

**D. ELIJAH: IN THE WILDERNESS** (1Kngs.19:3f,6)

**E. BAPTIZER: IN THE WILDERNESS** (Mt.3:1f; 11:7)

**F. JESUS: IN THE WILDERNESS** (Mt.3:13f; 4:1f(Mk.1:13); Jn.6:3(Mt.5:1f); Lk.5:16; 6:12; 9:18,28; see Mt.6:6)

**III. USE: COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES TO A LONELY PLACE & REST AWHILE!**

(Mk.6:30,31)

**A. *BECOME A TRUE DISCIPLE*** (Mk.1:18,20; 10:28; see Mk.6:31,32; Jer.2:2; see Ex.20:3; Mk.4:19; 1Jn2:16)

**B. *ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD*** (Mk.6:31,32 w/33f; see Lk.9:10,23f,28f; Mt.6:6; see Acts 2:42)

**C. *YOU DON'T NEED TIME FOR YOURSELF*** (Mk.6:31,32; Mt.11:28f; see Heb.10:25f; Ps.128; Song 4:12(Jer.2:2); Mt.6:6(24:26))

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)