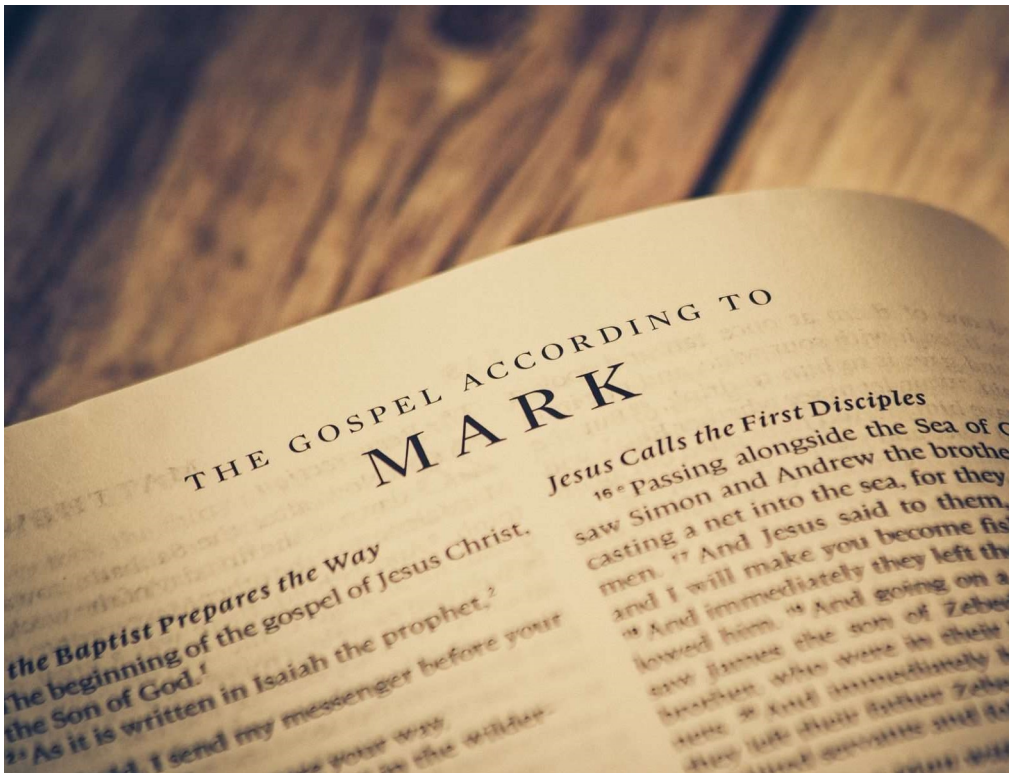


Let's Worship God

7th-12th October 2019

Mark



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus Calls the First Disciples
16: Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishing. He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Monday - Mark 2:1-12 - They Wouldn't Let a Roof Stand in Their Way

Jesus has returned from the country to Capernaum, and the crowds are just as strong as ever. Word gets around that Jesus has come back, and the crowds fill his house and stand outside the door. Jesus takes this opportunity not to heal them but to preach to them.

Meanwhile four men arrive carrying a paralytic. They want to get their friend through to Jesus to be healed, but there is no way they are going to get through that crowd. These men really believe that Jesus can help them, so they're not giving up. Instead they manage to get up on the roof, and they start ripping it off. Suddenly, in the middle of Jesus' sermon, a man on a mat is being lowered through the ceiling.

Jesus, seeing their faith, gives this paralytic the best gift imaginable - not healing, but forgiveness of sins. Jesus knows that to forgive sins is the most important and necessary thing He can do for this man. Instantly, the local religious teachers realise that Jesus must be claiming to be God since only God can forgive sins. Jesus knows what they are thinking, so He gives them proof that God is with Him by healing the paralytic. The crowds who have so many opportunities to listen to Jesus and see His miracles are amazed, but not converted. The religious teachers are left speechless, but the paralytic man goes on his way forgiven.

Questions

1. Why did the men take the paralytic through the roof?
2. What was the most important thing Jesus could do for this man?
3. What was the proof that Jesus had the power to forgive sins?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be persistent in taking our problems to Jesus.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." Mark 8:35

Praise: Psalm 48 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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fishing in the sea, for they were fish

Tuesday - Mark 2:13-22 - Feasting Not Fasting

As Jesus is walking along He sees Levi (another name for Matthew) and calls him to be a disciple. Levi is a tax-collector, a job which makes him hated by other Jews, as tax-collectors are usually corrupt and greedy. Jesus is capable of changing anyone, though, and Levi follows Jesus as quickly as the other disciples.

Levi puts on a great feast for all his old friends, Jesus, and the other disciples to celebrate his new commitment and new job of following Jesus. The Pharisees are quick to criticise Jesus for going to this meal and associating with these people who have a terrible reputation. Jesus tells them that the whole reason He has come is to help those who need Him, not those who think they are good enough.

After answering this criticism, Jesus now faces one from the people who want to know why He and the disciples don't fast like John the Baptist and the Pharisees. This weekly fasting, a sign of sadness over tragedy and sin, has become a Jewish tradition, even though it is never commanded by God. Jesus answers that it is not the right time for fasting. You don't expect to see a bride filled with grief at a wedding, and in the same way, this is a joyful time. There will be time enough for sadness and fasting later. You don't mix old and new things together, and you shouldn't mix traditional times of sadness with the new joy over the coming of the Messiah.

Questions

1. Why were the Pharisees so shocked that Jesus would go to dinner at Levi's house?
2. Why didn't Jesus and the disciples fast?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Jesus has the power to change anyone's heart.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 49 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Wednesday - Mark 2:23-28 - The Pharisees Miss The Point....Again.

The Pharisees are so concerned about their own traditions and outward show of being religious that they are ready to find fault with anything, so they attack the disciples for husking corn to eat on the Sabbath. The Pharisees have made up all sorts of rules about what you can and can not do; these rules are supposed to keep you from breaking God's commands. However, the Pharisees usually just focus on their own rules and completely forget God's commands.

Jesus knows that the Pharisees have added all these little rules and traditions to the things God has said, so He brings the discussion back to what God really has said in the Bible. He reminds them that David ate the holy bread of the tabernacle when it was necessary.

The Pharisees have nothing to say to this reminder from the Bible, but then Jesus goes on to say even more. He tells them that the Sabbath was made to be a blessing from God for all people - a time to rest and worship God. The Sabbath is a good thing, for our benefit, and the Pharisees with all their man-made restrictions have turned it into a burden. Jesus, the Master of men, is Lord of the Sabbath and knows how it is to be kept.

Questions

1. What did the Pharisees criticise the disciples for doing?
2. What example did Jesus remind them of?
3. What is the purpose of the Sabbath?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God has given us the Lord's Day.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Mark 3:1-12 - Turning the Tables on the Pharisees

This chapter opens with the Pharisees looking for a reason to accuse Jesus. Instead of worshipping God, their minds are full with wondering if they can trap Jesus into doing something wrong. Their hatred against Jesus leads them to completely ignore the fact that a man is in need.

Jesus knows what is going on, and He tells the man with the shrivelled hand to stand up. He then asks those around Him if it is lawful to do good or evil on the Sabbath. By asking this question, He turns the tables on the Pharisees. They can't say that evil should be done on the Sabbath, but their pride won't let them agree with Jesus. So, they say nothing. Jesus is full of anger and sadness at the stubborn, sinful, proud hearts of those around Him.

After this, the Pharisees hate Jesus so much that they conspire with their political enemies, supporters of Herod, to kill Jesus. Going away from the synagogue, Jesus leaves these Jewish religious leaders, but the crowds follow Him. Their need to be healed in body and soul push them to Jesus wherever He goes, and they are compassionately healed. Wanting men to discover who He is from His words and actions, Jesus tells the demons to keep silent as they admit His power.

Questions

1. What was the question Jesus asked the synagogue?
2. Why couldn't the Pharisees answer this?
3. Why did Jesus tell the demons to be silent?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Jesus heals us of our sin.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 51 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Friday - Mark 3:13-21 - Choosing Men For Ministry

Jesus again withdraws from the crowds, and Luke 6:12 tells us He spends the whole night in prayer. The next day He is to pick 12 men to be apostles, teachers, and followers of Him. These are men that are going to be trained for ministry. They will be with Him constantly to learn His teachings and be witnesses of the things He does. Jesus will send them out to preach and give them the power to expel demons.

Why does Jesus pick these particular twelve men? Fishermen, a tax-collector, hot-tempered brothers, extremists, and a traitor, they don't seem to fit as ideal ministry students. Jesus chooses them because He wants to, not because they deserve it, and by the grace of God He will transform them and make them amazing ministers.

After choosing His twelve apostles, Jesus returns to the crowds. Despite what must be very inconvenient at times, Jesus never gets annoyed with the people for pushing in around Him or following Him everywhere. Instead, He takes every opportunity to help them. Meanwhile, Jesus' family is beginning to wonder about Him. The last straw is hearing that the crowds have kept Jesus from regular mealtimes. They think that Jesus is crazy, and they set out to save Him from Himself.

Questions

1. What did Jesus choose the 12 apostles to do?
2. Why did He pick these 12 men?
3. What does His family think about Him?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for those men in ministry in our churches.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 52 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Saturday - Mark 3:22-30 - Amazing Forgiveness

So strong is the hatred of the religious leaders for Jesus that they journey all the way from Jerusalem to attack Him. Grasping at straws they accuse Him of being in league with Satan and casting out demons with Satan's permission.

Jesus quickly points out how foolish this accusation is. Why would Satan want to drive out his own demons? It would be like committing suicide. His kingdom would be destroyed. Instead, Jesus must have a stronger power than Satan because He is able to defeat Satan.

Then Jesus makes a wonderful statement about the forgiveness of sin. It is possible for all the sins and blasphemies of men to be forgiven. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven, but then Jesus seems to contradict Himself by mentioning an unforgivable sin. What is this unforgivable sin? To blaspheme against the Holy Spirit - to be faced with the call of the Holy Spirit to believe and to then refuse to believe, this is unforgivable. Forgiveness only comes when you believe, and to refuse to believe is to refuse the only way of forgiveness. By God's grace, however, a person's refusal is not final till he dies, and so, while there is life there is hope for belief and forgiveness.

Questions

1. What do the religious leaders accuse Jesus of?
2. What is the problem with what they are saying?
3. What is the unforgivable sin?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 53 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

The goal of Let's Worship God is to encourage and help you in your worship of God each day.

**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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