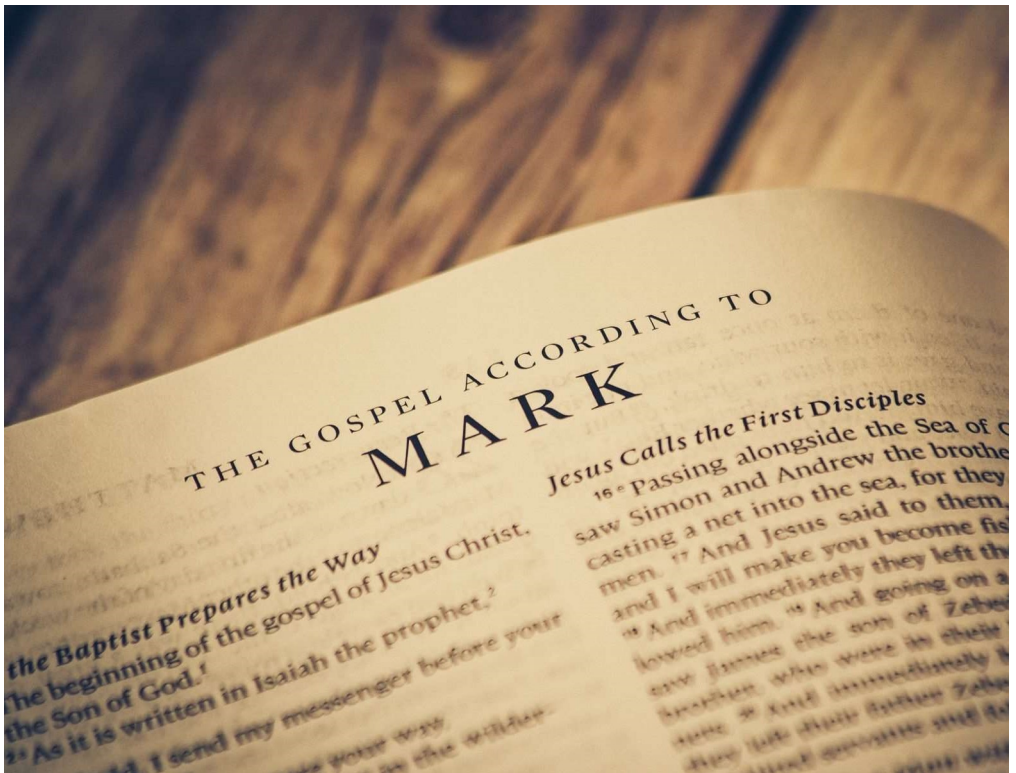


Let's Worship God

21st-26th 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 become fishers of men."

Monday - Mark 5:1-17 - 'Dressed And In His Right Mind'

Jesus has come through and calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee, now He is going to deal with a spiritual storm. As Jesus and the disciples come to the land of the Gerasenes, they are met by a man possessed by demons. This is a picture of the terrible cruelty and power of Satan. This man, possessed by Satan's demons, has often been chained but has broken his chains and fights off all who have tried to stop him. Forced to live alone among the graves, the demons make him cry out and hurt himself with stones. To all who know of him, it must seem a terrible and hopeless situation.

When Jesus arrives, the demons admit who He is and recognise that He has power over them. The demons' name is Legion, and a Roman legion usually has 6-12,000 soldiers in it, so this name reveals Satan's terrible power in this man. Jesus, who has the power to deliver from anything, makes the demons leave the man and gives them permission to go into a herd of pigs.

You can imagine the open-mouthed astonishment of the pig-keepers as they see the most violent man in their community healed at the same time as their herd races to their death in the sea. They immediately go and tell others, but instead of rejoicing over the healing of this man, they are upset over losing their pigs and afraid of Jesus. They ask Him to leave, and sadly, He does.

Questions

1. What was wrong with the man who came to meet Jesus?
2. What was the name of the demons?
3. What happened to the pigs?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Jesus has the ultimate power over Satan.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For what can a man give in return for His soul?" Mark 8:37

Praise: Psalm 60 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - Mark 5:18-20 - Go And Tell Your Family

The men of the Gerasenes, ignoring the fact that Jesus has healed a man, are upset over the loss of their pigs and terrified at the power of Jesus. So, they ask Jesus to leave, and to their loss, Jesus agrees to go. The demon-possessed man begs to go with Him.

Despite the hardships that come with following Christ, in some ways it is more comfortable for this man to go with Jesus. Nobody will know about his humiliating past, and he will be surrounded by people who care about him. But the Lord Jesus Christ always knows better than we do about what is best for us, so He refuses this man's request. Why? Because He has a job for him to do there. Jesus is going to leave this man there, in the region of the Gerasenes, to tell his family, his old friends, and everyone what Jesus has done for him. The man must have cringed at the very thought. To go back to his old home where they will be afraid, disgusted, and angry at him; to go back to the places where people will point him out as "the crazy man who ran around naked in the cemetery." Not a pleasant idea by any stretch of the imagination. But this is the job Jesus has for him to do. If he wants to follow Jesus, he must begin at home by telling those around him what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for him. So, this healed man obeys and begins every Christian's life-long task of telling others about Jesus.

Questions

1. What did Jesus tell the healed man to do?
2. Why would this have been hard for him?
3. What is every Christian's task?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would have the courage to speak to our family, friends, and all around us about what Jesus has done for us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Mark 5:21-34 - Great Suffering That Led To Great Faith

As Jesus returns to the other side of the lake, the crowds return including a ruler named Jairus who comes humbly to Jesus out of love for his dying daughter and a belief that Jesus can heal her. Jesus agrees to go with him, and they are followed by a large crowd.

As the crowd presses around Jesus, a woman quietly forces her way through them. This woman has been suffering from a disease for 12 years, a disease that makes her unclean and unable to worship at the Temple. She has tried all sorts of human cures, but it has only made things worse. But then she hears about Jesus; she knows she needs help, and she believes that Jesus can give it to her. So great is her belief in Jesus' power, that she knows she only needs to touch Him to be healed. So, she does, and her healing is instant and complete. Jesus, though, stops and wants to know who touched Him. Not because He doesn't know, but because He wants the woman to come and confess to all around her what Jesus has done for her. So, with fear and trembling, she comes forward and tells her story which couldn't have been easy for her to do. Then Jesus gives her assurance that her faith and healing are real. In this story, we also see a picture of what our lives are like, separated from God by sin, trying to fix things ourselves, and finally coming to Christ for salvation.

Questions

1. Why did Jairus come to Jesus?
2. What did the woman believe about Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus ask who touched Him?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that the Lord Jesus Christ has the power to save.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Mark 5:35-43 - From Fear To Faith

Imagine how impatient Jairus, the synagogue ruler who comes to Jesus because his daughter is dying, must have felt at Jesus' slow progress through the crowd. Every minute is precious to Jairus because time for his daughter is running out. Then, Jesus stops and questions the crowd and talks to the woman He has healed, and we can almost see Jairus afraid to ask Jesus to hurry but also full of fear that they are going to be too late.

Then men from his house come and find Jairus and tell him the news he has been dreading to hear - his daughter has died and his task of getting Jesus to come is now pointless. But Jesus suddenly turns to Jairus and tells him to turn from his fear to faith, leaves the crowd behind, takes Peter, James, and John, and goes on with Jairus to his home.

The house is full of those who are weeping over the death of this 12 year old girl. Knowing that He is going to raise her from the dead, Jesus describes her as only sleeping. Those who have gathered laugh in unbelief, but Jesus takes the parents and the disciples into the little girl's room. Jesus then shows that He has power, not just over sickness, but also over death, as He raises the little girl to life. Possibly because His own resurrection, yet to come, is to be the great example of God's power over death, He tells them to say nothing, and He continues to care for the girl by telling them to feed her.

Questions

1. Why might Jairus have been so impatient?
2. What did Jesus tell Jairus to do?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God has power over death.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Friday - Mark 6:1-6 - A Prophet Without Honour

Jesus now returns to His hometown of Nazareth. This is where He has spent 30 years of His life, along with His family, and has worked as a carpenter. He has lived a perfect life here, but the town treat Him just like He has been the poorest, good-for-nothing in the whole town.

After teaching in the synagogue, the people are amazed. They can't deny His wisdom and His power to do miracles, but instead of believing in what He says, they want to know where He got the power from. They are pretty well convinced that it isn't His family because they know His family. In fact, they know Jesus' life history so well, they realise He can't have received wisdom and power from some human source, but they absolutely refuse to accept the only conclusion left to them - that His power comes from God. So, they are offended at Jesus for presenting them with this problem.

Despite this attitude of His own hometown, Jesus compassionately heals some there. For most of the town their great unbelief keeps them from the blessings of God. Jesus is amazed at the unbelief and stubborn hearts of those He grew up with, and He leaves Nazareth for the smaller villages where He can teach others.

Questions

1. How did the people in Nazareth treat Jesus?
2. What did the townspeople admit about Jesus?
3. Why didn't Jesus do more miracles in Nazareth?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we and others would not be content with just knowing about Jesus, but that we would put our faith and trust in Him.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 64 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Saturday - Mark 6:7-13 - Time To Put Studying Into Practice

Jesus spends time training the disciples for when He will no longer be there. They follow Him around, listen to what He teaches, and see His miracles. Now He is going to send them out to ministry, so that they can gain experience of what it is like and what their weak points will be while He is still there to help them work through it. This way, when the time comes for Him to leave, He will not be leaving completely inexperienced men to carry on the work.

Jesus sends them out in groups of two, and we see this same pattern in the early church when they send out missionaries. Two people can do more work, be company for each other, encourage and strengthen each other, and keep each other accountable to God. Jesus also gives them the power to attack Satan by casting out demons. He instructs them only to take what is necessary for the journey. They will probably be well-received by many people, and without carrying a lot of things, they will be able to focus on what they are doing.

They are not to force themselves on unwilling listeners, but instead to leave, shaking their dust off, as a sign that these people have heard the truth and rejected it. So, the disciples obey, going out and calling men and women to repent of their sins and turn to God.

Questions

1. What was Jesus giving the disciples power to do?
2. Why did they go out by twos?
3. What were they to do if a town wouldn't listen?

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 65 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**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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