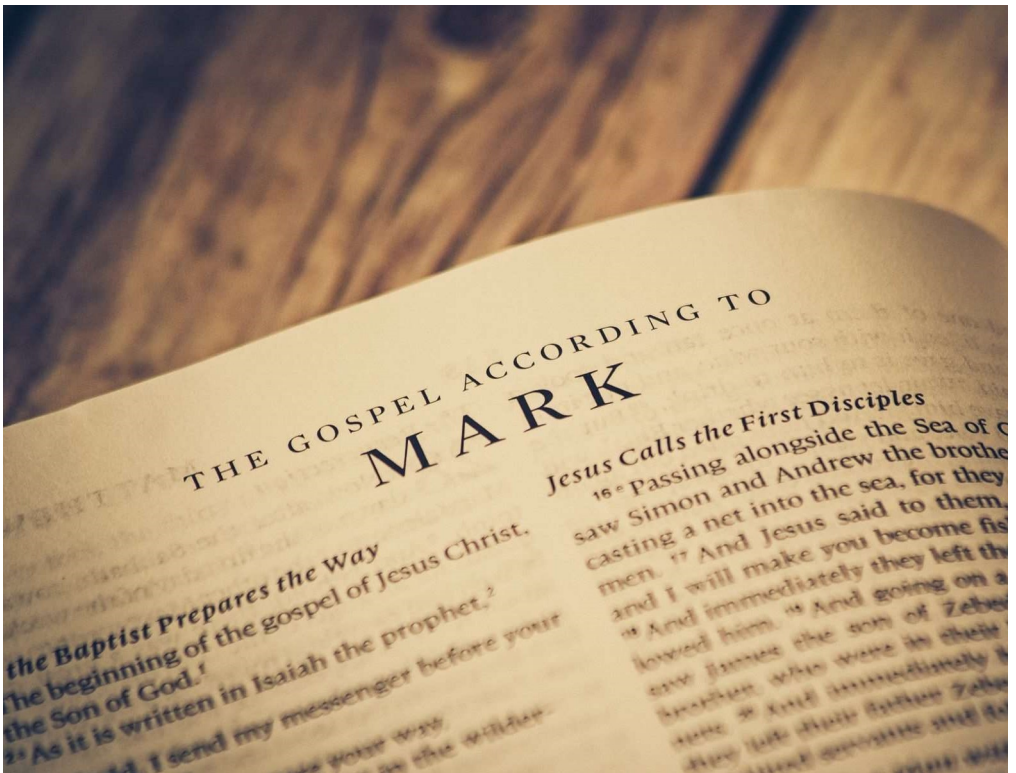


Let's Worship God

4th-9th November 2019

Mark



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus Calls the First Disciples
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Monday - Mark 7:24-30 - Crumbs for Dogs

Jesus leaves the area of Galilee and goes further north to Phoenicia. Even though He is keeping His presence a secret, people still find out that He is there. One woman, hearing that the Healer has come, goes to see Jesus. She is not a Jew, but a Greek lady, possibly a widow. Her daughter is possessed by a demon, and it is her love for her daughter that makes her come to Jesus, even though she knows that as a Gentile she will quite probably not be well-received.

When she comes to Jesus, the woman falls at His feet and begs Him to save her daughter. Jesus' reply seems confusing and harsh. He tells her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." The children are the Jews, the bread is the miracles and teaching, and the dogs are Gentiles or non-Jews. Jesus is saying that His ministry during His lifetime is for the Jews; after His death and resurrection will come a time when all can hear what He has done and taught, but for now the focus is on Jews only. The woman doesn't give up, but shows how much she believes in who Jesus is by her answer. She believes that God's mercies are so rich and great that it can spill over to outsiders. Matthew 15:28 says Jesus tells her, "Woman, you have great faith!" Her request is granted because of her humble, believing, persevering prayer to Jesus.

Questions

1. Why does the woman come to Jesus?
2. What does Jesus tell her and what does it mean?
3. What is her reply?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would keep praying to God for others.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38b

Praise: Psalm 72 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Mark 7:31-37 - Ears and Mouth Opened

Jesus now goes back to the area of Galilee, and again we see friends, family, and neighbours bringing those who are sick to Him. For one man who is unable to hear or speak, it is the faith of his friends that brings him to Jesus. They ask Jesus, not to heal him, but to place His hand on their friend. They want Jesus to notice their friend and do whatever He can for him.

Jesus takes the man aside to perform this miracle privately. Perhaps He is using a kind of sign language here to explain to the man what He is going to do by stopping up the man's ears with His fingers, spitting, and then touching the man's tongue. Jesus then looks to heaven where the healing comes and, with the voice of authority, commands the man's ears and mouth to open. This is a picture of how the power of the Holy Spirit can open our ears to hear and understand the gospel and open our mouths to call on God to save and forgive us.

Jesus commands the people not to talk about what He has done possibly because He wants to keep the focus on the things He has to say. He doesn't want people to think He's just a miracle worker. But the people don't listen, and soon everyone hears about it with amazement.

Questions

1. Who brought the deaf and dumb man to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus do before He healed the man?
3. Who opens our hearts, ears, and mouths to love, listen, and obey God?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God can open our hearts.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Mark 8:1-13 - Another Miracle and More Unbelief

We read in this passage of another amazing miracle that Jesus does. A large crowd has gathered around Him. They have come to hear the things He has to say, and for three days they have sat and listened to Him preach. Now, Jesus is full of love and kindness for them because He knows they are very hungry and that if He sends them away, they could collapse before they get anything to eat. This crowd has become hungry through doing the right thing - listening to Jesus, and Jesus will make the point that God provides for those who follow Him.

The disciples, on the other hand, still haven't learned to go to Jesus for help with problems. They seem to have completely forgotten the miracle of feeding the 5,000 that Jesus performed only days ago. So, once more Jesus takes their food, blesses it, and gives it out. And again, God provides more than enough.

Sending the crowd away, Jesus and the disciples sail to Dalmanutha, but there they are met by a group of Pharisees who have come to try to test Jesus. They ask Him for a sign. This is incredible because even they would've seen or heard of all the healing Jesus has done, not to mention the amazing feeding of first 5,000 then 4,000 people with just a few loaves of bread and some fish. Jesus knows that they are just playing silly games, but He is amazed at their unbelief.

Questions

1. Why did Jesus feel sorry for the crowds?
2. What should the disciples have remembered?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the love and compassion Jesus has.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 74 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Thursday - Mark 8:14-21 - Guilty About The Wrong Thing

As Jesus and the disciples are sailing back over the Sea of Galilee, He tells them, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." Leaven is the same thing as yeast, and it is something that you can't see growing, but it spreads everywhere. Both the Pharisees and Herod are hypocrites; the Pharisees pretend to love God and want to obey Him - they pretend to look for signs from God. But in reality, they are proud men who love for everyone to think they are very religious. In their hearts they don't care about God at all. Herod pretends to be interested in the things John the Baptist has to say, but when it comes to repenting of his sin, Herod isn't about to do that. Jesus is warning the disciples not to be like the Pharisees and Herod - not to pretend to care about God by the things they say and do but to really ignore God in their hearts. This is a quiet, unseen danger that can spread through the church until there are lots of people who come and sit in the pews on the Lord's Day but don't really love the Lord Jesus Christ and aren't prepared to serve Him wholeheartedly.

When the disciples hear what Jesus says, they immediately get a guilty conscience. But not over the fact that they doubt that Jesus can feed 4,000 or are constantly shocked at His power. No, the thing that worries them is that they forgot to bring some food. They still haven't got it through their heads that Jesus has the power to take care of them in any and all situations.

Questions

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples and what did it mean?
2. What did the disciples think He was saying?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would not pretend to love God, but that we would love and serve Him wholeheartedly.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Friday - Mark 8:22-26 - People That Look Like Trees

When Jesus comes to the town of Bethsaida, people who care very much for their blind friend, bring him to Jesus and beg Him to touch their friend. They know Jesus has enough power to cure blindness with just a touch. Jesus, however, decides to open this man's eyes in a very different way from many of His other miracles.

Jesus leads the man outside the city. The blind man must have wondered what is going on, especially when the next thing Jesus does is to spit on his eyes. But when Jesus asks the blind man if he sees anything, the man replies that he sees people that look like trees walking around. In other words, he still doesn't see very clearly. So, Jesus puts His hands on the man's eyes again, and then the man sees clearly.

Isn't Jesus able to heal the man completely the first time? Of course He is, He just chooses to do it this way this time. It can remind us of how we are blind in sin, but when we believe and trust in Jesus He opens our eyes to understand what He tells us in the Bible. However, we don't understand it perfectly at first, but we have to grow in understanding, so that we can see clearly the things God has to say to us.

Questions

1. Who did Jesus heal outside of Bethsaida?
2. What did Jesus do before He healed the man?
3. Could Jesus heal any way He wants to?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Jesus can heal our blindness and make us see who He really is.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 76 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Saturday - Mark 8:27-33 - A Brilliant Confession and a Terrible Rebuke

As Jesus and His disciples travel down the road, He asks them who the people have been saying He is. This is an easy question for the disciples to answer as they list off all the different theories about who Jesus is. But then the conversation turns embarrassingly personal as Jesus asks them who they think He is. You can almost imagine an awkward pause and the disciples looking at their feet or at each other, but suddenly Peter, without hesitation, speaks. He boldly says that Jesus is the Christ or Messiah, the Promised One that God said would come one day to save His people. The Holy Spirit has been working in Peter's heart as well as the hearts of the other disciples and bringing them to see who Jesus is, and Peter, who usually says the wrong thing in almost every situation, for once gets it right.

The disciples are not to tell others about their new understanding of who Jesus is. Why? Because they barely understand themselves what kind of Messiah He is, so they can't possibly explain it to anyone else yet. Jesus then begins to explain that He is not the kind of Messiah that will lead a war against the Roman Empire, but a Messiah who must suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in order to save His people. Peter, who only moments before has made such a wonderful confession, immediately acts as though he knows better than Jesus and is severely rebuked.

Questions

1. Who did Peter say Jesus was?
2. What kind of Messiah was Jesus going to be?

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 77 - 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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