

Mrk22 – **Is Jesus Your Source – Pt 2 – Mark 6:30-44**

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This is a **Part-Two message** – **Part-One** was **last** week

Titled - **“Is Jesus Your Source?”**

& **BEST** – to **hear** that **1st msg** – to **go along** with this one

In **that** first **msg**

We saw Jesus **Purposefully TAKE**

His **Exhausted** – **Stretched-to-the-Breaking-Point** Disciples

INTO an **Unexpected - Pressure-Filled Situation**

SO THAT they **might LEARN**

a **Critical & Life-Changing Lesson**

That Jesus – would be their SOURCE

for **ALL that they need** – **in EVERY Situation**

In **Order TO DO** - **All that Jesus would Call them TO DO**

& **we said** that **Jesus** often **Teaches US**

this **SAME Lesson** - this **SAME Way**

By **Trying** to **REVEAL Himself** to **US**

Right in the **Middle** of a **Stretched-to-the-Breaking-Point / Pressure-Filled Situation** - in our **own lives**

Where we **ARE FORCED – TO LOOK TO Jesus**

TO BE Our **SOURCE** – for **all** that **we need**
to **get thru** that **Crisis-Situation**

Which is **Exactly** what we **saw**
the **Disciples experience** in our **last Msg**

& - **as** we **ran out of time** in our **Msg** last week
I **quickly summarized** some **practical steps**

in **order** to answer **The Question . . .**

HOW can **WE Actually** begin **EXPERIENCING Jesus** –
AS the **Source** for **ALL that we need** – **in Every Situation?**

How can we **NOT** just **HEAR IT?**

How can we **NOT** just **INTELLECTUALIZE IT?**

But – **HOW** can we **begin** to **see** this **Incredible Truth**
Actually **TRANSFORM OUR LIVES?**

THAT is our goal today

Let's Pray

So Today - we **want to look** at some **practical steps**
for **you & I** to actually **Begin EXPERIENCING** the **truth**

that **Jesus Christ** is **TRULY the SOURCE**

For **ALL that we need** – **in EVERY Situation**

In **Order TO DO** - **ALL** that **He** has **Called us TO DO?**

& **FIRST** – we **have to look**
at a **Stage Setting Prerequisite**

THIS is the Prerequisite

For us to **BEGIN Moving Toward**
Jesus - **Becoming Our Source**

First of all – we **have to be willing** – to **Throw Out**
ALL of our OWN THINKING

Because our Natural THINKING – Is **STINKING**

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NLT)

8 “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord.

“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Guys . . . God is NOT our Equal

& OUR Logic, & OUR Thinking – is NOT Equal to God's

& so – if we are going to BE TRANSFORMED By God
then our Natural Thinking – Must be - Put Aside

The Bible calls our "Natural Thinking"
the "Sin Nature" – or simply – "The Flesh"

Listen to what Paul says in Rom 8
about us setting our minds according to "The Flesh"

Romans 8:5–6 (ESV)

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For Jesus to Become Our Source – We've Got to STOP
setting our Minds on THE FLESH (our own thinking)

& INSTEAD – start setting our Minds
on the SPIRIT (the things of God)

**I believe this is actually
the HARDEST PART of the Entire Process**

Because we LOVE our OWN THINKING

But – **The Process of us
Making JESUS OUR SOURCE**

BEGINS with us

**Taking On - GOD'S THINKING
& CRUCIFYING – OUR OWN THINKING**

So – **With that - Critical Pre-Requisite**

**We are Now Ready
for just TWO HUGE TRUTHS – to set us on our way**

to **Jesus Truly BEING OUR SOURCE
for all We Need – in Every Situation**

TO DO – ALL that he has called us TO DO

Just TWO HUGE TRUTHS

ONE is PRACTICAL - &

ONE is RELATIONAL

1) KEEP FOLLOWING Jesus – No Matter What

2) DRAW CLOSER to Jesus – Because of Your Need

So **FIRST** - Let's **TALK ABOUT**
what it LOOKS LIKE – to

KEEP FOLLOWING Jesus – No Matter What

The **NUMBER ONE thing** – We've **got to KEEP Doing**
in order to KEEP FOLLOWING JESUS – is

#1) KEEP OBEYING JESUS – No Matter what you think

We **just addressed** the **fact**

that Our **OWN THINKING**
MUST BE Replaced – With **God's Thinking**

I've said this **100 times** to you

The **single craziest thing** I **hear people** in **Church** say - is,
"I know what God says, but here's what I THINK"

& **you know** - that just **AMAZES ME** every **time** I **hear it**

FOLLOWING Jesus – No Matter What

Means - OBEYING Jesus – No Matter what you think

Jesus says - **LOVE** – You **LOVE**

Jesus says - **FORGIVE** – You **FORGIVE**

Jesus says – **Give** them the **GRACE** I've **Given** you – **YOU DO**

It's kinda like "SIMONE SAYS" – But it's GOD SAYS

In fact – Jesus says in John 14:15 (AMP)

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

My Friend **Dave Colyar** – (who's **going** to **Israel** with us **Nxt Mo**)
Says it **this way**

If you're **Happy** & you know It - **clap your hands**

If you're a **Christ-Follower** & you know it - **Be Obedient**

When you **need Jesus** to **BE YOUR SOURCE**

that is the **most critical time**

to **KEEP OBEYING HIM**

that is **NOT the time**

To Put **Your OWN THINKING** - **Over** **GOD'S COMMANDS**

So - to **KEEP FOLLOWING Jesus – No Matter What**

#1) Keep OBEYING Jesus – No Matter WHAT you think

The **SECOND THING** – We've **Got to Do** - is

#2) Keep SERVING Jesus - No Matter HOW you FEEL

If you are a **Christ-Follower** today
then **you are**, in **someway**, **SERVING Jesus**

& **OFTEN** – **VERY Often**
the Environment where we **Finally LEARN**

that Jesus is **Truly Our SOURCE**
for all that **we need** – **IS – IN – SERVING HIM**

Because Serving Jesus

CRUSHES our **SELF-WILL**

It **CRUSHES** our **PRIDE**

& it **CRUSHES** our **DETERMINATION** to **do** things **OUR WAY**

REMEMBER – **This** is how **Jesus BROKE**
these **SAME SINS** in his **FIRST Disciples**

It was **THRU** the **Pressures** of **Serving him** (last msg)

But **SADLY** – **We see** far **too often**

Instead of **People** - **Being Transformed** In **Serving**
Instead they - **QUIT SERVING** Jesus

They **QUIT Serving**
in **order** to **AVOID** the **Refiner's Fire**

that Jesus wants to **use**
to **get us** to the **place** of **KNOWING**

that **HE** – **Himself** - is **TRULY** the **SOURCE** - For **ALL** we need
In **Order TO DO** - **ALL** that **He** has **Called us TO DO**

Finally - In Order To
Keep OBEYING Jesus
Keep SERVING Jesus

We've Got to
Keep our EYES Firmly Fixed - on Jesus

Colossians 3:1–3 (NLT)

1 . . . set your sights on the realities of heaven . . . 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

Too Often - we **try** to **get God** to **SET HIS SIGHTS**
on **OUR REALITIES** here **on Earth**

But God says **NO** - **YOU** set **YOUR SIGHTS**
on the **REALITIES of HEAVEN**, & the **Things of HEAVEN**

THEN I will be your SOURCE – for all you need

These are the PRACTICAL things - For us TO DO

In order to - KEEP FOLLOWING Jesus – No Matter What

We've GOT TO:

Keep OBEYING

Keep SERVING

Keep our EYES FIXED on Jesus

& These PRACTICAL TRUTHS - will ENABLE US

to ULTIMATELY SEE – that Jesus is our SOURCE

BUT THE CONDUIT

THE WAY in Which We RECEIVE

all that we Need – FROM Jesus – AS our Source

Is NOT PRACTICAL – IT IS RELATIONAL

THE CONDUIT

Thru Which Jesus POURS His Provision into Us

is our DAILY RELATIONSHIP with him

It is WITHIN OUR DAILY RELATIONSHIP with Jesus

where the Power of His Provision - Really becomes OURS

So - If Jesus is going to BE THE SOURCE
for all we need – then we must

DRAW CLOSER to Jesus – *Because of our Need*

This is OUR SECOND BIG TRUTH today

The FIRST was
KEEP FOLLOWING Jesus – *No Matter What*

& now – the SECOND is
DRAW CLOSER to Jesus – *Because of our Need*

The PLACE – where the
MIRACULOUS PROVISION of Jesus - OCCURS

is WITHIN our Continually-Growing Relationship with him

Our DAILY RELATIONSHIP with Jesus
is THE CONDUIT – It is THE PIPELINE

THRU WHICH

Jesus POURS - ALL that we NEED – INTO Our Lives

**That DOES NOT Mean – Jesus is going to
Magically POUR Into Your Life**

A **NEW CAR**

A **BETTER JOB** - &

A **BETTER HUSBAND**

**Instead – He is going to POUR INTO YOU
ALL that you NEED - IN EACH of those situations**

**& So – to Create the CONDUIT - to RECEIVE
the Provision Jesus HAS for us**

We MUST

DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS – Because Of Our Need

**Isn't it strange – that when we need Jesus the most
we tend to drift the furthest AWAY from him, Relationally?**

**But – haven't you seen? Or experienced?
when a Young Child – has a good relationship with their parents**

**when they get HURT – they RUN STRAIGHT to Mom or Dad
& No one else & Nothing Else can COMFORT them**

they run crying into their Mom or Dad's arm's

**& their Mom or Dad holds them tight
& tells them it's going to be OK**

AND . . . IT IS GOING TO BE OK

& **THAT** is **the Relationship** we **need with Jesus**

A **relationship** - **strong enough**, & **trusting enough**

that we **instinctively RUN TO Jesus**

& **HEAR HIM** tell us – ***“It’s going to be ok”***

Hebrews 4:15–16 (paraphrase) says – ***Jesus, our High Priest, understands our weaknesses. So we can confidently run to him, to receive his mercy and grace to help us when we need it most.***

But - DO WE ?

Do we **Run Confidently** to **Jesus** - in our **times of Crisis**

Or do **we run after** - our **OWN DEVICES** & our **OWN THINKING**

Like a Chicken with its **head cut off?**

This is a **LEARNED Relational Response**

We have **GOT to LEARN**

HOW to Confidently Run TO JESUS

AS our **SOURCE**

For **ALL we NEED** – **in Every Situation**

But here – NOW – is The MASSIVE TRUTH

This “**Relational Conduit**” – where **Jesus Provides**
ALL that **we need** – for **every situation**

IT IS CONDITIONAL !!

James 4:8 (ESV)

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you . . .

This is actually – A CONDITIONAL Statement

The **LORD of Creation** – is **waiting to PROVIDE**
ALL that **you need** - in your **crisis situation**

BUT – if **YOU DO NOT** - ***Draw Near to Him***

HE WILL NOT - **have the CONDUIT**
to **Pour his Provision** into you!

Can I tell you something please – In LOVE

I've met a **LOT of Christians**

Who WANT - what the **Bible PROMISES**

But **AREN'T WILLING** to **DO** what the **BIBLE REQUIRES**

Listen guys – SALVATION is BY FAITH Alone

But **TRANSFORMATION**

comes **THRU the Conduit**

of a **Growing Daily Relationship** with **JESUS**

(again) James 4:8 (ESV)

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you . . .

John 15:4 (ESV)

4 Abide in me, and I (will abide) in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

THESE ARE CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

If we want **GOD to **Draw near** to **US****

Then **WE** must **Draw Near** to **HIM**

If we **want** to **Experience**

the **Miraculous PROVISION** of **Jesus**

Then we **Must LEARN**

to always be - ABIDING IN CHRIST

Again – In Love

Too many Christians **WANT**
the **Miraculous Provision** Jesus **OFFERS**

But **they Won't** put in **the Effort** to **BUILD the Relationship**
That Is The CONDUIT for that **Miraculous Provision**

PICTURE THIS – **You** say **to Jesus**

I need you to **BE MY SOURCE** - to **get thru** this **situation**

& **Jesus says** – **OK, where's the CONDUIT**
for me to **POUR into you** – **All** that **you need**

Jesus is **ABLE** to **Be your SOURCE**
He **WANTS** to **Be your SOURCE**

BUT – **there is NO CONDUIT** for him to **Deliver**
his **Miraculous Provision** - **TO YOU**

& **So** – **Jesus is there** – **WAITING**

& **as soon** as you **PROVIDE HIM** the **Daily Relational Conduit**

Jesus will be like, **“FINALLY! – Here you go then**

I've just been waiting for YOU – to create the conduit
that will allow you to Receive my Provision”

So - Last Week – we asked the Question
IS JESUS YOUR SOURCE?

Today – we've Tried To See

HOW TO MAKE JESUS YOUR SOURCE

For ALL that you need – In EVERY Situation

in order to DO - ALL that He has called you TO DO

& we said – THE PRE-REQUISITE is

Throw Out - ALL of your OWN THINKING

& Then – ONE PRACTICAL TRUTH

KEEP FOLLOWING JESUS – No Matter What

Keep OBEYING

Keep SERVING

Keep your EYES FIXED on Jesus

& Then – ONE RELATIONAL TRUTH

DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS – *Because of Your Need*

Draw NEAR

& ABIDE in Jesus

CREATE the Relational Conduit – THRU WHICH
Jesus can POUR – His Miraculous Provision

But Listen – Please

I've HAD TO LEAVE OUT – ALL the Details

of HOW to Create the Daily Relationship

that BECOMES the Conduit

for Jesus to BE YOUR SOURCE

So – Let me give you THREE MESSAGE SERIES

that you Really Need to Study (*at least the 1st one*)

to learn the Details - of Building this Transforming Relationship

“ALONE WITH GOD” – My #1 choice for you (6 msgs)

It's The DETAILS of Building this Relational Conduit

“ABIDE” – 10 msgs on Jn 15 (the Abide Chapter)

“THE FUNDAMENTALS” – which is the pre-cursor
to the “Alone With God” series (7 msgs)

I PROMISE - If you will **LEARN**
to **DEVELOP** the **Daily RELATIONAL CONDUIT**

That will **ALLOW** Jesus - to **POUR**
His **Miraculous Provision** into **your life**

THEN – JESUS WILL BE YOUR SOURCE

For **ALL** that **you need** – **In EVERY Situation**
in order to DO - **ALL** that **He has called you TO DO**

& SO - PLEASE

DO NOT - *Be Hearers of the Word - ONLY*
INSTEAD - *Be DOERS of the Word*

LEARN How to **Develop**
this **Daily Relational Conduit**

& JESUS WILL BE YOUR SOURCE

Let's Pray