

Mrk19 – **The Simple Gospel** – **Mark 6:7-13**

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In our **last message** – we **LEFT JESUS**

Being **COMPLETELY REJECTED** – in his home town of **Nazareth**

The **shocking last line** of last week's **text** was

Mark 6:6 (NLT)

6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people.

The **Amazing Unbelief** – of the **People** of **Nazareth**

Was **THE SIGN** – for **Jesus** to **MOVE ON** with the **Good News**

To the **other villages** in the **Galilee**

Now today – **AS JESUS** is going – **village to village**
& **Teaching the people**

He is **going** to **SEND OUT** his **Disciples**
to **SHARE** the **SAME Message**

We'll call it - The SIMPLE GOSPEL

Let's Pray

What **STRUCK ME** about this **text** this **week**

Is the **SIMPLE GOSPEL**
that **Jesus taught** His Disciples to **SHARE**

DO YOU THINK that **WE** – **As** a **Christian Culture**

SHARE the **GOSPEL** in the **SAME WAY**
that **Jesus** & the **Disciples did?**

I'm **afraid** – to **some large extent** - we've **turned**
the **SIMPLE GOSPEL** that **Jesus** shared

into a **very different** - **ME-CENTERED GOSPEL**

The **ME-CENTERED Gospel** is
Come to Jesus, and he will GIVE YOU what you NEED

When we – started **PRESENTING** the **Gospel Message** –
Based on **what** people - **FELT they NEEDED**

It **IMPLIED** that **Jesus** wanted to **be**
PART of **THEIR PLAN** – **FOR THEIR LIFE**

AND - it **IMPLIED** that **Jesus** would **FULFILL**
a **PART** of **THEIR LIFE'S PLAN** that was **Missing**

The **only problem** is – you **NEVER SEE THAT** – In the **Bible**

THERE ARE wonderful Promises – IN this Life

that **COME THRU our Salvation
& THRU our Abiding in Christ**

**IN FACT – there are over
250 Separate Promises - in JUST the N.T.**

**BUT – the SIMPLE GOSPEL Message
Repeated over & over again in the Bible – is this;**

***Repent of your sins - and turn to God for Salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ***

All **THE PROMISES** in the **Bible** Are **TRUE**
AS WE continue **TO LIVE IN CHRIST**

But **they** are **NEVER USED** – **AS Motivation**

**When Jesus – or the Disciples
Proclaim the **SIMPLE GOSPEL****

The **SIMPLE GOSPEL - PROCLAIMED** by **Jesus** & the **Disciples**
is **ALWAYS some form** of this;

***Turn FROM your sin (repent) - And turn TO God for Salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ alone***

**So OFTEN we begin our “Sharing of the Gospel”
by talking about a dozen different things**

**Things we think might BE IMPORTANT
to the person we’re talking to**

But **OFTEN - The REAL ISSUE**

The **Life-Changing Message**
of the **SIMPLE GOSPEL - NEVER Actually comes up**

**MAYBE because we are MORE FOCUSED
on what we THINK that person needs**

than we are on the SIMPLE GOSPEL Message

**WHAT IF we were to just “LOOK FOR A WAY”
try to “find a place” in the conversation**

Were we could say;

You know, the truth is; The Bible says;

***We must all - Repent of our sins - and turn to God for salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ***

**Because - That REALLY IS
the SIMPLE GOSPEL Message**

When John the Baptist was preparing the way for Jesus

Matthew 3:2 says THIS was his message (NLT);

2 “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near” (meaning in the person of Jesus Christ)

& **he says** the **SAME THING** again

in **Mat 3:11** - & again in **Mat 4:17**

& **THRU-OUT** the **GOSPELS**, **Including** from **Jesus**
the **message REMAINED** - **This Simple**

***Repent of your sins and turn to God for salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ***

In the **VERY FIRST SERMON** **preached** in the **N.T. Church**
BY the Apostle Peter

in response to the **pouring out**
of the **Holy Spirit** – in **Acts Ch 2**

Acts 2:37 says (ESV)

37 Now when they heard this (what Peter was saying) ***they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”***

& **THEN COMES** the **SIMPLE GOSPEL**

At the end of the **Very First Sermon** of the **NT church**

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

13 TIMES in the NT – this **SIMPLE GOSPEL** Message is **used**;

Repent of your sins and turn to God for salvation . . .

& - **More times** than we **can count**
the **Bible makes it clear**

GOD’S ONLY METHOD of **Salvation** is;
Through Faith in Jesus Christ

Do you think there’s a **Chance**
that us **ADJUSTING** the **Gospel Message**

to IMPLY that **Jesus** will **GIVE PEOPLE** something
THEY FEEL THEY NEED – ***has back-fired?***

Because – **HASN’T IT CREATED** **Christians**

who are **always** **LOOKING** for Jesus
to **GIVE THEM** something?

& then **TURNING AWAY** when he **DOESN’T** **give them**
what they **EXPECT?**

So - Let me **SHOW** you - **THE SIMPLE GOSPEL**
in the **First** & **Next to Last Vs's** of our **Text Today**

Mark 6:7 & 12 (NLT)

7 And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.

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12 So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God.

THIS is the BEGINNING

of the **FOLLOWERS** of **Christ**

Taking the **SIMPLE GOSPEL** – **To the WORLD**

Let's look closely at it - Again - Mark 6:7 (NLT)

7 And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.

Jesus **CALLED** His Disciples to **Himself**
& then he **SENT Them Out** – **On His Behalf**

To SHARE – The **SIMPLE GOSPEL** with **everyone** they **met**

& **WE ALSO** – have **Been Called**

TO Jesus FOR Salvation - & then

SENT OUT on HIS behalf – **WITH his authority**

To **share** - **THE SIMPLE GOSPEL** with **people** in our **lives**

*Repent of your sins and turn to God for Salvation
through Faith in Jesus Christ*

That is Truly THE GOOD NEWS – Straight From The BIBLE

Again - Back in Mark 6:7

*FIRST Jesus Calls us to Himself
& THEN he sends us OUT – TWO-BY-TWO*

Two-By-Two is CRITICAL isn't it?

In Following Jesus – there are NO SOLO MISSIONS

Get Word-By-Mail PHONE APP - Search “*No Solo Missions*” - listen
to WHY it's so important - we don't try to FOLLOW Jesus alone

In the Gospels – we NEVER SEE JESUS
send out the Disciples Alone

We MUST to LINK ARMS with Fellow Believers

In order to FOLLOW JESUS

AND in order to BE SENT OUT BY JESUS

& then - we SEE HERE - Jesus gave them AUTHORITY - -
specifically Authority OVER Evil Spirits

I love this – because: Truly, Our Battle is a SPIRITUAL BATTLE,
& ALL our True Victories are SPIRITUAL VICTORIES

2 Corinthians 10:4 (ESV)

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have
divine power to destroy strongholds.

SALVATION - & the GROWTH of God's Kingdom
Are SUPERNATURAL THINGS

& if we start using the World's Ways
to talk people INTO Receiving Christ

then the World will just respond
by talking them OUT of Following Christ

BUT – the SIMPLE GOSPEL
is a SUPERNATURAL THING

A SUPERNATURAL THING that has DIVINE POWER
to DESTROY STRONGHOLDS in people's lives

Repent – Turn to God – Truly Receive Jesus Christ
by Faith, & Supernatural things will begin to happen

NEXT – In **Mark 6:8-9** - Jesus **MADE SURE**

that the **Disciples** would **REMAIN**
COMPLETELY DEPENDENT on **God**

They were on a **SUPERNATURAL MISSION** – *(as WE are)*

& **they had** the **LEARN** to **TRUST**

God's **SUPERNATURAL PROVISION** – *(as WE do)*

Look at Mark 6:8-9 (NLT)

8 He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler's bag, no money.

9 He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.

NOTHING but a **WALKING STICK** & **SANDALS?**

NO Food – **NO Overnight Bag** – **NO Money?** – **NO Extra Shirt**

WHY?

BECAUSE - **With NONE** of these **NORMAL Supplies**

They would **HAVE** to **Learn** to **DEPEND**

on the **SUPERNATURAL PROVISION** of God

They would **HAVE** to **Learn** to **BE DIRECTED**

Just AS JESUS was **DIRECTED**

By **LISTENING to God** and **RESPONDING in Obedience**

Every branch of the Military

**has a FINAL EVENT that TESTS the Recruits Ability
to MAKE IT in the real world of Battle**

**IN THE NAVY – it's a 12-hour event called BATTLE STATIONS
Designed to put The Recruits under EXTREME PRESSURE
& make them PERFORM well UNDER STRESS
for an EXTENDED PERIOD of time**

**IN THE MARINES – it's called THE CRUCIBLE
a 54 hour event with food & sleep deprivation & 45 miles of hiking
Designed to ensure that the Recruit is READY
Physically, Mentally, & Morally for what lies ahead for them**

& I think – these FINAL EVENT Military Training Exercises

BEST EXPLAIN – WHY Jesus did this with His Disciples

THIS was their FINAL TEST

**WOULD they take the SIMPLE GOSPEL to the World –
& DEPEND on the SUPERNATURAL PROVISION of GOD**

When we JOIN JESUS CHRIST on HIS MISSION

**We JOIN a SPIRITUAL BATTLE
for the SOULS of this WORLD**

I believe Jesus is PREPARING his FIRST RECRUITS here
for the REAL WORLD Battle

PREPARING THEM:

To Depend on the SUPERNATURAL LEADING of God
& the SUPERNATURAL PROVISION of God

To PREPARE THEM – to Continue CHRIST'S MISSION on Earth

& So - WHAT ABOUT the people YOU will MEET
as YOU GO to share the SIMPLE GOSPEL With The World

Jesus has TWO INSTRUCTIONS for you – the 1ST ONE is in

Mark 6:10 (NLT)

10 “Wherever you go,” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town.

This seems like an odd requirement – *doesn't it?*

BUT – What If - God has A REASON

for you to STAY in that FIRST HOUSE he brought you to
until his work – Thru You – is done there

**How many times do we see THE APOSTLE PAUL
STAYING with someone when he comes into town**

& then leaving with a HOUSE CHURCH

**Started IN THAT person's house
or at least BEING LED by that person?**

WHAT IF that Place – that God has LED YOU

is RIGHT where GOD WANTS YOU
For as Long as HE WANTS you THERE?

& WHAT IF that Person you want to MOVE AWAY FROM

is THE PERSON God wants you to WITNESS TO and DISCIPLE
For As Long as God has you there?

I believe God is saying – TRUST ME

When GOD PUTS you in a place – STAY THERE
As LONG as God has YOU THERE

**Let God work – Right where he's PUT YOU
“Grow Where You're Planted” (also on WBM App)**

**Because You NEVER KNOW
WHAT GOD is going to DO – Right Where He's PUT YOU**

BUT . . .

There is so often a BUT . . . isn't there?

Look at Mark 6:11 (NLT)

11 But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate."

That's pretty serious, right?

But isn't that what Jesus

JUST DID in his own home town of Nazareth?

Last Week – we talked about EXTREME UNBELIEF

& You & I Don't Want ANYONE

to be THAT HARDENED in their Unbelief – It's *Very Painful*

But – It DOES HAPPEN

& we have to be PREPARED for it

Finally – Here's the MAIN POINT – The M.I.P.

To **JOIN JESUS** – in his **MISSION** to **Save The World** (Literally)

We **MUST EMBRACE** the **SIMPLE GOSPEL**

**And we MUST EMBRACE - SHARING IT
With the People Jesus SENDS US TOO**

Again - Mark 6:12 (NLT)

***12 So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent
of their sins and turn to God.***

We have ONLY ONE MESSAGE

Because Jesus had ONLY ONE MESSAGE

***Repent* (which means turn from) *of your sins - and turn to God for
Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ***

**& the DISCIPLES WENT – With COMPASSION for the People
& the POWER of God Flowing THRU them**

Mark 6:13 (NLT)

***13 And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people,
anointing them with olive oil.***

The COMPASSION was SHOWN IN

THE POWER of God - toward the People

In CASTING out DEMONS

& HEALING many Sick PEOPLE

BUT – The Message Remained – the SIMPLE GOSPEL

***Repent of your sin and turn to God for salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ***

**1 COR 1:18 says The Message of the Cross is the POWER of
GOD to those who are being Saved**

These **people RECEIVED**
the **Message of the Cross** – The **SIMPLE GOSPEL**
& THEY SAW – The **POWER OF GOD** - **Change their Lives**

Guys – We **MUST LEARN**
TO FULLY EMBRACE - The **SIMPLE GOSPEL**

***Repent of your sins - and turn to God for Salvation –
through faith in Christ Alone***

**When you talk to your friends – your family – those you know –
Try to GET to the **SIMPLE GOSPEL** Message**

It is THE POWER OF GOD
that will BRING Salvation, Healing, & Transformation

TO YOU
& to THOSE you SHARE the SIMPLE GOSPEL with

Let's Pray