# The Servant's Timeless Authority

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Mark 1:16-3:6

The Gospel of Mark is a real-life action-packed report that takes us on a pilgrimage watching Jesus teach His first disciples who He is, what He was about, and what it means to follow Him.

The plot to kill Jesus (3:6)

#### WHAT LED TO THE TREACHEROUS PLOT?

Galilee -

1. Jesus calls ordinary <u>people</u> to an extraordinary <u>mission</u> (1:16-20)

Jesus' call, "Follow Me":

Fisherman's response

JESUS IS THE SERVANT WHO HOLDS AUTHORITY IN ALL PLACES AMONG ALL PEOPLE

Capernaum -

2. Jesus <u>claims</u> authority over spiritual darkness and <u>diseases</u> (1:21-28, 39-45)

Synagogue -

Simon's house -

The Leper -

Jesus responded with compassion (1:41)

## 3. Jesus <u>cared</u> for the marginalized and outcasts (2:13-17)

Jesus showed compassion to:

- Fisherman called to follow Him (1:16-20)
- Man <u>possessed</u> by a demon (1:23-26)
- Simon's mother-in-law (1:30-31)
- Whole town of Capernaum (1:33-34)
- Man <u>plagued</u> with leprosy (1:40-45)
- Paralytic carried by his friends (2:3-11)
- Man with a shriveled hand (3:1-5)

Levi the tax collector -

Jesus holds authority where we  $\underline{\text{work}}$ , where we  $\underline{\text{live}}$ , where we  $\underline{\text{worship}}$ , and everywhere our feet  $\underline{\text{walk}}$ .

## 4. Jesus <u>centered</u> His life in the Father's will (1:35-38)

Deserted Place is where Jesus went to PRAY

#### Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

