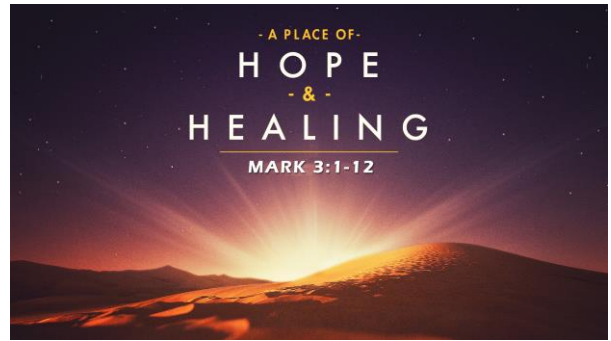


"A Place of Hope & Healing"

Mark 3:1-12



1. Two Hearts Contrasted (1-6)

- A. Jesus saw a need in the synagogue (1) - "Again He entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand."
- B. The Pharisees saw a nemesis in the synagogue (2) - "And they watched Jesus, to see whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him."
- C. Jesus offered opportunity (3) - "And He said to the man with the withered hand, Come here."
- D. The Pharisees offered nothing (4) - "And He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent."
- E. Jesus defied their unexpectant religion (5) - "And He looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored."

Perhaps the greatest criticism of the Church today is how little we expect God to do great things in our midst.

- F. The Pharisees denied the people their breakthrough (6) - "The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against Him, how to destroy Him."

2. Two Audiences Coming (7-8)

- A. Close followers gathered (7a) - "Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea..."

- B. Curious fans gathered (7b-8) - "...and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea 8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that He was doing, they came to Him."

3. Two Strongholds Crumbling (9-12)

- A. The expectation of Jesus (9) - "And He told his disciples to have a boat ready for Him because of the crowd, lest they crush Him..."
- B. The compassion of Jesus (10) - "For He had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around Him to touch Him."
- C. The authority of Jesus (11-12) - "And whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they fell down before Him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." 12 And He strictly ordered them not to make Him known."