

# KNOWING JESUS



THE GOSPEL OF  
MARK

# The Gospel of Mark

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Mark 1:29-45

# Choosing the Greater

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Lesser

# Righteous Greediness

Wanting more – wanting more of Jesus

Wanting for ourselves and the world,  
what Jesus wants for us

The kingdom of God and the gospel is  
not for the timid or passive – yes it is for  
the meek, but the meek who seek

Seek, keep seeking

Pray, keep praying

James 4:2 b

“ ... You do not have because you do not  
ask God.”

## Luke 16:16

“The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it”

The forceful throngs 1:28,33,45,2:2



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John 6:66

From this time many of his disciples  
turned back and no longer followed him.

The greater thing is the King

Are we seeking God or what He can do  
for us?

Are we seeking His heart or just His  
hand?

Physical healing is the lesser pointing us  
to the greater

As eager as we are for the lesser  
expression(s) of God's power and  
goodness toward us, let us cultivate an  
ever-increasing appetite for the greater

We stimulate our appetite for the  
greater over the lesser by ...

1. Knowledge and awareness
2. Experience and exposure
3. Intentional exchange of the lesser for  
the greater

## Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in  
Him.

Only “many” v.34 received physical healing – and it was temporary

“Every” one who wants ultimate healing receives it – and it’s permanent/eternal

## Revelation 22:17

“ ... Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life”

Therefore He leaves some unhealed and  
goes to preach the greater benefit – vv.

37-39

And drives home the point – 2:5-12 that  
the lesser is intended to point to the  
greater



“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now...Come further up, come further in!”

C.S. Lewis – The Last Battle

Don't mistakenly think that the "greater"  
is primarily defined by a spectacle

Any spectacles God demonstrates are  
byproducts of the greater He wants for  
us, which is intimacy with Him

## Matthew 16:4

“A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” Jesus then left them and went away.

## Acts 8

18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

# Acts 8

20 Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!”

Greater intimacy/relationship with Him =

Greater fruit of the Spirit – love, joy,  
peace, patience, kindness, gentleness,  
faithfulness, goodness, and self-control

Luke 11:5-13

Receive the Holy Spirit

He's always wants to give you the greater

Greater spiritual/eternal fruit – John 15:5

e.g. Power in prayer – Mark 9:29

Power in witnessing etc...



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