

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 4-21-24
Christianity 102 – Message 34 Part 3
Jesus continues His public ministry.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) What would it take, from a human perspective, to saturate the world with the truth of the Gospel?
- 2) Jesus invited John, Andrew, Simon and James to follow Him. Mark 1:17
- 3) Three questions:
 - a) When you heard the Gospel, would you repent of your sin and confess faith in Christ?
 - b) As a new believer, would you be willing to be disciplined?
 - c) As a believer in Christ, will you be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) These truths came from our time in Luke 14.
- 2) There is a difference between a Christian – one who professes faith in Christ and a Disciple – one who has professed faith in Christ but has committed themselves to following Christ.
- 3) Just remember what Jesus said here:
 - a) Your love for Him surpasses all other loves. Is that true for you?
 - b) You take up the cross and follow Him. “bear His cross”.
 - c) That is why it is wise to count the cost to be a disciple.
 - d) “whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, cannot by my disciple.” Luke 14:33

2. You are salt! Luke 14:34-35

a. From clay to salt:

- 1) This helps to understand part of your purpose:
 - a) Preserving –
 - b) Purifying –
 - c) Tasting –
- 2) Application – If Jesus would have called you that day, would you have followed Him?

3. Jesus spoke with authority and compassion that caught their attention. Mark 1:21-22

a. Can you identify the difference:

- 1) We need to understand the difference:
 - a) We see that Jesus, “taught them as one that had authority” –
 - b) The scribes were men who wrote copies of the Old Testament.
 - c) They knew a lot about God’s Word, but they didn’t really know God.
- 2) What made Jesus’ teaching so powerful, so compelling?
- 3) Application - To every teacher, preacher and father you can teach God’s Word and endeavor to fool the listeners but what they need is to hear from someone who has a real authentic connection to its Author – Jesus.

4. Jesus has authority over demons. Mark 1:23-28

a. In the Synagogue: Verse 23

- 1) “And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out.”
 - a) Question – How many services did he attend –
- 2) Matthew 7:21-22 –

- a) “Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven...”
 - b) Does this statement concern you?
 - c) Who are these people?
 - d) Verse 21 – Obedience –
- b. Is Jesus really real? Notice what the demon said.
- 1) Verse 24 – “Jesus of Nazareth”, “the Holy One of God”
 - a) “Jesus of Nazareth” – humanity. “Holy One of God” – deity.
 - 2) Verse 25 – “Hold thy peace”
 - a) Jesus refused to let them speak. Why?
 - b) Spreading the truth about who Jesus is, is our privilege and responsibility and not that of the kingdom of darkness.
 - 3) Verse 26 – “And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice...”
 - a) The demons may have tried to fight Him here.
- c. Notice the impact this story had on those at the Synagogue:
- 1) Verse 27 – “And they were all amazed...”
 - a) What a wakeup call to truth this was for so many.
 - 2) Verse 28 – “And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.”
5. Jesus’ ministry continues: Mark 1:29-39
- a. He is confronting the problem sin creates:
 - 1) Sickness may take our life, but it cannot take our soul. That is safe in the hands of God.
6. Today’s Take Away:
- a. The Life of Christ reveals truths and principles that we must give answer to.
 - b. Every person is a teacher.
 - c. Are you ready for that day?