

The Gospel of Mark

Mark 1:32-45 – November 9, 2025

Read Mark 1:32-39

Well... the first four disciples have been called, they made it to Capernaum, they are now across the street from the synagogue where the demon-possessed man was set free, inside Peter's mother-in-law's house, the sun has gone down and it's standing room only.

POWER

Whatever it is... Jesus CAN handle it!!!

Physical or Spiritual

Various diseases

Casting out demons

Yes He did and Yes He does

Popular and famous for all kinds of reasons

Matthew 8:17 – cast them out with a word (Matthew 8:17)

Isaiah 53:4 (Calling Card) Proof is in the putting

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

“Holy One of God”

God has always had it figured out and planned out

IT WASN'T TIME?

John 2 My hour has not yet come

John 7 My time has not yet come

Power was unlimited; it was over the physical and the spiritual world

When that much light is in the world, the darkness flips out.

There is an emphasis on release from spiritual bondage

Healing the body but freeing the soul.

Power – Was never for personal gain

- **Rocks into bread**
- **Legion of Angels**
- **Tell us who hit you**
- **Save yourself**

Why they came (Healing and Help)

The feeding of the 5,000 – continued because of the food they got, not the truth Jesus shared. **There is no indication that the crowds were gathering to hear Jesus or get to know Jesus... but to receive something from Jesus.**

R. Kent Hughes: “It is natural to want a magic Jesus. But we must always remember that God is not someone to be used. He is to be loved, worshiped, and served regardless of what comes in this world.”

Why they came

Why He came

PURPOSE

PRESSURE – standing room only, need after need after need.

Pressure does not equal Purpose

- That was an immediate, non-stop, high-demand, high-pressure day and with the dawning of the sun, things were shaping up to look very much the same.
- *Everyone is looking for you...*
 - Hallucinated Urgency
 - *You will always have the poor with you*
 - Your business will be busy WAY after you are gone

John 6:38 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

PURPOSE

Mark 1:37-39

God gets to give you your purpose, not people.

The voice that matters most in your life is God’s

- Not Delilah’s persistence
- A family’s pleading
- Culture’s Threatening
- Friend’s Tempting
- Or self-screaming it’s little temper tantrum desires

Clearly, the Lord cares about the person, but more importantly, that people know the unending Kingdom of God.

Knowing God's Word is priority – preaching the kingdom of God

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

John 8:32 “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”

His mission is our mission... spread the word, make disciples

Share something about the kingdom with someone today and this week.

One on one or one to one million. (reach is God's deal, action is our deal)

COME FORTH (vs. 38)

Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

Philippians 2:7 but made Himself of no reputation (emptied), taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

- **Kenosis** – *(When did Jesus learn?)*
- He **grew and became strong in spirit** (*Luke 2:40*), yet **He was from all eternity** (*John 8:58*).
- He was **tempted** (*Matt. 4:1*), yet **He, as God, could not be made to sin.** (*Heb. 4:15*)
- He became **self-limited in knowledge** (*Luke 2:52*), yet **He was the wisdom of God.**
- He **prayed** (*Luke 6:12*), yet **He answered prayer** (*Acts 10:31*).
- He **wept at the tomb** (*John 11:35*), yet **He called the dead to arise** (*John 11:43*).

- **Man** – *If He didn't become a man He couldn't have died for your sins, and couldn't have risen from the dead. No forgiveness, no new life, the most pitiable (miserable and pathetic) of all men.*
- **God** – *[Before Abraham was] [If you have seen Me you have seen the Father]*
- **Eternity required and an eternal sacrifice**

Come Forth: out of the fog

Mark 1:40-45

Pity

Imagine the sight and smell of Peter's mother-in-law's house.

Power came out in compassion... not brutish and pushy

Psalm 103:13 As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.

1. A leper came to Him (proximity)
2. Imploring Him (get real with God)
3. Kneeling down to Him
4. And saying to Him
"If You are willing, You can make me clean." (Believing)

One of Jesus recurring reactions to outcasts and the diseased is

Compassion care + action = compassion

- Caned food
- Christmas Boxes
- Missions Drive next weekend
- Take someone out to lunch

Well... Immediately, the leprosy left him

It came with a warning and instructions

Say nothing!!!

Show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing the things
Moses commanded AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM.

Well, like most men, warnings don't really apply to us.

What he didn't realize is that his carelessness caused a hindrance to what Jesus wanted to do.

- **Could he make a good, godly case for why he testified? YEP**
- **Was he wrong in doing it? YEP**

Jesus had to stay on the outskirts, in deserted places...

Jesus ended up doing ministry in a similar place as to where He prayed...

APPLICATION

Demand does not equal calling

His Mission – Is you... that you would know Him by knowing His Word.

His Must – not for something, for Him.

Your clarity and purpose will be equal to your prayer time

For every prayer that goes up in prosperity, ten thousand go up in adversity.

I talk to God so much throughout the day that I don't need times of prayer.

If you are closer than Jesus' oneness with the Father then OK.

When do you go?

After busy crazy

Emptied out, filled back up.

Your body may need to rest but your spirit needs to connect.

Solitary Place

ALONE! – don't post it

GOD WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON YOU!!!

Compassion is care + action = compassion

1855 – What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.