

# The Gospel of Mark – Being Like Jesus

Mark 6:7-13 – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## HERE WE GO... No Excuses

They have been in Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus ends up rejecting Jesus. They just couldn't see past the carpenter and the reality of the Christ. I pray we lived this week sober-minded and aware that familiarity can block out faith.

The good and bad news? You can miss out on God's blessings, but you'll never stop Him from His mission.

**Jesus stays on mission...** *for this reason I came, to preach the kingdom. (Mark 1)*

*Up to this point, the disciples had watched, listened, served... but had not been sent nor had spoken. But that is all about to change.*

- *Called*
- *Commanded*
- *Clarified*
- *Conclusion – of their kingdom endeavors*

## **Called (7a)**

**BEFORE JESUS SENT THEM OUT, HE CALLED THEM TO HIMSELF.**

*You cannot skip this part!!!*

The purpose of life is to know Jesus and then to be sent by Jesus.

(He gathered – **they did not self-initiate**)

**God will call you to things you may NOT have been thinking about.**

Simultaneously, we have a faithless village, but the disciples taking their first steps of faith.

**THEY HAD NO EXCUSES** (In the Lord)

No Limitations

No Intimidations

Then **BEGAN** to send them... first mission.

We forget that the disciples... had to **LEARN** how to follow Jesus,

(Rebuke in the storm, taught to feed by faith 5,000, not get fiery when insulted)

- Had to learn how to be sent
- Had to learn about the power that comes in prayer and fasting
- Had to learn what to do when received... and when rejected.

No excuses

With the Lord, we don't have limitations...

- Limitations
- Intimidations

Side Note: I have not seen God send solo.

Taking off the training wheels.

*Do you remember what Jesus told the disciples about being fishers of men?*

I am going to make you **BECOME** fishers of men.

Here it is, the classroom is over... The commissioning begins... taking off the training wheels.

**Commanded (7b-9)**

**Jesus commanded (clear and strong instructions)**

TAKE NO PROVISIONS & HAVE NO PLAN

- Bag (ladies)
- No bread (backups/snacks for road trip)(Alone provisions by faith)
  - The bird feeder... this was common in Middle Eastern Bible times.
- No money (copper)
- No extra clothing
- No expectations
- No malice (Bring this up later)

**JESUS IS CHARGING THEM TO WALK BY FAITH**

***The disciples were not in charge, and neither are you and I.***

**No Excuses** (*You don't have anything or what you have you don't need*)

**We are all servants of the Lord.**

**COMMANDED: to order or charge**

*He commanded them... (When is the last time God commanded you?)*

*Demanding vs. commanding (oversight & authority vs. intimidation & anger.*

- **Wanted to send a voice summary of my frustrations and fears**
- **Wanted to re-hash something that hurt my feelings**

## **I AM NOT IN CHARGE**

I am not in charge of my singleness, God is

I am not in charge of my home, God is

I am not in charge of my marriage, God is

I am not in charge of my life, God is

Take care of **WHAT** He has given you to take care of, the **WAY** He has asked you to take care of it. **Sons & Daughters but also servant disciples**

## **Clarified (10-11)**

*(10-11) Jesus specific statement*

**A. Some things would go really well... they would be believed and received.**

a. Settle in, hang out... not bigger and better, no ladder climbing.

**B. Some things would not go so well... they would be resisted and rejected.**

**So what do you do with that?**

- Don't evaluate your life based on the outcome of others.
- God does not judge the outcome but the action.

**Remember! IT'S NOT IN MY CONTROL TO DICTATE THE OUTCOME, ONLY THE ACTION. (BEFORE AND AFTER BE LIKE JESUS!)**

(The witness of the disciples was more powerful than the angels in Lot's house)

## **Sodom & Gomorrah**

### Summary

- **Genesis narrative:** chapters 18-19
- **Old Testament references:** ~30+ mentions
- **New Testament references:** ~10+ mentions
- **Total:** roughly 45–50 references

### Old Testament References

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah becomes a **symbol of extreme judgment and wickedness**, so many prophets reference it.

- **Deuteronomy 29:23**
- **Deuteronomy 32:32**
- **Isaiah 1:9–10**
- **Isaiah 3:9**
- **Isaiah 13:19**
- **Jeremiah 23:14**
- **Jeremiah 49:18**
- **Jeremiah 50:40**
- **Lamentations 4:6**
- **Ezekiel 16:46–56**
- **Amos 4:11**
- **Zephaniah 2:9**

### New Testament References

Jesus and the apostles also refer to Sodom as a warning example:

- **Matthew 10:15**
- **Matthew 11:23–24**
- **Luke 10:12**
- **Luke 17:28–32**
- **Romans 9:29**
- **2 Peter 2:6–8**
- **Jude 7**
- **Revelation 11:8**

You and I, living in the same segment of history that theologians call, the day of grace or, the church age... Rejecting the living, breathing testimony that the Messiah had come *is worse than what the city of Sodom and Gomorrah did and will fall under greater condemnation.*

God is not going to ask the rejectors if they agreed with Him... they are going to receive the judgment of their rejection. **God agrees with God.**

## **Shake off the dust from under your feet...**

Don't take it personal.

*Forget about it. (haha)*

*Free to move on (without resentment)*

**Matthew 10:24** “A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master.

**John 15:20** “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

***I am not asking you to be mindless, but I am begging you not to be faithless.***

Have you gotten comfortable in your box of limitations because there is no danger of embarrassment, falling short, or looking foolish. Have you learned to live with the cold chill of faithlessness in order to keep out fear, insecurity, and embarrassment out?

- Moses looked foolish until the sea parted
- David looked dumb until the stone sank into the head of Goliath
- Jesus looked funny yelling at the wind until it calmed

Story of the submarine pharmacist that became a surgeon

*Jesus Called*

*Jesus Commanded*

*Jesus Clarified*

**Conclusion** – of their endeavors of faith (12-13)

WHAT WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ANGELS IN LOT'S HOUSE?  
THE DISCIPLES SAYING REPENT!!!

**Repent:** To change your mind – with abhorrence for one's past sins.

***Have you changed your mind?***

***A LIFE OF FAITH IS A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO THE POWER OF GOD!***

***IT'S NOT ABOUT US!!!***

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY – OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES WERE CHANGED.

- Someone possessed by demons who got their life back.
- Someone facing death who has more days.

**Opposition and lack of support... no problem.**

**Lord – you want us to take the message that you were just rejected for giving?  
Jesus is enough!**

## **GAVE THEM POWER**

Discerning who to share the Gospel with...

THEY DID NOT ACHIEVE OR ARRIVE AT POWER... IT WAS BESTOWED UPON THEM.

**Healing, deliverance, and repentance... and Jesus was not present.**

*Where God's people are, God is.*

## **GOD IS ON THE SAME MISSION TODAY!**

*The saddest life is the self-focused life. (Actually)*

*The secret to being happy is being useful*

- Pray for that co-worker
- Invite that friend
- Serve your neighbor... not to get them somewhere, but to introduce them to Jesus.

**LORD? WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME TO DO?**

**THE GOAL – AM I BEING LIKE JESUS?**

**Repentance: *Have you changed your mind?***