

RBC online!

**Mark: 1:29-34**

**Jesus As Healer**

**INTRO:**

Last week we saw Jesus take four of His new disciples into the local Synagogue for what seemed to be just another day at Church.

That was until Jesus started preaching.

We learned that when Jesus speaks, things happen.

We saw how a demon, who was in Church...could not remain silent because of the power, purity, and passion of Jesus' preaching.

Jesus rebukes the demon and silences him.

There was no struggle, negotiation, or dialogue between the two.

Jesus gave two commands, and the whole thing was over.

That's a good point; we didn't touch on last week—

In our culture today, we are told by the world— that good and evil have equal powers, and they don't.

One Brother said, "*There is a devil, but he is God's devil.*"

Finally  
lastly

we saw how last week's Scripture has a tremendous amount of irony.

It's this...

This demon was terrified by Jesus, but could not be saved...

And the congregation was amazed by Jesus' teaching, but would not be saved.



Well, today, we see the results of Jesus' sermon.

Our passage today took place on the same day as what we studied last week, so Mark 1:21-34 all the same day. —Unique

Today's message is the sequel from last week.

**SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:29-34**

21. ~~Then~~ they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the Synagogue and taught. (NIV)

22. The people there were amazed by his teaching, because he taught them like one who had authority, not like the experts in the law. (NET)

23. Suddenly, a man in the Synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, (NLT)

24. "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" (NIV)

25. But Jesus rebuked him: "Silence! Come out of him!" (NET)

26. At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. (NLT)

27. <sup>Congregation</sup> ~~Then~~ they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." (NKJV)

28. And immediately <sup>Jews'</sup> His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee. (NKJV)



29. After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon (Peter) and Andrew's home. NLT

30. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. The first thing they did was to tell Jesus about her. GW

31. So He went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them. NLT

32. That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. NLT

33. The whole town gathered at the door to watch. NLT

34. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. NKVJ

*This is the Word of our Lord, Amen.*

**PRAY:**

Father, the prophet Jeremiah said,  
Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed;  
save me, and I will be saved,  
for you are my praise.

- Great Physician -  
- Almighty Savior ✓

In Christ's name. Amen.



**EXEGESIS: Mark 1:29-34**

29. After Jesus left the Synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon (Peter) and Andrew's home. NLT

A typical synagogue service ended around noon.

One of the main reasons they all went to Peter's house is because it was lunchtime. ☺

To this day, the Jewish practice, is to have a special meal after the morning synagogue service.

So in keeping with this tradition, Jesus goes to Peter's home.

Now, interesting side note here, archaeologists in 1968 found a home that is a stone's throw away from the Synagogue.

They claim it is the home of Simon Peter.

Remember now, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John all own a successful fishing business together, so to have a home like this is not out of the ordinary.

It was large enough for two extended families, along with Jesus. <sup>Guests</sup>

We know that Peter lived in Capernaum with his extended family—including his wife and children, his mother-in-law, his brother Andrew, and Andrew's family.

The engravings inside Peter's home indicate that it was also used as a home Church.

*Book of Acts*

30. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. The first thing they did was to tell Jesus about her. GW

Ahhh, so even though it's common to have a meal after the service, we see Peter also had a secondary motivation.



Peter just witnessed Jesus heal the guy at the Synagogue, and he's wondering if Jesus will heal his mother in law.

It was commonly believed that fever was a divine curse for disobedience (Deut. 28:22: **"The Lord will strike you ... with fever and inflammation."**)

So Peter may have assumed that his mother-in-law's sickness was a spiritual and physical problem.

Regardless, whatever it was—was a chronic problem. She had been in bed for quite some time.

The Gospel of Luke adds the detail that it was a high fever (Luke 4:38),

Dr. Luke possibly suggesting that she had a severe infection of some kind.

All that to say, these little details are important because they obviously lived a very different life in the first century.

They didn't have the luxury of staying in bed because of sickness.

The demands of everyday life were much greater than today.

If they didn't work; they didn't eat.

31. So He went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them. NLT

Remember that each of the synoptic gospels was written with a specific theme in mind—

Matthew: Jesus As King

Mark: Jesus as Servant

Luke: Jesus as Messiah (anointed one/unique purpose).



Mark focuses on the action of a servant—took her by the hand, and helped her sit up.

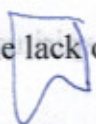
Mark's primary audience is the Romans, and they love action.

*servanthood*

*both important to Rom.*

Dr. Luke says, "She got up immediately."

Focusing on the lack of a recovery period.



So...she went from being on her death bed to ~~utterly~~ <sup>justly</sup> healthy with the touch of Jesus.

*justly*

Jesus did not ~~instruct her to take it easy for a few weeks, eat chicken soup, and watch TV.~~

*prescribed a recovery plan*

No, her healing was instantaneous.

Back to the text...

31. So He went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

The idea here is that she helped serve the meal.

Unfortunately, many false teachers have used this passage to demean and abuse women.

*this passage is not about abuse but servanthood*

Scripture has a lot to say about servanthood.

Look at this...

**cf: Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The idea here is for everyone to be a servant—even the Son of God!

*Sons*

An early Church father named Jerome, said this...

*so good*



Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It's absurd that you would remain in bed in His presence.

If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears.

The God of the universe just healed this woman, of course, she is going to serve Him!

32. That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. NLT

So even though they didn't have cell phones in the first century, word spread through the town. ☺

Question: Why'd they wait until sunset? *Jewish custom*

The Sabbath day was ending, and a new day was beginning. *At Sunset*

According to Jewish teaching, no healing could happen on the Sabbath day unless someone's life was in danger.

So they waited. Can you imagine the anticipation? ☺

Notice here; Scripture says we have two categories of people:

- 1. The Sick
- 2. The Demon-Possessed.

So we have a clear distinction between physical sickness and demonic possession.

I repeat that because...

There has been and continues to be some dreadful theological teachings that say every sickness is from the demonic, or if you're sick, its because you don't have enough faith to get well.

*more common*



That is garbage. — *Scripture says the opposite*

As Dr. Luke points out,

**cf: Lk. 4:40**

*and laying His hands on each one, He healed them. NIV*

Contrary to our modern-day faith healers—

The healings of Jesus did not require the faith of the sick person... *XZ*

Since most of the people He healed were unbelievers.

We see this throughout the gospels. Remember the sick man at the pool of Bethesda?

He was sick for 38 years, how much faith did that guy have?

Zero, he didn't even want to get well! He liked being the victim.

And Jesus tells him to stand up, and he's healed!

In Mark 9, we read this.

**cf. Mark 9:16-24 (CSB)** — *best example*

**16** He asked them, "What are you arguing with them about?"

**17** Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a spirit that makes him unable to speak.

**18** Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they couldn't."



*slow*  
19 He replied to them, "You unbelieving generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me."

20 So they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw <sup>Jesus</sup> him, it immediately threw the boy into convulsions. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

21 "How long has this been happening to him?" Jesus asked his father. "From childhood," he said.

*The Father says this*

22 ... But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

Pause...on a scale from 1-10, how much faith does this father have?

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can? Everything is possible for the one who believes."

How many times has this verse been taken out of context?

24 ... "I do believe; help my unbelief!"

*↳ Exhaust, frustrated - it seems that there is no cure, - you feel that way, ↳ good - bad case of the normals.*

And here we get this incredibly honest response about his own faith.

Jesus goes on to cast out this demon, regardless of the father's faith and the boy's faith, ~~in~~ order to help this man deal with his unbelief.

*in part*

Now, there's no doubt that some of these folks came to faith as a result of the healing, like one of the ten lepers (Luke 17:17-19), but most didn't.

Please don't hear what I'm not saying— Obviously, I'm not saying you don't have to have faith.

My point is, don't fall into, "you don't have enough faith garbage."

*I don't want you to believe the lie that just because you're sick or things are not going your way - faith issue.*



How do I drum up more faith?

Jesus is the healer, <sup>-not a genie</sup> ~~not you~~. You can't heal yourself. <sup>-You can't have that capacity</sup>

God has a lot to teach us in our sickness, in our anger, and through our trials.

\* You choosing to trust him in your sickness and in your anger and in the trial is how you build your spiritual muscle.

You choosing to trust Him when you're mad at Him...

And when you don't understand anything that is happening around you.

You choosing to trust Him when you're whole life seems to be falling apart..

It's in those moments, that He shows you that your life is falling into place. <sup>KOG</sup>

~~By~~ being in His presence is where healing begins.

Reading / listening to the Word of God by the Spirit of God. <sup>Among the people of Gal</sup>

<sup>there's no such thing as a love ringer christian</sup>  
That's how you develop faith. That's how you experience God day by day.

We have to make the daily choice whether or not to trust Him wherever we are.

<sup>It's a long faithful journey - There are no shortcuts, but the long narrow road is beautiful</sup>

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<sup>of</sup>  
**He healed many**— that doesn't suggest that Jesus healed some but not others.

Scripture is telling us that Jesus healed a whole lot of people that day.



In fact, there are around ninety separate gospel accounts that discuss the healings of Jesus.

*It's been said*

Jesus healed so many people that He nearly banished disease from Israel.

Nothing like it ever occurred before Jesus' birth or since His ascension.

**PREACH:** *-How do we apply this to our lives today? "Jesus As Healer"*

As you know, we live in a world devoured by sickness, pain, and death.

And we ask ourselves if God is so good, why is the world so bad?

Scripture tells us that this sickness, pain, and death that we experience are not God's fault; it's ours.

**Genesis 1:31 NLT**

*Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good!*

God's creation was good and perfect, just like its Creator.

However, Adam and Eve changed everything by doing the one thing they were not supposed to do.

So, disobedience has consequences, and sin enters the world.

And please note this, sin brought disease, decay, and death.

Sin is not just this invisible <sup>*CONSTRUCT*</sup> theological idea that doesn't have any tangible meaning or teeth.

No, sin is all teeth.



**cf. James 1:15**

*for disobedience*

These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

Adam and Eve made a choice, and the consequences of that choice mean that God's creation is now cursed.

*We brought this mess on ourselves*

**cf. Rom. 8:20**

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. NLT

Adam and Eve were separated from God and banished from Paradise.

And here we are 2,000 years later dealing with the results of this man-made curse.

COVID, explosions of rage across the country, rioting, racism, and death are reminders of our sin.

Are you surprised that the world continues to fall apart?

People who watch the news are surprised.

*Are not?*

People who read their Bible know that all this stuff is the same story with different characters.

*for Gen 3*

And what we've seen Jesus do over the past several weeks is prove Himself as the Savior of the world.

*Hester*

Jesus proves His power over both the physical and spiritual effects of the curse.

*He is the answer*

But here's the crazy thing.

Even though Jesus can rescue our soul from sin and the power of Satan,

Most of us don't want Him to.



We love our sin too much just to hand it over. *- We would never say that out loud*

It's easier to function inside our dysfunction—its easier to manage and control my sin...

than to Follow Jesus and to live in the freedom of the cross. *[Examples Example] IT is for freedom that Christ set you free*

Jesus is the healer, and the gospel is the answer to all of these problems.

And the local Church is the hope of the world. *(Smiley face)*

Let me rephrase that. | you are the Church, | and you are the hope of the world.

What are you going to do with that hope this week? *(Smiley face)*

I asked that you make a phone call *(last week)*, to ask someone how you can *(pray)* for them.

I'm going to ask that you make another phone call and pray for someone else.

You are the Church; you are the hope of the world.

You can introduce someone to Jesus as a healer. *- Awesome*

**PRAY:**

Father, we need you to heal us, your way. And you will, if we repent.

**2 Chronicles 7:14**

*clusters*  
**14** and my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, *(pray)* and seek my face (focus on you and you alone), and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

*In Jesus Name Amen.*

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**Tithes and Offerings:**

Mitchell and Elaina Perez are missionaries in Rowland Heights, CA.

It's north of Anaheim, where Disneyland is. However, few tourists will visit Rowland Heights.

our Brothers & Sisters

Asians and Hispanics make up 87 percent of the population, and 60 percent of the people were born outside the United States.

This is Mitchell's home town, so he knows it well. They are planting Churches here, and they want to reach the children of immigrants - those second and third-generation folks who were born here with the Gospel of Jesus.

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**Prayer After Service:**

~~Online- Prayer box~~

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Lord's Supper ✕

I pray you experience God day by day this week.

Love you  
Peace & blessings.

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