

WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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March-May 2020: JESUS THE MESSIAH

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***HIGHLIGHTS FROM
LAST WEEK...***

SESSION AT A GLANCE

When He called His first disciples in Luke 5, Jesus made it clear that the call to follow Him involves the call to seek out others to follow Him. ***Jesus' call of His disciples invites us to trust His leading and extends to our responsibility to make disciples.*** Because Jesus gave up His life for us and we have committed to following Him, we intentionally invest in others so that they might become His disciples as well.

JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES (Luke 5:3-11;27-32)

Luke 5:3-7 – "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish....

Luke 5:8-11 – But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." And Jesus said ... "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Luke 5:27-32 – "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Jesus' instructions didn't make sense in light of the fishermen's experience. Yet Simon Peter trusted Jesus and obeyed in an act of faith.

God's wisdom is not the world's wisdom (Is. 55:8-9). This doesn't mean that the call to trust Christ is a blind leap of senseless, foolish faith, but it does mean that we place our trust in God, not the wisdom of the world.

***GOD CALLS THOSE WITH A SINCERE
HEART - THOSE WHO CAN ONLY BOW
IN HUMBLE RECOGNITION OF THEIR
SINFUL STATE IN THE PRESENCE OF A
HOLY GOD...***

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone;
because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell
in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine
eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.
Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having
a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with
the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon
my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy
lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy
sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord,
saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for
us? Then said I, *Here am I; send me.*

- *Isaiah 6:5-8*

TODAY...

UNIT 21

JESUS AMONG THE PEOPLE

Session 1 – Jesus Reveals His Power

1. Jesus Reveals His Power (Mark 1:21-28)
2. Jesus Proclaims His Purpose (Mark 1:35-38)
3. Jesus Displays His Compassion (Mark 1:39-42)

SESSION AT A GLANCE

The entire Biblical record has as its ultimate goal the revelation of the heart and mind of God to us as our Creator and Redeemer: His lordship, His holiness, and His love. In this session we see how Jesus revealed His power (lordship) throughout His early ministry. Jesus taught and performed miracles with authority (holiness), but also displayed His compassion (love) as the Son of God, the One who has the power to proclaim and provide salvation.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What makes someone recognizable and believable as an authority on a subject?

Do others sometime misunderstand your ultimate purpose in the things you say and do?

What are some situations in our community that should move us to act with the compassion of Christ?

What kind of fears or prejudices might hinder us from being moved with the same compassionate action as that of Christ?

1. JESUS REVEALS HIS POWER (Mark 1:21-28)

Mark 1:21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching.

Mark 1:22 And *they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority*, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

Mark 1:24 "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God."

1. JESUS REVEALS HIS POWER (Mark 1:21-28 cont'd)

Mark 1:25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"

Mark 1:26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

Mark 1:27 *And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."*

Mark 1:28 And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

“...He did not preach as the scribes, who expounded the law of Moses by rote, as a school-boy says his lesson, but were neither acquainted with it...nor affected with it; it came not from the heart, and therefore came not with authority. But Christ taught as one that had authority, as one that knew the mind of God, and was commissioned to declare it. There is much in the doctrine of Christ, that is astonishing; the more we hear it, the more cause we shall see to admire it.”

- Matthew Henry

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 99 – Jesus’ Deity: The New Testament points to the deity of Christ by showing how He possesses attributes that God alone possesses, how He performs works that only God performs, and how He Himself claims to be the Son of God.

“If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.”

- John 10:37-38;14:10-11

2. JESUS PROCLAIMS HIS PURPOSE (Mark 1:35-38)

Mark 1:35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, *He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed.*

Mark 1:36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him,

Mark 1:37 and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for you."

Mark 1:38 And He said to them, "*Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.*"

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words."

- *Matthew 6:5-7*

The miracles of Jesus were not to be an end in and of themselves. He performed miracles partially because of His genuine love for the individual who received the healing, but His miracles also served as a sign of God's kingdom coming and driving back the power of Satan and death. Thus, miracles assisted Jesus in His purpose to preach good news to the nations that He is the Son of God and He came to bring salvation to humankind.

3. JESUS DISPLAYS HIS COMPASSION (Mark 1:39-42)

Mark 1:39 And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 1:40 And a leper came to Him, imploring him, and kneeling said to Him, "If you will, you can make me clean."

Mark 1:41 Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean."

Mark 1:42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

“Observe, Christ had still an eye to the end wherefore He came forth, and closely pursued that; nor will He be drawn by importunity, or the persuasions of His friends, to decline from that; for He preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and, to illustrate and confirm His doctrine, He cast out devils (Mk. 1:39). Note, Christ's doctrine is Satan's destruction.”

- Matthew Henry

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

- *Matthew 11:2-6*

In Conclusion...

“Thus in Mark 1:16-45, the reader understands Jesus’ ministry to be composed of calling disciples, teaching, healing and prayer. And the two great conflicts of the Gospel are prefigured as **the Son of Man destroys the powers of evil** and **the authority of Jesus faces the authorities of Judaism**. In some ways the rest of the Gospel is the working out of these two strands of conflict.”

- *Bonnie Bowman Thurston*

“Mark,” in The IVP Women’s Bible Commentary

NEXT WEEK

May 17, 2020

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– 2 Corinthians 13:14