

Jesus: The Master Servant

**Mount Calvary Baptist
Church**

Bible Study Series

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2021 Bible Study Series

Theme

“Jesus – The Master Servant”

Bible Book

The Gospel of Mark

Key Verse

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:45, NLT)



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Study Aim(s)

To discover how the Gospel of Mark shares with us the true character of Jesus Christ as “**Master Servant**” through His life, His love, and His ministry. We will see how Jesus provides the ultimate model for those longing to actively serve others while serving God.



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Let's Recap

- **His ministry to the Jews (Mark 7:1-23)**
 - **The Accusation (Mark 7:1-5)**
 - The religious headquarters had sent officials to shadow Jesus
 - They accused the disciples of violating the traditions ceremonial washings
 - **The Condemnation (vs 6-13)**
 - In defense of His disciples Jesus convicted the religious leaders with the Scriptures
 - They also were destroying the influence and authority of the Word of God' they claimed to be defending.



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- **His ministry to the Jews (Mark 7:1-23)**
 - **The Declaration (vs 14-16)**
 - When Jesus announced that the source of holy living is found within, He was declaring null and void the entire Mosaic system of “clean and unclean” foods
 - The crowd did not understand but His enemies did He was breaking down one of the walls that separated the Jews from the Gentiles



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Let's Recap

- **His ministry to the Jews (Mark 7:1-23)**
 - **The Lords Explanation (vs 17-23)**
 - Was given in private to his disciples
 - He taught them that contrary to the rules of religion, it is not what goes into a person or external influences, that defiles them
 - See vs. 21
 - Matthew 12:34
 - Luke 6:45



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Tonight's Focus

- **His ministry to the Gentiles (Mark 7:24-8:9)**
 - **Witness a parent's persistence, a mother's plea for her daughter (vs 7:24-30)**
 - **Private prognosis, the healing of a deaf man (vs 7:31-37)**
 - **Public provision, the feeding of the four thousand (vs 8:1-9)**

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JESUS
the servant king

“The Ministry to the Gentiles”
(Mark 7:24 - 8:9)



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Lesson Aim(s)

- **Discuss how this mother's faith helped her and her daughter.**
- **What message do find in this message of persistent faith?**
- **Why do you think Jesus healed the man in a secluded place?**
- **Why would hearing about this healing would have been valuable to Mark's Roman readers?**



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Introduction

Of the thirty-five recorded miracles in the Gospels, four directly involve women: Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:30-31); the raising of the widow's son (Luke 7:11-17) and the casting out of the demon as recorded in our text tonight.

Jesus had come to the area so that He might have some privacy, but a concerned mother discovered He was there and came to Him for help.



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A Parent's Persistence (vs 7:24-30)

- Casting out a demon
 - When we first see this woman it appears that she has nothing going for her
 - She was a woman
 - She was a Gentile
 - Satan had taken control in her daughter's life
 - The disciples were against her
 - It appeared that Jesus was against her

"It is faith's work to claim and challenge loving-kindnesses out of all the roughest strokes."

Samuel Rutherford, Scottish minister



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Ministry to the Gentiles

- **Two cries**
 - “Son of David”
 - “Lord help me”
 - Only one was effective and Jesus gave her hope.
 - Persistent Faith had triumphed
 - The results
 - She accepted her place in line
 - Her daughter was healed
 - Her faith was commended



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Ministry to the Gentiles

Significant Observation:

There is recorded two occasions when Jesus commended someone for their persistent – “great faith,” this Syrophenician woman and the Roman centurion (Matt 8:5-13). In both instances he healed at a distance.

- *Persistent faith – great faith – is that faith that takes God at His Word and will not let go until God meets the need.*



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The Principles of Persistent Faith

Principles	Applications
A loving God answers persistent prayer.	Never give up on God; keep praying.
Self-righteousness accomplishes nothing.	Trust God's love and care for you.
Humble prayer is answered and rewarded.	Be persistent in faith and prayer until Christ returns.
Childlike trust and faith are required if you want to enter the kingdom.	Confess your sin humbly to God, knowing that no one is righteous before him.
To inherit eternal life, you must depend totally upon God.	Obey God's commandments.



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The Principles of Persistent Faith

Principles	Applications
Possessions often separate us from God.	Trust in God, not in riches and possessions.
God rewards those who are faithful to him.	Maintain a childlike attitude without pretense or dependence on your own qualifications in your relationship to God.
Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection fulfilled Scripture.	Know that God has a reward for your faithful, self-denying trust in him.
Faith expressed in persistent calling to God brings healing.	Imitate Jesus in caring for those who cannot care for themselves.
Faith responds to God in glory and praise.	Ask God for healing physically and spiritually.



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A Private Prognosis (vs 7:31-37)

- **The Healing of the deaf man**
 - **Jesus continued to minister in the region of the ten cities (Decapolis) which culturally was like a mini Rome**
 - **Matthew records that now the people of the area were glorifying the God of Israel and they brought him a man that deaf and had a speech impediment**
 - **Jesus removed the man from the crowd and took him to a private place**



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A Private Prognosis (vs 7:31-37)

- The Healing of the deaf man
 - The elements of this miracle involve
 - Finger = in the sense of power operating within Jesus
 - Ears = organ for hearing
 - Spit = in the sense of being used in association with a magical procedure, i.e., the power of apparently influencing the course of events by using mysterious or supernatural forces
 - Tongue = the organ essential for speech
 - His groaning = signaling some type of pain, discomfort, or displeasure



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A Private Prognosis (vs 7:31-37)

Questions:

- Why did Jesus groan?
- To whom was he speaking when he said, “Ephphatha!”

Jesus asked for their silence but all the people experienced a case of “I said, I Wasn’t Gonna Tell Nobody”



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A Public Provision (8:1-9)

It is not difficult to distinguish this feeding from the other.

- This one is only recorded in Matthew and Mark
- The first one took place in Galilee and involved mostly Jews
- This one occurred near Decapolis and involved mostly Gentiles



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A Public Provision (8:1-9)

- The first one started with five loaves and two fish
- This one has seven loaves and a few fish
- The first time He fed five thousand who had been with Him one day
- This time he fed four thousand who had been with Him three days



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A Public Provision (8:1-9)

- The first time twelve baskets were left over
- This time only seven baskets were left
- There were even two kinds of baskets
 - A small lunch basket (kophinos)
 - A larger hamper basket (spuris) for the four thousand



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We should be and are encouraged by the Lord's compassion and His control over the situation. Understandably we may be discouraged by the blindness and unbelief of the disciples. It seems as if they had completely forgotten the feeding of the five thousand.

But how often have we forgotten the mercies and miracles He's and done for us? We need to remind ourselves that Christ is still the same and the solution to every to every problem.

Amen?



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**Questions, Answers
and/or Comments**

Thank You!

**May God Continue To Shower You With His
Abundant Blessings!**

**Meet us here next week for:
Session 15 –
“The Ministry to the Disciples”
(Mark 8:10-26)**

