

Jesus: The Master Servant

**Mount Calvary Baptist
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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 Gentiles (Mark 7:24-8:9)**
 - Witness a parent's persistence, a mother's plea for her daughter (vs 7:24-30)
 - 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
 - Her Persistent Faith had triumphed
 - The results: She accepted her place in line and her daughter was healed and Her faith was commended



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Let's Recap

- **Private prognosis, the healing of a deaf man (vs 7:31-37)**
 - 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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Let's Recap

- **Public provision, the feeding of the four thousand (vs 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
- 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
- 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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Special Presentation



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Tonight's Focus

- **His Ministry to the Disciples (vs 8:10-26)**

Lesson Aims

- **Why the Pharisees asked for a sign?**
- **Why was it important for Jesus to ask what the people were saying about Him?**
- **What did He teach the disciples?**



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JESUS

the servant king



“His Ministry to Disciples”

(Mark 8:10-26)



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Introduction

The third ministry that showed Jesus as the Servant-Teacher involved warning the disciples.

Jesus and the disciples had crossed to the western side of the Sea of Galilee where they were met by the Pharisees who were still angry at Him because of His indictment of their hypocrisy (Mark 7:1-23). This time they tempted Him to prove His divine authority by giving them a sign from heaven.

They did want an earthly miracle, such as the healing of a sick person. They wanted Him to do something spectacular.



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Message to the Pharisees

- **Mark 8:10-13**
- **Jesus and the disciples leave Decapolis and go to another Gentile town – Dalmanutha**
 - **There is strong evidence that this town or region is also referred to as “Magadan and or Magdala (Matthew 15:39)**
 - **Mary Magdalene (of Magdala) was the first to see the risen Christ (John 20:11-18)**



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Message to the Pharisees

- **Mark 8:10-13**

- When they arrived the Pharisees confronted Him again – They demanded a “miracle” a sign from heaven
 - *They have already discounted his exorcism and have been unconvinced by his miracles of healing. The one miracle that they may have been impressed by, the calming of the storm, was at night with only the disciples present.*
- Mark does not give us the particulars of this encounter but Matthew 12:38-42 gives us great detail.



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Message to the Pharisees

- **Jesus sighs again**
- **Matthew 12:38-42**

The sign of Jonah

- swallowed by a great fish
- stayed there three days and nights
- was vomited onto dry land



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Message to the Pharisees

- Matthew 12:38-42

Jesus makes three points:

- the sign to 'this generation' (the sign of Jonah; 39–40)
- the second being the sayings about past generations (41–2), the witness and judgement of the Ninevites and the Queen of Sheba
- the third being the fate of 'this generation' (vv. 43–5), the return of the evil spirit(s)



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Message to the Pharisees

Three Days and Three Nights

Day One		Day Two		Day Three	
FRI	FRI	SAT	SAT	SUN	SUN
Starts at sundown Thursday	Ends at sundown Friday	Starts at sundown Friday	Ends at sundown Saturday	Starts at sundown Saturday	Ends at sundown Sunday
Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day

The preceding table, reproduced from the Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry (CARM) website, shows how the counting works.



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Ministry to the Disciples (vs 14-21)

- In verse thirteen Jesus ends this encounter with the Pharisees and went back to the other side
- On the return trip the disciples notice they had forgotten all but one loaf of bread and Jesus takes this opportunity to issue a warning
- **BEWARE of THE LEAVEN**



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Ministry to the Disciples (vs 14-21)

- In scripture leaven (yeast) is a symbol of evil
 - During Passover they removed it from the home (Ex 12:18-20)
 - It was not allowed with the offerings (Ex 23:18; 34:25; Lev 2:11; 6:17)
 - It is small and hidden, but spreads and infects (Gal 5:9)



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Ministry to the Disciples (vs 14-21)

- It is a picture of false doctrine (Gal 5:1-9)
- Unjudged sin in the church (1 Cor 5)
- Hypocrisy (Luke 12:1)

In this context, Jesus warned them about the teachings of Pharisees (false doctrine) and the followers of Herod. The Herodians accepted the Roman way of life and saw in Herod and his rule the promised kingdom for the Jewish nation. If this teaching got into the hearts and minds of



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Ministry to the Disciples (vs 14-21)

If this teaching got into the hearts and minds of the disciples, it would infect them and pollute the truth Jesus had given them to proclaim about himself and His kingdom

Jesus did not often say “Beware!” but when He did, it was important!



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Ministry to the Disciples (vs 22-26)

Mark recorded two miracles not found in the other Gospels

- The healing of the deaf man (Mark 7:31-37)
- The healing of the blind man outside of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)
 - Perhaps we can see in these two men illustrations of the disciples' spiritual condition (Mark 8:18)
 - Jewish readers would connect these two miracles with the messianic promises in Isaiah 35



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Ministry to the Disciples (vs 22-26)

- In both situations, friends brought them to Jesus
- In both situations Jesus led them away from the crowds
 - This last miracle did not occur instantly
 - Maybe due to the general spiritual condition of Bethsaida
 - Maybe due to the spiritual condition of the man himself
 - The reason remains unknown
 - Because he could distinguish men from trees suggest that perhaps his blindness was due to disease or accident
 - Jesus sent him home to spread the good news of what He had done for him



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Conclusions/Takeaways

The disciples learned some valuable lessons on this trip, lessons that they would need to remember and apply in later years of ministry. You and I need to learn these same lessons:

- *Don't seek after signs, but live by faith in His Word*
- *Trust Jesus to meet our needs*
- *Avoid the leaven of false doctrine*
- *Let Jesus work as He wills, and expect variety in His working*



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**Questions, Answers
and/or Comments**

Thank You!

May God Continue To Shower You With His
Abundant Blessings!

Meet us here in July for:
Session 15 –
“The Servant’s Secrets”
(Mark 8:27-9:50)

