

# Jesus: The Master Servant

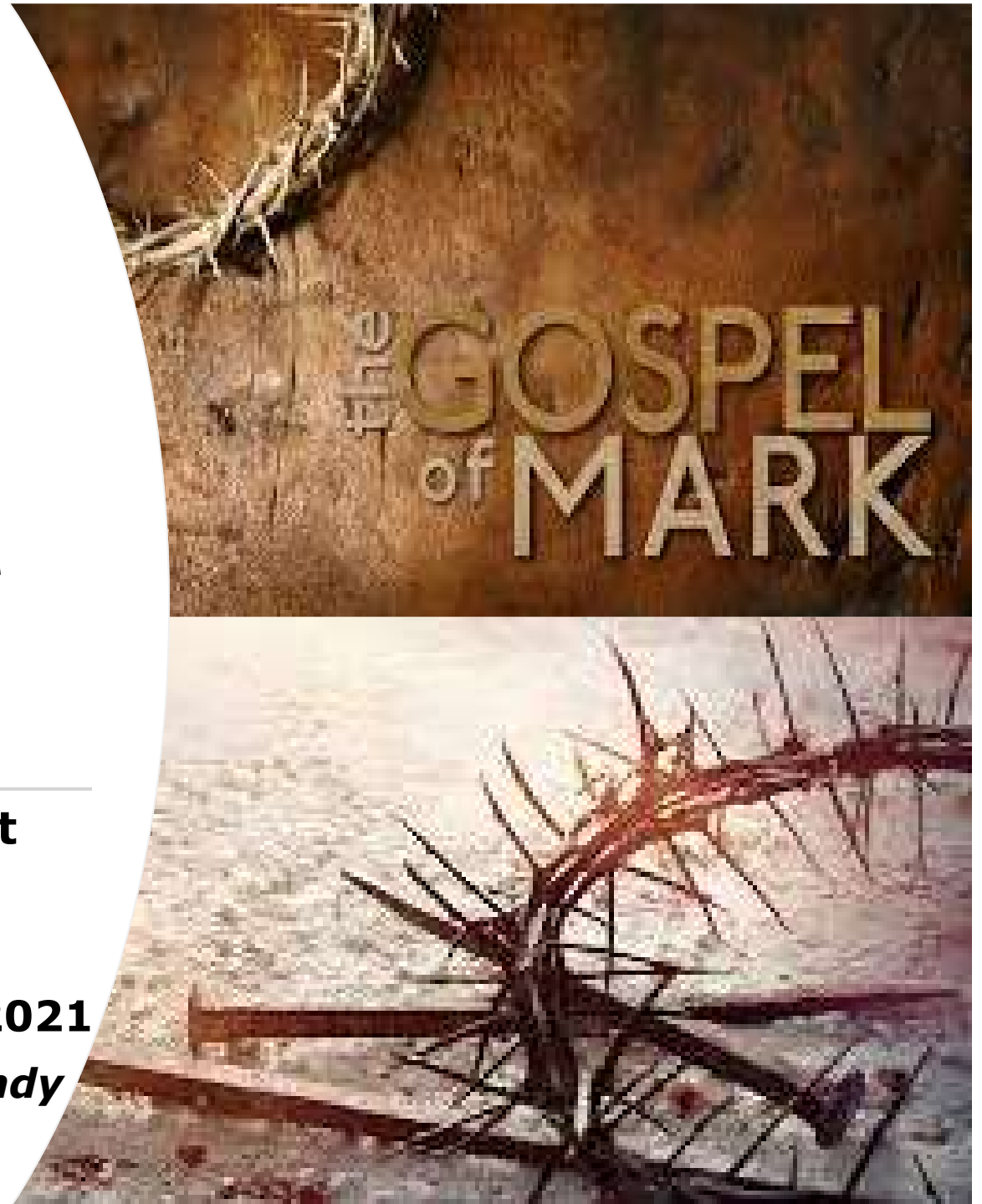
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**Bible Study Series**

**Lesson 3 – February 17, 2021**

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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)**



# 2021 Bible Study Series

## 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.



# Jesus: The Master Servant

## Let's Recap

- In lesson #2 from last week, we continued to look at Chapter 1 and studied how Mark provided us a view of the 2<sup>nd</sup> important fact about God's Servant – **His Authority**.
- We explored how Mark gave us a look at the authority of Jesus through his words and then his actions (works).
- We saw how Jesus, as the Master Servant, began to exercise His authority for the benefit of those that believe in Him.



# Jesus: The Master Servant

## Let's Recap

- We explored 3 scenes in Mark that reveal Jesus's authority as the Servant of God – **His temptation**, **His preaching**, and **His command**.
- The temptation episode was God's way of showing that Jesus was the perfect man, that He could resist sin, and that he could defeat Satan.
- In the preaching episode, we saw how Jesus demonstrated authority through His words as he spoke as one sent from God who knew what God declares.



# Jesus: The Master Servant

## Let's Recap

- The *command* episode, where He rebuked the demon that controlled the man in the synagogue, showed us that Jesus has the power and authority to judge the spirit world because He is the Holy One of God.
- Our study text from last week also helped us to reinforce the thought that Jesus is a servant who *“has been given all authority in heaven and on earth”* (Matthew 28:18).



# Jesus: The Master Servant

## Tonight's Focus

- We will continue to look at Chapter 1 and see how Mark provides us a view of the 3<sup>rd</sup> important fact about God's Servant – **His Compassion and His Mission.**
- Through miracles of healing, demonstration of compassion, and a focus on His ultimate purpose, Mark illustrate how lives are changed when people meet Jesus – **The Master Servant.**



# Jesus: The Master Servant



***“The Compassion and Mission of  
the Servant”  
(Mark 1:29-45)***





# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

## **Lesson Aim(s)**

- To understand more about the compassion of Christ and how we as his children can model this great behavior.
- To observe examples of Mark's writings that show us that even when things seem or feel hopeless, Jesus can change everything.
- To help us learn an example of not allowing anything to distract us from our mission and purpose to further the Gospel as Jesus did.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## Introduction

- Last week we closed our lesson with Jesus teaching and preaching with authority in the synagogue in Capernaum.
- There he healed a man that had come to the synagogue to listen to His teaching and preaching and who had been possessed by an evil spirit.
- Jesus rebuked the demon and commanded the demon to be quiet and to come out of the man.



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## Introduction

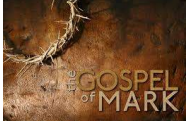
- The people in the synagogue were amazed and astonished by the teaching of Jesus and acknowledged that even unclean spirits obey Him.
- The text closes in Mark 1:28 with the fame of Jesus spreading throughout all of the region around Galilee.
- We open tonight with our text advising us that Jesus and four of His disciples: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John had left the synagogue and returned to Peter and Andrew's house.



# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

## **Introduction**

- Mark now moves to give us a description of what transpires in three (3) scenes that provides us a view of the compassion and mission of the Master Servant:
  - *Healing of Peter's Mother-N-Law (Mark 1:29-34)*
  - *Servant's Purpose and Mission (Mark 1:35-39)*
  - *Healing of a Leper (Mark 1:40-45)*
- Let's take an in depth look at what our text reveals.



# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

## ***“Healing of Peter’s Mother-N-Law”*** **(Mark 1:29-34)**



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law

*(Mark 1:29-34)*

- Peter and Andrew not only brought their friends James and John home with them from the service, but they also brought the Lord home with them.
- That's a good example for us to follow:
  - ✓ Don't leave Jesus at the church, but take Him home with you!
  - ✓ Bring Jesus home with you and let Him share your blessings and your burdens!



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law

*(Mark 1:29-34)*

- Everyone told Jesus that Peter's mother-in-law was sick and they expected Jesus to heal her.
- We don't know what was wrong, but Luke tells us in Luke 4:38-41 that the woman "*was very sick with a high fever*".
- Jesus took the woman by the hand, lifted her up and healed her.
- The fever was rebuked (like the demon) and the woman was healed.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law

*(Mark 1:29-34)*

- Her healing was immediate and verse 31 tells us that the woman “*ministered*” to them.
- She got up and immediately began to wait on them.
- One minute the woman lay on her death bed, but in the next minute she is getting up and fixing them lunch!. The woman's healing was complete and sudden.
- **Question: What was the woman's attitude after she was healed?**





# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law

*(Mark 1:29-34)*

- The healing of the woman also shows us the importance of intercession. Others become the channel of blessing for someone else.
- Word of the woman's healing quickly spread throughout the town and the people marveled at the miracle performed by Jesus.
- As soon as the Sabbath had ended at sundown (verse 32), people with all type of illness and even those that were demon possessed came to Peter's house expecting to be healed.

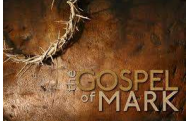


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## ➤ Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law

*(Mark 1:29-34)*

- Verse 34 tells us that Jesus healed all those that had gathered at the house. Those that were sick, those that were possessed with evil spirits, all were healed.
- We see a fulfillment of prophecy as indicated in Isaiah 35:5-6 and 53:4-5 where Isaiah predicts that the Messiah would heal.
- This healing event further identify Jesus as the Messiah.



# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

***“The Servant's Purpose  
and Mission”***

**(Mark 1:35-39)**



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission

*(Mark 1:35-39)*

- As the morning came, Jesus was no doubt weary from a full day and night of healing and performing miracles.
- Mark 1:35 tells us *“before daybreak, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray”*.
- Late hours and weariness did not keep Jesus from His appointed meeting with His Father.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission

*(Mark 1:35-39)*

- Isaiah 50:4 gives us a description of God's Servant as He meets the Father morning by morning: *"The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom, so that I know how to comfort the weary. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will:*
- This is another great example for us to follow: *Jesus had a disciplined prayer life that was dependent on communion and fellowship with His Father.*



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission

*(Mark 1:35-39)*

- Our tendency after a very full day of ministry is to “sleep in” the next morning, but Jesus demonstrates that His strength came from the Father.
- If Jesus needed to draw strength from time alone with God, then we need to also.
- We need to realize that an effective prayer life, worship, and studying the Scriptures are essentials for our “spiritual maintenance”.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission (Mark 1:35-39)

- These are not just words, but these are the keys to living a fulfilled life...its spiritual maintenance. We have to actually use the tools that God provides.
- **Analogy – *Regular maintenance for your car....***
- Mark then tells us in Mark 1:36-37 that Simon Peter and the others went out to find Jesus and when they found him, they told him that everyone was looking for him.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission

*(Mark 1:35-39)*

- The disciples knew that there were still many sick and distressed people that needed to be healed and be delivered from demons.
- But Jesus tells the disciples in Mark 1:38 that he *“has to move on to other towns as he has to preach to others as well”*
- The people of Capernaum would have kept Jesus with them if they could and have him be there *“in-house/personal”* healer.





# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission

*(Mark 1:35-39)*

- But Jesus knew His mission. He knew his purpose was beyond just healing. He knew that he had to get the message about God out to others, not just the people of Capernaum.
- While healing and physical wellness was important, Jesus knew that a relationship with God was much more important and He had to get the message out to all about the need for a relationship with God.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission

*(Mark 1:35-39)*

- Jesus demonstrated a focus on His mission. His priority was on delivering the message of God to all generations and not just healing.
- Jesus essentially utilized the theory of *“Planned Neglect”*. He prioritized and focused on the things that were cornerstones of His mission. *[Refer to Dorothy Haskins book “A Practical Guide to Prayer” for more info on the concept of Planned Neglect].*
- Jesus did not allow his popularity with the people to change His priorities or mission.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Servant's Purpose and Mission

*(Mark 1:35-39)*

- You and I need to operate with Planned Neglect in mind to insure we are focusing on God with a disciplined approach.
- We must remember Matthew 6:33
- Mark closes this portion of scripture in verse 39 by telling us that Jesus and the disciples traveled through the region of Galilee preaching and casting out demons.



# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

## ***“The Healing of a Leper”***

**(Mark 1:40-44)**



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Healing of a Leper *(Mark 1:40-45)*

- Mark now takes us to the scene where a man with leprosy came to Jesus.
- Leprosy was a serious ailment and considered a curse.
- The man knelt down in front of Jesus and begged Jesus to heal him.
- The man had faith to believe that Jesus could heal him, but he did not know that Jesus would.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Healing of a Leper (*Mark 1:40-45*)

- The leper did not doubt the Lord's ability to heal, the only issue was whether or not it was His will to do so.
- He told Jesus *"if you are willing, heal me and make me clean"*.
- The critical issue was not the leper's faith, nor the Lord's power, but the Lord's sovereign will.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Healing of a Leper *(Mark 1:40-45)*

- His doubts were partly based on the severity of his condition and on how lepers were viewed in ancient times.
- The leper could have given up and resigned himself to his death sentence based on his hopeless situation.
- But he came to Jesus – God's Servant who brings hope even into the most hopeless of situations.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Healing of a Leper (*Mark 1:40-45*)

- The leper knew two (2) things that are at the starting point for everyone of us who seemingly face hopeless situations:
  1. He recognized that he had a problem that he could not fix.
  2. He knew he had to turn to one who alone could address the problem
- Verse 41 tells us that Jesus was moved with compassion and he reached out, touched the man and said "*I am willing*" and he healed him.





# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Healing of a Leper (*Mark 1:40-45*)

- Compassion means that you are moved with a desire to do something to help. It is not just feeling sorry for someone.
- Jesus then sent the man along his way and told him not to tell anyone about his healing.
- Jesus gave specific instructions for the man to go to the priest and be examined and declared clean. (*Leviticus 14 defines the process by which the priest could declare a leper clean*)



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## ➤ The Healing of a Leper (*Mark 1:40-45*)

- Jesus did not want to be considered just a miracle worker and people coming to ignore His overall mission and purpose.
- Verse 45 tells us that the man disobeyed the command of Jesus about not telling anyone about his healing.
- Even though the man was disobedient, he simply couldn't keep his blessing to himself
- When your life has been changed by the Lord, its virtually impossible to keep it to yourself. You just have to tell somebody!!



# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

## **Conclusions/Takeaways**

- 1) We should be reminded that our God can handle any situation. We are to put our confidence not in our faith alone, but in our Lord.
- 2) We can trust that Jesus can make us well. And if he does not, we know that there is a good reason for He is somehow using the pain to accomplish a greater purpose.
- 3) After the sick mother-in-law was healed, she got up and immediately began to serve. This shows that serving should be the natural response of gratitude for the work of God in our lives.



# Servant's Compassion and Mission

## Conclusions/Takeaways

- 4) We should have confidence in knowing that since Jesus is the one who has power and authority over diseases and demons, then He also has the power needed to help us.
- 5) Let us be moved by the example of compassion that Jesus demonstrated when he healed the leper. We need to do more than feel sorry for people, we need to be moved to do something about it. We need to be willing to demonstrate compassion even when it is inconvenient for us.
- 6) Like the leper, at times our needs being fulfilled is not a question of our faith, but the Lord's sovereign will. We should know that it is always comforting to appeal to a merciful and compassionate God!



# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

## **Conclusions/Takeaways**

- 7) If we are going to model our lives after the Master Servant and follow in His footsteps, we must be willing to love and show compassion for others like Christ did.
- 8) If the Son of God came as a servant, then being a servant is the highest of all callings. We are never more like the Lord Jesus than when we are serving others.
- 9) We need to also understand that it is a privilege to following in the steps of Jesus Christ and meet the needs of others as being one of God's compassionate servants.



# **Servant's Compassion and Mission**

**Questions, Answers  
and/or Comments**

**Thank You!**

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

**Meet us here on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for:  
Session #4 as we begin to look at  
Mark Chapters 2 and 3**

