

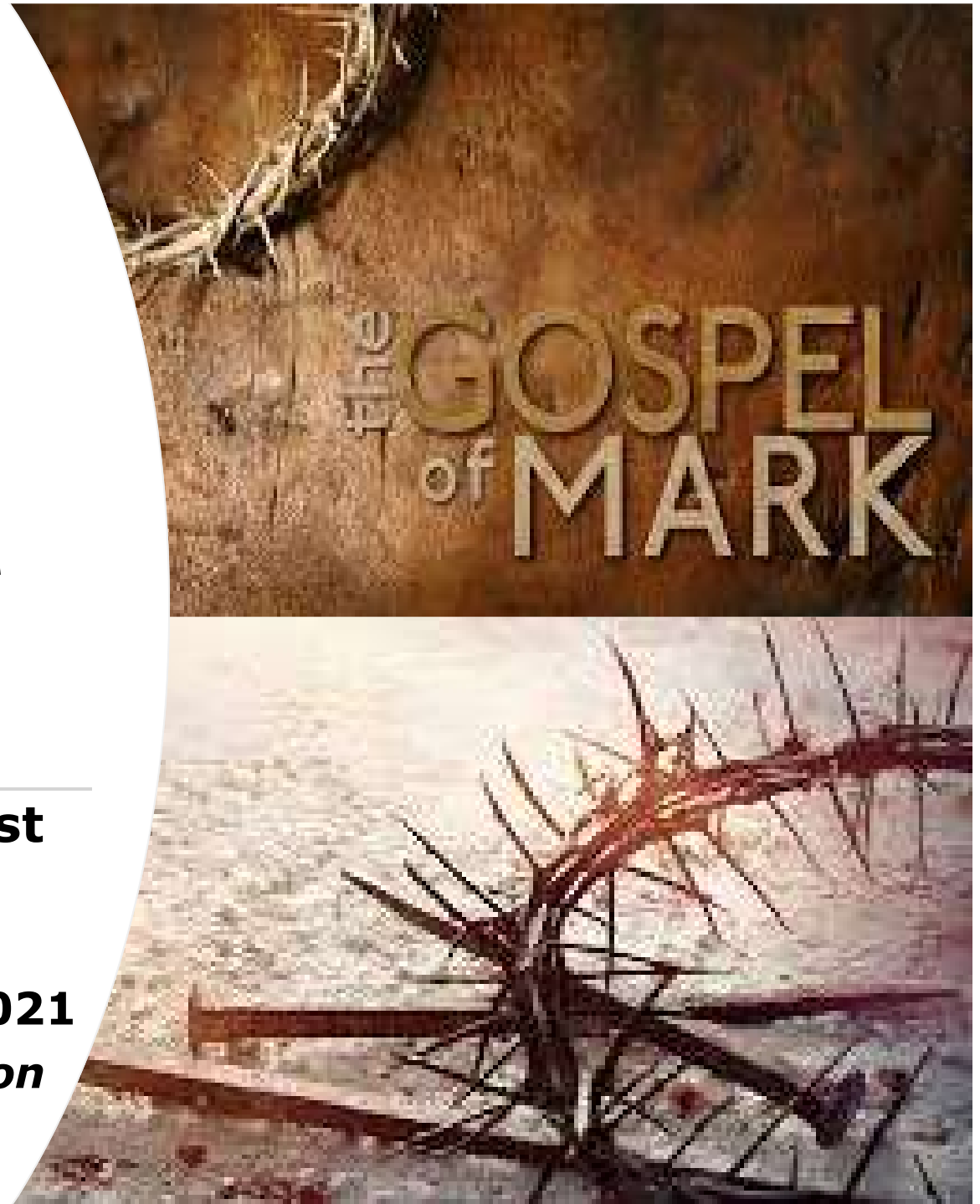
Jesus: The Master Servant

**Mount Calvary Baptist
Church**

Bible Study Series

Lesson 5 – March 10, 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.”

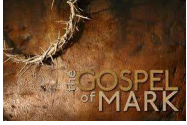
(Mark 10:45, NLT)



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

- The greatest Gift offered by the servant is forgiveness.
- Learned how tradition and OT scripture had informed the Jewish expectation of the Son of Man.
- Faith must have content



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Tonight's Focus

- **We will examine the reasons for the growing opposition to the emerging ministry of Christ.**
- **Discover the effects of legalism on the Jewish community.**
- **Discuss if there is a crisis in the Christian community.**



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Our Lessons for March

Our studies for March 2021 will focus on the following 3 pericopes:

- **March 3rd – “Mark 2:1-12”**
- **March 10th – “Mark 2:13-22”**
- **March 17th – “Mark 2:23-3:12”**



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“What The Servant Offers You”
(Mark 2:1-3:12)



What the Servant Offers You

Lesson Aim(s)

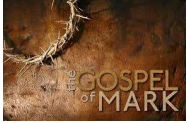
- **Determine who were the priority of Jesus mission and ministry?**
- **What attitude did he instill in people regard their attitude towards life?**
- **Discuss what might religious leaders learn if they open their hearts to people?**
- **Identify the second great gift the Master Servant offers.**



What the Servant Offers You

Introduction

- **In the previous lesson we saw the scribes object to Jesus authority to forgive and the opposition to his ministry by the Pharisees and Scribes began to grow.**
- **Tonight we find Jesus expanding his ministry, his popularity and his enemies.**
- **In this section, Jesus makes it clear that the A-listers of society are not the bible scholars and legalist, as he offers the outcast the second of his three wonderful gifts, the gift of:**



What the Servant Offers You

➤ Fulfillment – Mark 2:13-22

- **Vs. 13-14 Jesus calls Levi.**
 - **Jesus exercises another divine prerogative (Matthew 9:9)**
 - **This tax collector went from a name of uncertain meaning to being “the gift of God”**
 - **He will do the same for you and me**



What the Servant Offers You

➤ Fulfillment – Mark 2:15

- **The A-Listers tax collectors and sinners**
 - **All ostracized and outcasts of the Jewish community**
 - **A tax collector**
 - **A sinner**
- **Again the scribes and Pharisees are correct in their assessment that Jesus is enjoying this table fellowship with those people**
 - **Again the point is missed**



What the Servant Offers You

➤ Fulfillment – Mark 2:17

- Jesus explains his purposes in coming into the world
- Jesus is the physician
 - He comes to you in your need
 - He makes a perfect diagnosis
 - He pays the bill
- His explanation implies that the kingdom is closed to the self-righteous

**How does self-righteousness
get in the way of forgiveness?**



What the Servant Offers You

➤ *Fulfillment – Mark 2:18-19*

- **A question on fasting**
- **John's austerity was not wrong**
- **The Bridegroom had arrived**
- **A time for celebration**
 - **A wedding feast and not a funeral**



What the Servant Offers You

➤ Fulfillment – Mark 2:1-12

Some of the effects of legalism imposed by the scribes and Pharisees:

- **Instead of a bridge to God it often serves as barrier to God**
- **Instead of freeing people from their burdens itself is often a burden**
- **Instead of knowing God it is obsessed with knowing about God**



What the Servant Offers You

- **Fulfillment – Mark 2:18-19 (cont'd)**
 - Instead of divine acceptance it is preoccupied with guilt and failure and depictions God as displeased with both
 - Instead of bringing unity to humanity, it is principle cause of disunity
 - Instead of peace and tranquility, it is a circus of endless activity, beliefs, dogmas, and doctrines that are divisive than unifying



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➤ *Fulfillment* - Mark 2:20-22

- Jesus predicts that the groom will be taken away
- His coming has ushered in a new state of affairs and compares it with worn cloth. Fasting and gloom are incompatible with it
- His coming is also similar to how old, worn wineskins are incompatible with new wine (joy)



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- **Fulfillment – the Second Gift of the Servant**
- Jesus came that people may have full joy in this life. He was saying the fulfillment of God's plans which has ushered in the very presence of the Messiah should be met with joy and celebration
- The emphasis on following the rules (legalism) stifled the enthusiasm for service and for knowing God.



What the Servant Offers You

➤ *Final Question for Tonight*

- For a number of years church leaders have wrestled with declining attendance. People just don't feel the presence of God or the joy that Jesus taught.
 - Love your enemies (Matt 5:44);
 - Don't strike back (Matt 5:38-42);
 - You can't worship God and Money (Matt 6:19-24)



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➤ *Final Question for Tonight*

- Love yourself (Luke 10:27)
- Love your neighbor (Luke 10:27)
- Judge not (Matt 7:1)
- Do not worry (Matt 6:33)

**Do You Think the Church is Out of Touch
with Its Founder?**



What the Servant Offers You

Conclusions/Takeaways

- **Jesus came to save sinners**
- **Self-Righteousness blinds**
- **Legalism binds**
- **Jesus came to set free**



What the Servant Offers You

**Questions, Answers
and/or Comments**

Thank You!

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

Meet us here next week for:

Session 6 –

“What The Servant Offers You”

(Mark 2:23-3:12)

