

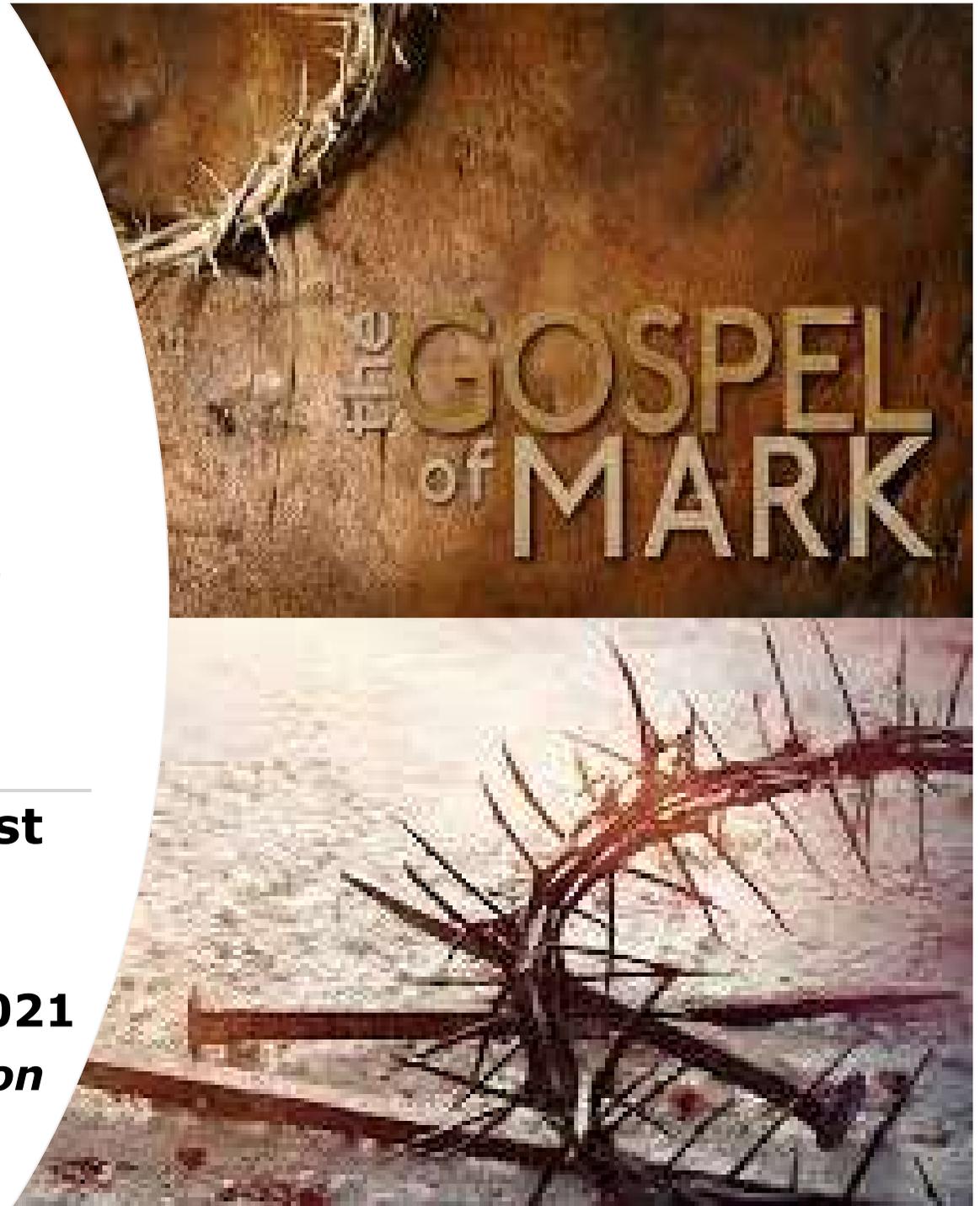
Jesus: The Master Servant

**Mount Calvary Baptist
Church**

Bible Study Series

Lesson 6 – March 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)



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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.



Jesus: The Master Servant

Let's Recap

- **Lesson 4 - The first and 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 – perseverance
 - Jesus assertively exercised divine prerogatives
 - The results of which were and are:
 - Makes the sinner whole
 - And provokes the self-righteous



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Let's Recap

- **Lesson 5 - The second Gift offered by the servant is Fulfillment.**
 - Learned who Jesus enjoyed sharing a meal with. how tradition and OT scripture had informed the Jewish expectation of the Son of Man.
 - Faith must have content – perseverance
 - Jesus assertively exercised divine prerogatives
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Our Lessons for March

Our studies for March 2021 have focused 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)



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Tonight's Focus

- **We will examine the Sabbath Traditions**
- **Examine Jesus' repeated violations of Sabbath**
- **Discuss the formulation of deadly partnerships**



What the Servant Offers You

Introduction

- **The Sabbath was cherished by the Jews as a sacred institution. God gave the people of Israel the Sabbath after they came out Egypt**

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exodus 20:8-11)



What the Servant Offers You

Introduction

- **The Sabbath was special sign between Israel and Jehovah**

“You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you. You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’” (Exodus 30:13-17)



What the Servant Offers You

- When Jesus began openly to violate the Sabbath traditions, it was like declaring war against the religious establishment
- He began his campaign by healing the man at Bethesda...

“...And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath” John 5:16

*“...But Jesus answered them, ‘**My Father is working until now, and I am working.**’ ”*
John 5:17



What the Servant Offers You

➤ Freedom – Mark 2:23-3:12

- It is after this that Mark picks up the events in chapter 2:23-3:12

Verses 2:23-28

- Again on the Sabbath Jesus and his disciples started to pull ears of corn and the Pharisees began to question why they did such things on the Sabbath
- Jesus raises the incident with David in 1 Samuel 21:1-6, when he and his men were on the run from Saul and ate the bread of the presence



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Verses 2:23-28

- Jesus point seems to be that David did break the law but the Pharisees aren't accusing him of sin. They are applying a double standard
 - Or could it be that Jesus is saying that when there is a need as in David's case, a physical need, there is the need for mercy and kindness
 - He explains what God's purpose was for instituting the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11)

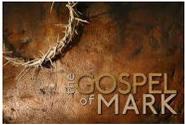


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➤ Freedom – Mark 2:23-3:12

Verses 3:1-6

- Jesus heals a man whose hand is withered. The healing takes place on the sabbath in the synagogue
- In verse 4 Jesus calls the sick to him and asks a rhetorical question of the Pharisees “is it lawful to do good and save life?”
 - The parallel in Matthew (Matt 12:12) shows how Jesus exposes their hypocrisy
 - Verse 5 Jesus has exposed the hardness of the Pharisees heart
 - It is no longer a surprise that Jesus can heal or forgive sins – it is the growing conflict that begins to take center stage
 - Verse 6 beyond objections and animosity the Pharisees cross the line



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➤ Freedom – Mark 2:23-3:12

Verses 3:7-12

- **Jesus' ministry is beginning to reach mega church status.**
 - **In spite of the murderous plot his ministry is not diminished and it attracts people from across the region including non-Israelites**
 - **The popularity of his ministry foreshadows upcoming events:**
 - **Mark 7:24-30 – the casting out of the devil**
 - **His resurrection and issuing the Great Commission – Matthew 28:18-20**
 - **The declaration of his worthiness to open the seals of the end of the age – Revelation 5:9**



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- *Forgiveness – Mark 2:1-12*
- *Fulfillment – Mark 2:13-22*
- *Freedom – Mark 2:23-3:12*

Final Thoughts

Is it best to know or know about?

God is still moving.



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 on April 7:
Session 7 –**

“The Servant, The Crowds, and The Kingdom”
(Mark 3:13-4:34)

