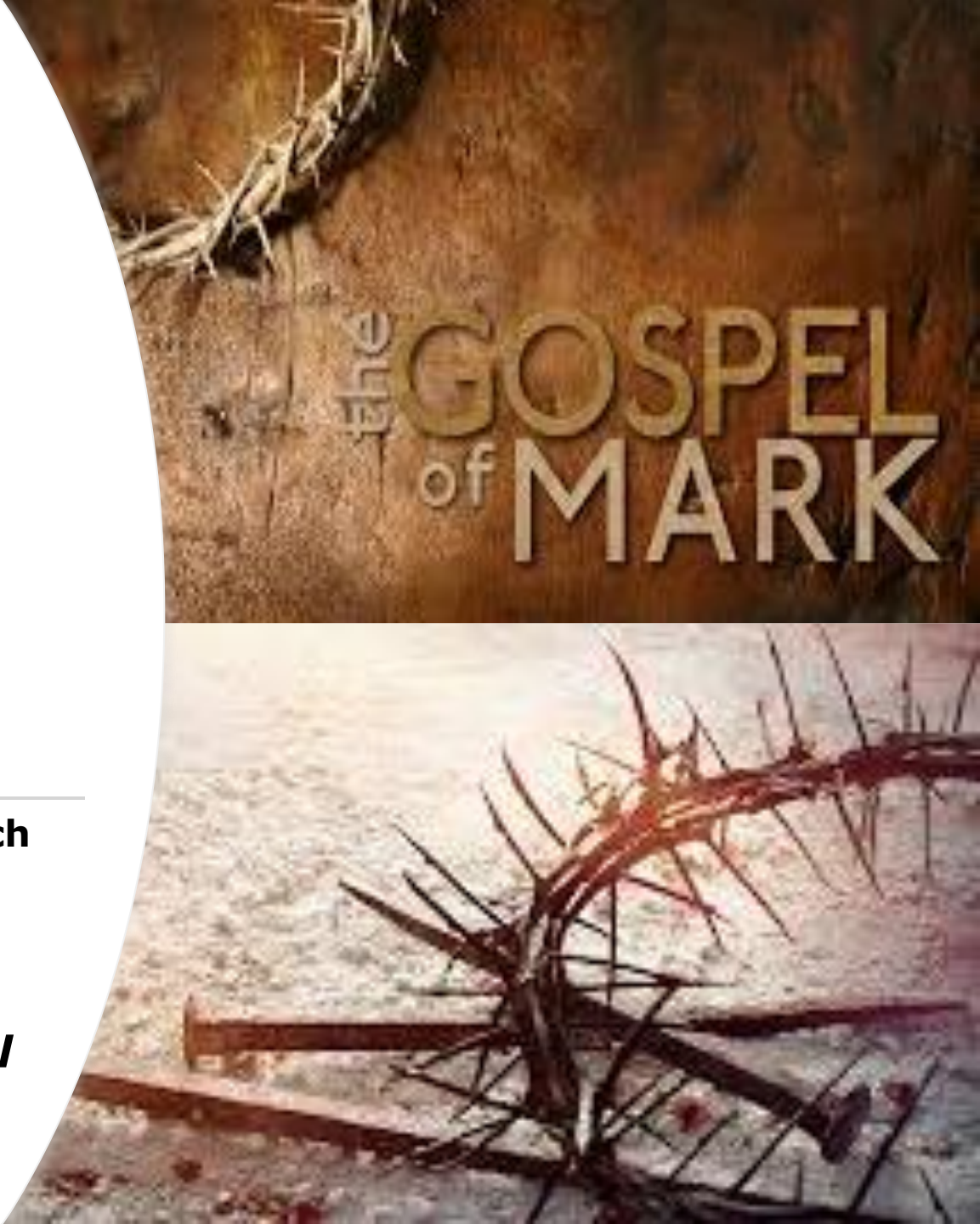


# Jesus: The Master Servant

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**Mount Calvary Baptist Church**  
**Bible Study Series**  
**Mark 3: 13- 4:34**  
*Instructor: Rev. Daniell*





# 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.”**

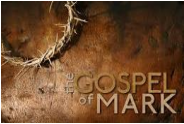
**(Mark 10:45, NLT)**



# 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

- Last month focused on Mark 2:1 – 3:12
- Forgiveness (2:1-2) – sin is like a sickness and forgiveness is like having your health restored
- Fulfillment (2:13-22) – Jesus came to usher in the new, not unite with the old. Salvation is not a patching up of one's life, it is an entirely new life
- Freedom (2:23-3:12): Jesus upset legalistic traditions and bondage via Sabbath defiance



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## Our Lessons for April

- Our studies for April 2021 will focus on the following 3 lessons:
  - **A New Spiritual Nation (Mark 3:13-19)**
  - **A New Spiritual Family (Mark 3:20-21, 31-35)**
  - **A New Spiritual Kingdom (Mark 3:22-30, 4:1-34)**





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**JESUS**  
the servant king

***“Serving Others As You Walk  
with the Master Servant”***



# Jesus the Master Servant

## Lesson Aim(s)

The next three lessons are to help you understand the Lord's three responses to the pressure of the crowds.



# Jesus: The Master Servant

## Introduction

- After Jesus challenged the legalism of the sabbath and exposed the pharisees who would rather protect their traditions than see people healed they joined with a common enemy (Herodians)
- The crowds were dangerous because they were not spiritually motivated
- There is now a crisis in Jesus' ministry = great crowds were following him, but not interested in anything spiritual, religious leaders wanted to destroy him, not to mention he was dealing with unclean spirits (united opposition)
- Jesus next step is to spend a night in prayer (Luke 6:12), call 12 to assist him and preach a sermon.
- Jesus offered, forgiveness, fulfillment and freedom but they refused the offer.





# Jesus the Master Servant

## Introduction

- No matter where Jesus went, he was followed by a pack excited crowds (Mark 3:7-9, 20, 32, 4:1)
- If Jesus had been a “celebrity and not a servant, He would have catered to the crowds and tried to please them.
- Instead, He withdrew from the crowds and ministered to his disciples.



# Jesus the Master Servant

## Introduction

- Jesus knew most people who pushed to get near Him were shallow and insincere
  - Wanted the healing not the healer
  - Wanted miracles not the miracle worker
  - Wanted what they could get didn't want a relationship with the giver
- Jesus had to teach his disciples the truth about the crowds and the kingdom

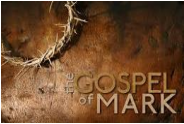


# **Jesus the Master Servant**

## **He Founded a New Spiritual Nation**

### **Mark 3: 13-19)**

- 1) Number of disciples is significant – representative of the 12 tribes of Israel
- 2) Israel was chosen to bring the Messiah into the world, so that through Him all nations of the world could be blessed (Gen 12: 1-3)
- 3) We can see from this study, Israel is in spiritual decay and ready to reject the Messiah
- 4) God had to establish a holy nation, a peculiar, purchased people (1 Peter 2:9)



# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Nation

- 1) 12 Apostles are the nucleus of the new spiritual nation (Matthew 21:43)
- 2) Jesus process for selecting the Apostles
  - Spent all night in prayer (Luke 6:12)
  - He selected them to train them by personal example and teaching, send them out to preach the Gospel, and give them authority to heal and cast out demons
  - Goal was that these Apostles would be able to continue His work when He returned to the Father and they would be able to train others to carry on the ministry after them (2 Tim 2:2)
  - Created Ministry teams -- paired them up (Mark 6:7)

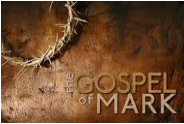


# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Family

### Mark 3: 20-21, 31-35

- 1) Friends and family through Jesus was crazy.
- 2) Jesus was not living a normal life – crowds were following Him and the amazing reports that were circulating about Him.
- 3) His family responded by trying to take Him away



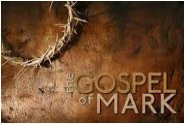
# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Family

### Mark 3: 20-21, 31-35

- 1) God's Servants are usually misjudged by friends/co-laborers and misunderstood by family (which includes church families)
- 2) They have the right motives, with the wrong purpose
- 3) Like the religious leaders they misunderstood and unintentionally stood in opposition of His purpose



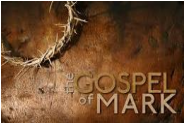


# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Family

### Mark 3: 20-21, 31-35

- 1) If Jesus had yielded to His family, He would have played into the hands of the opposition.
- 2) Instead, He used the crisis as an opportunity to teach a spiritual lesson.
- 3) His family is made up of all those who do the will of God.



# **Jesus the Master Servant**

## **He Founded a New Spiritual Family**

### **Mark 3: 20-21, 31-35**

- 1) Obviously, Jesus is not suggesting believers ignore or abandon their families to serve God. But that you put God's will above everything else in life.
- 2) We should not allow others, including family to influence us away from the will of God.  
(radical way of thinking)
- 3) We enter God's family via new birth done by God's grace for all who believe (Ep 2:8-9)

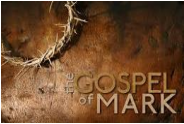


# **Jesus the Master Servant**

## **He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom**

### **Mark 3: 22-30, 4:1-34**

- 1) The Crowds hoped Jesus would deliver the nation from Rome.
- 2) Instead, He called 12 ordinary men and founded a new nation
- 3) The Crowds wanted Jesus to behave like a royal Jew and honor His Family
- 4) Instead, He established a new family made up of all who trusted Him and did the will of God



# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Mark 3: 22-30, 4:1-34

- 1) The crowds expected Jesus to restore the Kingdom and bring back Israel's lost glory
- 2) Instead, Jesus announced a new kingdom, a spiritual kingdom built on repentance and forgiveness
- 3) **Question: What does this teach us about our expectations and God's response?**

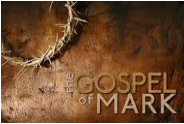


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## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Mark 3: 22-30, 4:1-34

- 1) Introduction of parables
- 2) Jesus didn't use deep theological discussions about doctrine to explain the kingdom.
- 3) Instead, He painted pictures that captured the attention of people and forced them to use their imagination and think.



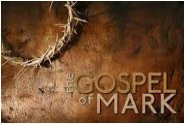
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## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Mark 3: 22-30, 4:1-34

- 1) His pedagogy (fancy word for teaching method) was to tell earthly stories with heavenly meanings to help people understand.
- 2) Parables get the listener deeply involved and compels the listener to make a personal decision about God's truth as it relates to their life.
- 3) Parables are a window through which we can see God and His truth.
- 4) Hidden and must be revealed. For the person who thinks they are so smart, would only hear the story and not understand. Revelation comes from sincerity, humility in their own lack of understanding, and submission to the Lord.



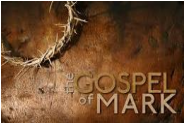


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## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: the Strong Man

- 1) Mark 3: 22-30
- 2) The scribes acknowledge Jesus performed unusual miracles supernaturally but, by demonic power (Beelzebub or the master of the house)
- 3) Jesus replied by showing how foolish their argument was



# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: the Strong Man

- 1) If He casted out demons by demonic power, then satan would be working against himself (divided kingdom)
- 2) No one can go into a strong man's house and bind him unless he is stronger
- 3) I am plundering the devil's house and casting him out
- 4) So NO, I'm not the devil. I'm stronger.

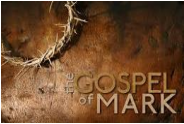


# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: the Strong Man

- 1) Jesus was working by the power of the Holy Spirit
- 2) To say he was operating in the demonic slandered the Holy Spirit (Blasphemy)



# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: The Sower and the Soils (4:1-20)

- 1) This parable helped the disciples understand why Jesus was not impressed with the large crowds that followed Him.
- 2) He knew most of them would never produce fruit from changed lives because the Word He was teaching them was like seed falling into poor soil.

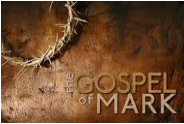


# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: The Sower and the Soils (4:1-20)

- 1) Seed = God's Word, the Sower = the servant of God who shares the Word with others, the human heart = Soil.
- 2) The heart must be prepared to receive the seed before it can take root and produce a harvest
- 3) Like seed the Word is alive and able to produce spiritual fruit but it must be planted and cultivated before a harvest can come.



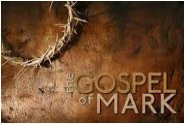
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## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: The Sower and the Soils (4:1-20)

- 1) Hard Heart: (4:4,15): Hearer resists the word and makes it easy for satan to snatch it up. Hard hearts must be plowed up before they can receive the Word. **[devil snatches the seed]**
- 2) Shallow Heart (4:5-6, 16-17): No depth, whatever is planted cannot last because it has no roots. Emotionally hearer, great enthusiasm initially but when persecution and difficulties come the joy is gone. **[flesh counterfeits religious feelings]**
- 3) The Crowded Heart (7, 18-19), Hearer has too much going on and the Word has no room to grow **[things of the world smother the seed]**
- 4) The Fruitful Heart (8,20) True believer, because fruit (a changed life) is evidence of salvation.
- 5) We cannot make the seed grow and we cannot explain how it grows. It's a mystery.



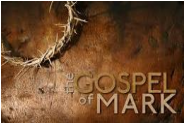


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## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: The Lamp (4:21-25)

1. Jesus uses a common object in a familiar place (home)
2. Lamp was a clay dish filled with oil, with its wick put into the oil.
3. To give light, the lamp had to use itself up and the oil had to be replenished. If the lamp wasn't lit or covered up it was of no use
4. Apostles are like lamps, called to shed God's light and reveal His truth. But they could not give out without first taking in.
5. The more we hear the Word the better we are able to share it with others.
6. Our spiritual hearing determines how much we have to give to others.



# Jesus the Master Servant

## He Founded a New Spiritual Kingdom

### Parable: The Mustard Seed (4:26-34)

1. Gives apostles warning and encouragement
2. Encouragement: from small beginnings the kingdom would eventually grow in size and influence
3. Birds in the branches: growth will give opportunity for satan to get in and go to work (Judas')



# Jesus the Master Servant

## Conclusion

1. The Lord's three responses to the pressure of the crowds. He founded a new spiritual nation, family and kingdom.
2. Through faith in Jesus, we become citizens of God's spiritual nation, children in God's family and subjects of God's spiritual kingdom.
3. What a privilege it is to know the Master Servant, King of King and Lord of Lord -- Jesus.

# Thank You!

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

**Meet us here next Month for:  
*“The Servant Conquers”*  
(Mark 4:35- 5:43)**

