

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Dec.....Mark 1..... How Can Jesus Help Me?
- 2) 13 Dec..... Mark 2:1-3:6.....What does Jesus' call mean for me?
- 3) 20 Dec..... Luke 2..... Why did Jesus come?
- 4) 27 Dec..... Mark 3:7-6:6a..... Is God still working in the world?
- 5) 3 Jan..... Mark 6:6b-56.....How to be courageous
- 6) 10 Jan..... Mark 7:1-8:33.....How to develop your faith
- 7) 17 Jan..... Mark 3:1-6; 5:21-43; 10:13-16.....How to be Pro-Life**
- 8) 24 Jan..... Mark 8:34-10:31..... How to get along with others
- 9) 31 Jan..... Mark 10:32-52.....How to be successful
- 10) 7 Feb..... Mark 11-12.....When your priorities are challenged
- 11) 14 Feb.....Mark 13.....When you feel overwhelmed
- 12) 21 Feb.....Mark 14..... When you have difficult decisions
- 13) 28 Feb..... Mark 15-16.....When life is unfair

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus showed strong compassion for children and for those who could not help themselves (widows, the infirmed, and the handicapped)
- He healed them to prove his divinity and show his compassion
- We may not be able to heal, but we should take steps to protect, clothe, feed, nurture, and improve the situations of those who cannot fend for themselves
- Sometimes we develop a 3-dimensional comfort zone by taking care of our selves, our families and our friends – but how can we create that 4th dimension by taking care of strangers?

Passage	Comments
5:25-34	<p>Jesus takes interest in the sick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, Jesus used his divine ability to heal a woman of her 12-year hemorrhage • What practical ways can we minister to those with life long illnesses?
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus healed many, but not all (e.g., he only healed one man out of many sick people lingering around the pool at Bethsaida) • Likewise, we cannot fix everybody's problems, but we can make a difference to a few ... HOW?
10:13-16	<p>Jesus takes interest in children (the innocent ones in society)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anybody needs protection these days from predators it is children • Child slavery, child prostitution, and child pornography around the world is not fading away but growing • What steps can we take to protect the children in our community from such abuse?
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abortion is also a leading cause of abuse in our country and around the world • Again, what steps can we take to save our kids?

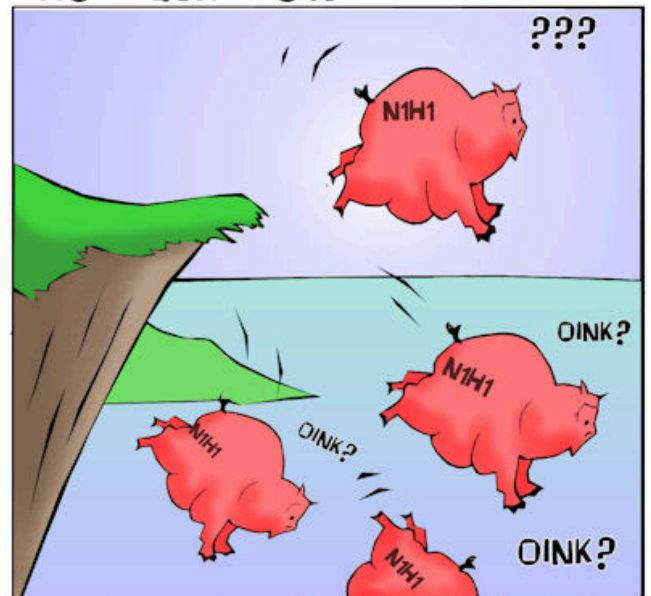
SUPPORTING PASSAGES:

NEXT WEEK:

- Mark 8:34-10:31 topics include 1) picking up our cross and following Christ; 2) the Transfiguration; 3) another demonic healing; 4) who's gonna be the greatest in Heaven; 5) cutting of one's arm to get to Heaven; 6) Divorce and 7) the real secret of getting to Heaven

Passage	Comments
Mark 3:1-6	<p>Jesus takes interest in the handicapped</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The man with the withered hand was unable to work • Jesus did not give him money, but restored his ability to find work • Pharisaical doctrine says to help someone improve their life was working on the Sabbath • Jesus basically said through the healing of this man that not to do good was to do evil on the Sabbath • What ways can we seek the welfare of others?
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch out rendering aide to prodigal sons & daughters – cause we actually are not helping them by giving them aid, but instead we prolong their misery • The miracles of Jesus never involved money, clothing or housing, but instead restored the ability to go back to work (i.e., sight, hearing and dexterity were restored) • Even Peter did not give money to a beggar sitting at the temple entrance, but instead restored his ability to find work.....Acts 3:1-9
5:21-43	<p>Jesus takes interest in the death of loved ones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True, Jesus healed/resurrected Jairus' daughter – something we cannot do • So, what practical ways can we show the love of Jesus to those who lost a loved one or who are at death's door?
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the time of Christ it was a common practice for even poor families to hire at least 2 flute players and 1 woman mourner as part of a funeral service

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THE FIRST SWINE 'FLEW' PANDEMIC
 and Jesus cast the demons out the two men and into a herd of swine who then performed cliff diving into the sea. **Mt. 8:28-34**