

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 Mar..... Mark 01..... Calls
- 2) 10 Mar..... Mark 02..... Forgives
- 3) 17 Mar..... **Mark 03-04..... Unites**
- 4) 24 Mar..... Mark 05..... Restores
- 5) 31 Mar..... Mark 06..... Sends
- 6) 07 Apr..... Mark 07..... Includes
- 7) 14 Apr..... Mark 08-09..... Commands
- 8) 21 Apr..... Mark 15..... Saves
- 9) 28 Apr..... Mark 10..... Serves
- 10) 05 May..... Mark 11-12..... Purifies
- 11) 12 May..... Mark 13..... Promises
- 12) 19 May..... Mark 14..... Prepares
- 13) 26 May..... Mark 15-16..... Lives

INTRODUCTION

- In these chapters Jesus caused a ruckus by healing on the Sabbath, He called his 12 Apostles, He taught Kingdom parables, and He calmed the sea – all told in a matter-of-fact manner. Oh, and the church leaders sought to kill Him. Life gets exciting at times.

Passage	Comments
Mark 3:1-6	<p>A Man with a Withered Hand is Healed in Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Question #1. How many people did Jesus heal on the Sabbath? Answer: All of them [7] • Test Question #2. How many modern-day miracle workers/faith healers (outside of Jesus and His Apostles & Disciples) ever restored the limb of an amputee; or made a Downs individual normalNone
Mark 3:6	<p>Let's Kill the Messiah for Doing Our Job</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pharisees & Herodians planned to kill him <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Jewish spiritual leaders (in fact all spiritual leaders) should seek to accomplish what Jesus accomplished.....cf Ezekiel 34:16: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Search for the lost 2. Bring back the strays 3. Bind up the injured, and 4. Strengthen the weak ♦ Instead they were offended for being challenged by Him and jealous of Him receiving their notoriety
Mark 3:7-12	<p>Jesus withdraws to the sea for some quiet time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv7-9. Jesus sought sanctuary by the sea, and even had a boat ready to take him away because of the mad rush to get to him – some for good purposes, others to harm him. What would you have done? • vv10-12. He healed many [ALL], including demoniacs
More on Demons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual warfare is a reality and a priority for us. • We do not need satanic influence to sin against God, but demons do add a different dimension to our fight • Whether someone is demon-possessed or not, we have God's authority and resources available to help those struggling to live victoriously for Christ • The key is OBEDIENCE, then Satan flees... Jms 4:7-10
3:13-19	<p>Calling of the 12 Apostles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v15. And they would be able to heal sicknesses and cast out demons just like Jesus (at least for a time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ When did this miraculous ability stop? • Recall that Paul once could heal people (Acts 28:8-9), cast out demons (Acts 16:18) and even raise the dead (Acts 20:9-10), but then came a time when he could no longer work such wonders: Epaphroditus (Phil 2:25-27), Timothy (1Tim 5:23), Trophimus (2Tim 4:20), nor for himself (2Cor 12:7-9)
3:20-35	<p>Blaspheme of the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v21. His own family thought He lost his mind

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v22. The religious leaders assumed He had a demon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ ...and Jesus stopped the train after this comment and cautioned His listeners to think carefully about what they were saying and thinking about Him ♦ In short, blaspheme of the Holy Spirit is lifelong rejection of God's remedy for salvation
4:1-20	<p>Sowing the Word on Different Soils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the key message of this parable? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Does the Word only have impact on those willing to hear, listen and obey? • v12 – Why would Jesus use parables to conceal the truth of His message and seemingly prevent some people from perceiving and repenting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Could it be if He was totally open with the truth people would be forced to accept Him?
4:21-25	<p>Take Heed What We Hear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? Consider this – The more blessed we are the more accountable we are
4:26-34	<p>Parables on the Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical hindsight reveals the truth of these parables – the church started ever so small and unpretentious and has grown to be a force to be reckoned with throughout the world
4:35-41	<p>Calming the Raging Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He healed supernaturally & He controlled the weather • The men were too dense to see that Jesus was God

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- B.B. Warfield (1851-1921) stated, "The number of miracles which [Jesus] wrought may easily be underrated....in effect He banished disease and death from Palestine for the three years of His ministry." [src, *Counterfeit Miracles*, B.B. Warfield, pg 3]
- IOW, Jesus' healing of everyone of everything was reminiscent of perfect health experienced in the Garden of Eden and possibly to be experienced during the Millennial Kingdom when people live for 1,000 years, and definitely during all of Eternity.

NEXT WEEK: Mark 5. This chapter is consumed with the recounting of healings of the Gadarene demoniac, Jarius' daughter, and the woman who had a bleeding disorder. Each of these cases reflect not only Jesus' power but also His compassion for the weak ones in society,



LAST SEEN HEALING EVERYONE OF EVERYTHING ON THE SABBATH