

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Sep	Mark 01	Introduced
2) 10 Sep	Mark 02	Proclaimed
3) 17 Sep	Mark 03-04	Questioned
4) 24 Sep	Mark 05-06	Satisfies
5) 01 Oct	Mark 07	Includes
6) 08 Oct	Mark 08	Followed
7) 15 Oct	Mark 09	Strengthens
8) 22 Oct	Mark 10	Serves
9) 29 Oct	Mark 11-12	Clears
10) 05 Nov	Mark 13	Returning
11) 12 Nov	Mark 14	Willing
12) 19 Nov	Mark 15	Sacrificed
13) 26 Nov	Mark 16	Alive

INTRODUCTION

- This chapter is consumed w/ more healings 1) Gadarene demoniac, 2) Jairus' daughter, and 3) the woman who had a bleeding disorder.
- Each of these cases reflected not only Jesus' power but also His compassion for the weak ones in society

Passage	Comments
5:1-20	<p>Gadarene Demoniac</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After healing this demoniac, the townspeople asked Jesus to leave them. WHY? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Possibly, since Jesus changed one man, he moved them out of their comfort zone • Also, since Jesus allowed 2000 pigs to jump into the sea, He ruined their economical supply base. If Jesus did that today He would be sued.
5:21-24; 35-43	<p>Jairus' daughter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was she dead? In a coma? In a deep sleep? • Why did Jesus try to keep this healing a low-key event by limiting the number of witnesses?
<p>Scripture records 10 resurrections, presumably all redeemed individuals (half of them were children, one was a Canaanite boy)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elijah raised son of a Sidonian (non-Jew)..... 1Ki 17:17-24 2. Elisha raised son of a Shunammite 2Ki 4:32-37 3. Elisha raised man who touched his bones..... 2Ki 13:20, 21 4. Jesus raised Jairus' daughter Luke 8:51-55 5. Jesus raised the son of a widow Luke 7:11-15 6. Jesus raised Lazarus after 4 days John 11:41, 42 7. Jesus resurrected Himself John 10:18 8. God raised up numerous saints Matthew 27:52 9. Peter resurrected Tabitha/Dorcas Acts 9:39-42 10. Paul resurrected young Eutychus Acts 20:9,10 	
Jesus' Circle of Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus had numerous faithful disciples (70) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ These were sent out to heal & to preach Lk 10:1-17 • Jesus worked closer with His chosen Apostles (12) • From these, He had an Inner circle of 3 friends – Peter, James, & John <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They witnessed the Lord's resurrection of the daughter of Jairus, a synagogue leader Mark 5:37 ♦ They witnessed the Lord's Transfiguration Mat 17:1 ♦ And they were privileged to observe how the Lord prayed intensely even when His desires were not answered, if they could only stay awake Mat 26:37 • This is a decent model to follow for Sunday Schools, Bible Studies, and mentoring efforts – start small & grow big <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ It's OK for S/S and Bible Studies to grow 50+ ♦ Leaders then watch for a dozen or so for closer fellowship and more serious disciplining ♦ Leaders further develop a handful of tight friends
5:25-34	<p>Woman w/ hemorrhage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where did this woman get such faith to think that just touching Jesus' robe would heal her? • Pentecostals/Charismatics take this type of passage to show people can still have such faith if they concentrate or tithe hard enough • Jesus now operates differently (as noted by the Apostles losing their ability to work such healings), so our faith should be like Job's – Tho He were to slay me, yet I will still trust Him; & Despite my pain I have not denied my God..... Job 2:10; 6:10; 13:15

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<p>A GOLD NUGGET PASSAGE</p> <p>Numbers 15:37-41</p>	<p>A Key Piece of Wardrobe – The Prayer Shawl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' garment was probably His prayer Shawl, which was made as a visual reminder of God and His Law • Blue thread. One thread of each of the four corner tassels was to be a deep blue color to remind them of their duty to keep the law – and give them a skyward focus on God. • Jewish Tradition. There were 39 windings in each tassel, which equates to the numerical value of the Hebrew words "the Lord is One" or Yahweh • There are 613 knots in every one of these tassels corresponding to the 613 laws in the Law of Moses! 365 were <u>probations</u> – "Thy shall NOT" and 248 were <u>affirmations</u> – "Thy shall"! • Jewish men wore this garment called a, "Talith", aka Jewish Prayer-Shawl, all the time, not just at prayer. "Talith" contains two Hebrew words; TAL meaning <u>tent</u> and ITH meaning <u>little</u>. Thus, each man had his own "Little Tent" • Acts 18:3. The apostle Paul was a Jewish Pharisee, but also a "tentmaker". Many believe he made Taliths or Prayer-Shawls, not tents to live in • Matthew 6:6. Enter into your prayer closet – for the Jew this occurred when the shawl was pulled over their head • Matthew 23:5. Pharisees considered the tassels special marks of sanctity and sought to enlarge them to display their righteousness • Note. Since the four windings on the four corner tassels correspond to the Holy Name of God, when holding or viewing or touching the tassels one embraces symbolically the entire Word of God, all the commands of God, and the Name of God, so in essence, embracing God, Himself <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mark 5:25-34 – A woman with a bleeding disorder grabs the tassels of Jesus' shawl, believing by faith she would be touching God and God would respond by touching her • Revelations 19:11-16 – The rider's name is on his thigh • The "Greek" mindset imagines a tattoo or something similar on the thigh of Jesus when he returns as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords". The Hebrew mindset sees something more specific: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since, the knots of the tassels on the four corners of a Talith spell out the name of Yahweh, therefore, while riding a white horse on His return to earth, the braids/knots/tassels/fringes of Yeshua's Talith (prayer shawl) rest on one or both of His upper legs allowing His NAME to be seen on His thigh • Genesis 49:10-12. His robe was stained with blood • Revelations 19:13. His robe was dipped in blood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ This seems to show the once-placid prayer shawl, which was used to procure God's favor through prayer, now signifies God's wrath is come upon the world



MARK 5 CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God is a miracle working God, but we need to be aware of the boundaries found in Scripture when it comes to God working supernatural wonders:
 - ♦ About 250 supernatural wonders are recorded in 5 distinct time periods
 1. Creation (6 days) The beginning of it all
 2. Moses (~40 years) Established the Jewish Nation
 3. Elijah & Elisha (~40 years) Restored Jehovah worship
 4. Jesus & Apostles & Disciples (~40 years) Initiated the Church Age
 5. Tribulation – 2 Witnesses (~3.5 years/1,260 days) The end of it all
 - ♦ The healings of EVERYONE by Jesus and His disciples are a stark contrast to what we see happening today where only "easy" cases are healed, and many leave without being healed or only partially healed
 - ♦ Remember, even non-believers doomed for Hell can work miracles (**Matthew 7:22-23 & Judas**)



INTRODUCTION TO MARK 6

- Jesus finds no respect in His home church, John the Baptist is beheaded for trying to split a marriage up; and Jesus feeds 5000, walks on water, and continues to heal the multitudes forcing us to ask tough questions:
 1. When is it OK to leave a church?
 2. Is the sanctity of marriage worth fighting and dying for?
 3. Is God working supernatural healings today? And if not, why not?

Passage	Comments
Mark 6:1-6	<p>No Honor at Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-4. Jesus returns to his home turf of Nazareth and receives a very cold welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Notice even Jesus could not change the obstinate minds of even His own home town friends & family. Remember, even God, Himself, cannot work with obstinate cows, but only with cooperative sheepHosea 4:16 ♦ Since He taught with authority (Mat 7:29), He was probably accused of being an uneducated know-it-all, and even for being arrogant by His hometown church peeps ♦ v6. His only recourse was to let the dead bury the dead and stroll down the street to the next township <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How long & hard should we struggle to fix church problems? Or do we leave when feelings 1st get hurt? • v3. Mary's husband, Joseph, was probably dead by this time, and Jesus had 4 half-brothers & at least 2 half-sisters, because Joseph was not His biological father. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Catholics believe these siblings were Jesus' cousins since they believe Mary was a perpetual virgin (If she was, Joseph & Mary did not have a biblical marriage) • vv5-6. Jesus could only do a few healings in His hometown, not because He lost His power to do so, but because only a few were bold enough to go to Him for a healing • Luke 4:16-30. Luke's parallel passage conveys Jesus telling His hometown church peeps they were not worthy to receive His healings, so they tried to throw Him off a cliff. He just meandered to the next church down the street after "passing through" their hostile/disrespectful grip.
	<p>When Is It Biblically Appropriate to Leave A Church?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Time to take the Gospel on the road.....Mat 28:18-19; Acts 1:8 2. Abhorrent teachings Rm 16:17,18; 2Thes 3:6,14,15; 2Cor 6:14; Rev 2:14-16 3. Judgement or Differing PhilosophiesJer 51:45; Acts 15:39 4. They defame you (hostile/disrespectful environment as Jesus found in His home church) Pro 14:7; Mt 10:23; Lk 4:16-30; Act 9:24,25; 18:6; 19:9
	<p>CAUTION ON DROPPING OUT OF CHURCH FRIVOLOUSLY. Some churches in Revelations 2-3 were noted for severe problems such as being dead (Sardis); lacking love (Ephesus), having false doctrines (Pergamum); tolerating immorality (Thyatira), and having wealth but no zeal (Laodicea). Yet, Christ acknowledged them as His Church, and He applauded the true believers who were in some of them for hanging tough & remaining faithful.</p>
6:7-13	<p>Calling and Sending the Apostles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is interesting to note the Apostles were sent out with tremendous abilities to work all kinds of miracles, yet their faith and biblical knowledge were quite immature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ This shows that God does not need to wait for us to reach a high level of doctrinal or personal maturity before He can use us. We just need teachability & willingness ♦ Also, the Apostles were to dress in normal attire (no fancy clothes or 2 tunics or a private jet), and they were not to look for better accommodations, but to gracefully accept what was freely offered to them. ♦ In essence, the Apostles, with no money or provisions, solely relied on the providential care of God to direct other people to meet their needs • The Apostles had an urgent message to tell, but they were not to force themselves or their message on anyone
6:14-29	<p>Should We Lose our Head Challenging Bad Marriages? John the Baptist (JTB) did, and it was between two unbelievers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v18. JTB told Herod it was "not lawful" for him to have his brother's wife, Herodias. Lev 18:16; 20:21; & 1Thes 4:3-6 • Herod's lineage was Arabian. His father was an Idumaeon (or Edomite, from the lineage of Esau, Jacob's brother), but his ancestors converted to Judaism. Herod was raised as a Jew. (src: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herod_the_Great)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ ... and Herodias was a niece of both Herod Antipas and Herod II (Philip). She left her uncle Philip for uncle Antipas ♦ Principle to Know. The transcending moral laws of God are applicable to Jews and non-Jews, believers and non-believers throughout all generations ♦ How would you fix this problem of adultery & incest (uncle & niece) <input type="checkbox"/> Do Nothing <input type="checkbox"/> Pray about it <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge it • If Herod Antipas, Herodias, and her 1st husband, Philip, were all unsaved and non-Jews, why does it matter who is married to whom? Did JTB lose his head for nothing? Or is the sanctity of marriage worth fighting and dying for?
What Makes a Valid Marriage?	<p>Principle to Know. A valid marriage is one where God joins together a man and a woman in a perpetual (life-time) covenant, which can only be broken by one's death.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heterosexual marriages are valid in the eyes of God whether it is between 2 believers, or 2 non-believers, or between 1 believer and 1 non-believer • Jesus even acknowledged the 5 marriages of the woman at the well (a non-believer) as being valid (God-joined). but He did not acknowledge her live-in boyfriend situation as valid, legal, or appropriate, & He did not try to fix it.....John 4:16-18 • Even polygamous relationships were acknowledged by God (e.g., King David). God even acknowledged polygamous marriages of unbelievers (e.g., Abimelech, Gen 20:17) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Solomon had 700 wives & 300 concubines 1 King 11:3 • But God does not bind the following types of marriages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Same sex unions & bestial unions ♦ ...and a host of incestual and familial unions found in Leviticus 18 & 20 (step-siblings, step-parents, aunts & uncles, in-laws, and by implication parents & siblings, etc) • For more on invalid marriages, see lesson on 1Corinthians 7 (https://rodoneil.com/wp-content/uploads/SS-1Cor-07-2018b.pdf)
6:30-44	<p>Feeding the 5000 – Another Attestation of Jesus' Deity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v31. The popularity of Jesus & His disciples was so strong they didn't even have time to eat. WHY? Because they had a 100% success rate in all their healings!!! Wouldn't we take our dying loved ones to anyone who had a guaranteed cure? • Feeding 5000. The only miracle recorded in all 4 Gospels • In Mat 14:14, Jesus healed everyone before He fed them
6:45-52	<p>Jesus Walked on Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another attestation of Jesus being God since He could change, over-ride, or void the laws of physics and nature
6:53-56	<p>Jesus Continued to Heal All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v56. "...and all who touched his garment were healed" • Wouldn't it be nice to have 100% healing power today! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Hospitals worldwide would be emptied instantaneously ♦ Down Syndrome, Amputations → ALL healed

MARK 6 CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

We need to ask some more tough questions:

- If marriage is so important why do churches promote/condone adultery by remarrying divorcees? How can we then challenge same sex unions?
- And if God is not supernaturally healing 100% today, how do we bring hope & comfort to the sick and dying, and to those having debilitating handicaps?

NEXT WEEK: Mark 7. Jesus addressed legalistic doctrines of men; He remotely healed the daughter of a Greek heathen, then he healed a deaf/dumb man with a 3-step process – Stick, Spit, and Speak.



"Which parent: My mom, her last husband, my dad, my ex-stepmother, or the woman who lives with us?"