

Quarter Three: The Book of Mark

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Lesson 2—A Day in the Ministry of Jesus

Tuesday: More Sabbath Ministry

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- **Last Week:** “The Beginning of the Gospel”
 - Who is John Mark?
 - Baptism of Jesus & beginning of public ministry
- **This Week:** “A Day in the Ministry of Jesus”
 - Launch of Jesus’ ministry:
 - The calling of 4 disciples & healing & miracles on the Sabbath in Capernaum
 - Few words recorded; emphasis on action, esp healing peoples

Memory Text: “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’”
(Mark 1:17, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** “Follow Me” (James)
 - Mark 1:16 – 20 – call of first disciples (Peter, Andrew, James, John)
- 2. **Monday:** An Unforgettable Worship Service (Daniel)
 - Mark 1:21 – 28 – Jesus speaking in the synagogue on Sabbath & casting out a demon
- 3. **Tuesday:** More Sabbath Ministry (Jill)
 - Mark 1:29 – 34 – healing of Peter’s mother-in-law; multitudes after sunset came for healing
- 4. **Wednesday:** The Secret of Jesus’ Ministry (SQ)
 - Mark 1:35 – 39 – importance of continual / extensive prayer in Jesus’ life & ministry
- 5. **Thursday:** Can You Keep a Secret? (Ryan)
 - Mark 1:40 – 45 – healing of a leper (touching him) & reminder to keep it a secret

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Mark 1:29 - 34

6 takeaways from Jesus’ example of ministry

- Mark 1:29 – “Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.”
 - **Takeaway #1: Ministry is not always seen**
 - Look for opportunities to minister
 - Public ministry at the synagogue
 - Speaking
 - Casting out demons
 - Private ministry in a home with friends
 - Disciples (Peter, Andrew, James, John)
 - Time with food & fellowship

- *Ministry can be –
 - In home – with children, parents, siblings
 - Visiting someone sick or discouraged
 - Praying for someone
 - Writing cards / letters

- Mark 1:30 – “But Simon’s wife’s mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once.”
 - **Takeaway #2: Ministry happens at unexpected times**
 - Surrender your plans to God

 - Visiting with friends – ministry opportunity occurs
 - Their first thought was of Jesus – “told Him about her at once”
 - Jesus willing to help at once
 - *I want to just rest right now

- Mark 1:31 – “So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she **served** them.”
 - **Takeaway #3: Ministry begins after we’re healed**
 - Know Jesus before you can minister
 - Healing precedes ministry
 - Find Jesus / experience salvation / be healed by Jesus – **then** can minister

 - Can we minister without knowing Jesus?
 - Not effectively.
 - 1 John 1:1 – 3 – “That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard** which we have **seen** with our eyes, which we have **looked** upon, and our hands have **handled** concerning the Word of life –(3) that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have **fellowship** with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”
 - Heard – “to hear, to give in the audience of”
 - Seen – “to stare at, to gaze with wide open eyes”
 - Looked – “to look closely at”
 - Handled – “to verify by touch”
 - Fellowship = koinonia

 - Share what we’ve seen
 - Share who we’ve known
 - Share how Jesus has changed our lives
 - Rev 12:11 - Overcame him by the blood of the Lamb & the Word of our testimony....

- **Takeaway #4: Ministry involves service**
 - Saved to serve
 - Serve = *dee-ak-on-eh’-o* – to serve, minister (lit, wait at tables)
 - Same word used of the angels to ministry to Jesus
 - Mark 1:13 – “....and the angels ministered to Him” (after the temptation)
 - Same word used of Deacons in early Christian Church

- Acts 6 – “to **serve** tables”
 - In Mark, the model of a true disciple is lowly service
 - Jesus healed with a touch (took by the hand)
- Mark 1:32, 33 – “At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. (33) And the whole city was gathered together at the door.”
 - **Takeaway #5: Ministry promotes itself**
 - You don’t need to promote it
 - Let God’s Spirit impress people’s hearts and minds
 - Let God impress on people’s hearts
 - They had seen the demon possessed man at the synagogue
 - Had heard Jesus speak – Vs 22 – “And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”
 - Jesus didn’t need to advertise: come tonight for a healing service
- Mark 1:34 – “Then he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.”
 - **Takeaway #6: Ministry cares about others**
 - See the needs in others & seek to fill those needs
 - Jesus must’ve been tired: full day of ministry
 - Still cared about others
 - Only way to keep extending, keep caring for others is to spend time in prayer (SQ’s day)
 - DA, p. 259 – “Hour after hour they came and went; for none could know whether tomorrow would find the Healer still among them. Never before had Capernaum witnessed a day like this. The air was filled with the voice of triumph and shouts of deliverance. The Saviour was joyful in the joy He had awakened. As He witnessed the sufferings of those who had come to Him, His heart was stirred with sympathy, and He rejoiced in His power to restore them to health and happiness. Not until the last sufferer had been relieved did Jesus cease His work. It was far into the night when the multitude departed, and silence settled down upon the home of Simon. The long, exciting day was past, and Jesus sought rest. But while the city was still wrapped in slumber, the Saviour, ‘rising up a great while before day, . . . went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.’”
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