It is hard for us in the city with full schedules and annoying smart phones to get that time free of distraction. We need to prioritize it and make a way. Jesus found a way. He snuck away from the crowds. You need to find a way to have that quality, quiet time with the Lord as well. We need that each day. And we also should have occasional times of intentional retreat where we can spend more extended time with Him.

Give your spouse or a roommate your phone and tell them, "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO GIVE THIS BACK TO ME FOR THE NEXT 30 MINUTES," and then have your quiet time with the Lord free of distraction.

Discussion Questions—Mark 1:32-39

- 1. Why did He wake up early in the morning and go to a desolate place?
- 2. What can we learn from Jesus' example?
- 3. Why did Jesus choose to move on to other towns rather than to remain and continue ministering in Capernaum?

ANSWERS: 1) prayed, 1a) morning, 1b) early; 2) solitary

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SERMON SERIES: GOSPEL OF MARK

Pastor Harry Jones Sunday, April 21, 2024

GKEAWAY



Key memory verse: Mark 10:45 (ESV)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"

Week 9: Jesus, the Son of God, Teaches with Authority

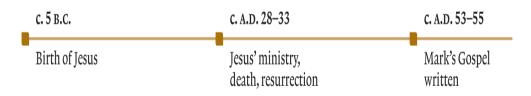
(Mark 1:21-22)

Week 10: The Buzz About Jesus (Mark 1:21-28)

Week 11: The Discerning Listener (Mark 1:22)

Week 12: Jesus Lifts Us Up (Mark 1:29-31)

Week 13: The Contours of Jesus' Ministry (Mark 1:32-39)



Outline

The Presentation of the servant	The servant's	The servant's	The servant's
	ministry in	journey to	ministry
	Galilee	Jerusalem	in Jerusalem
Mark 1:1-13	Mark 1:14-9:50	Mark 10	Mark 11-16

AUTHOR, DATE, AND RECIPIENTS

The apostle Peter passed on reports of the words and deeds of Jesus to his attendant, John Mark, who wrote this Gospel for the wider church as the record of Peter's apostolic testimony. The book was likely written from Rome during the mid- to late-50s A.D. (though the mid- or late-60s is also possible). Mark's audience, largely unfamiliar with Jewish customs, needed to become familiar with such customs in order to understand the coming of Jesus as the culmination of God's work with Israel and the entire world, so Mark explains them.

PURPOSE AND THEME

The ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship. Mark returns often to this theme, categorizing his main audience as either followers or opponents of Jesus. Mark presents and supports this call to discipleship by narrating the identity and teaching of Jesus. For Mark, discipleship is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting Jesus, confessing him, observing his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him. Discipleship also means being prepared to face the kind of rejection that Jesus faced.

THE SETTING OF MARK

The events in the book of Mark take place almost entirely within Palestine, from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Beersheba in the south. During this time Palestine was ruled by the Roman Empire. The book opens with Jesus' baptism by John during the rule of Pontius Pilate and the tetrarchs Antipas and Philip. It closes with Jesus' death and resurrection about three years later.



Sermon Notes

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His retirement to his private devotion; He prayed, prayed alone; to set us an example of secret prayer. Though as God he was prayed to, as man he prayed. Though he was glorifying God, and doing good, in his public work, yet he found time to be alone with his Father; and thus it became him to fulfil all righteousness. Now observe,

- 1. The time when Christ _____(a) It was in the _____, the morning after the sabbath day.(b) It was _____, a great while before day.
- 2. The place where he prayed; He departed into a _____ place.