

Made aware of the sickness under Peter's roof, Jesus goes to her, touches her and heals her. His loving touch always heals. She was not only healed but strengthened to serve as well. The Lord never leaves us here powerless and therefore we are not to be "do-less". Jesus now becomes her first consideration. I wonder, is Jesus our first consideration as well? When we love Him we manifest this by loving and serving others. Service will always be the overflow that pours forth from a life that is filled with love and devotion for the Master. His cure equips us for action. Service is to be a natural part of the believer's life – we serve Him out of the motivation of absolute love not from the Law. Forced labor fails. Christian service is a love gift from a nature that has heard the call and felt the touch of God.

TAKEAWAY

Discussion Questions—Mark 1:29-31

1. What happened at the synagogue before Jesus went to Peter and Andrew's home?
2. What do you think they expected of Jesus when they informed Jesus of Peter's mother-in-law's fever?
3. What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?

ANSWERS: 1) married, mother-in-law 2) fever 3) expected, power 4) compassion, power, serve

SERMON SERIES: GOSPEL OF MARK

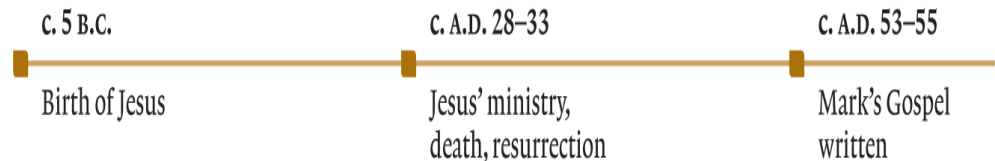
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Key memory verse: Mark 10:45 (ESV)
For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"

- Week 8: The testing of Jesus, the Son of God (Mark 1:12-13)
- 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)



Outline

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

Sermon Notes

AUTHOR, DATE, AND RECIPIENTS

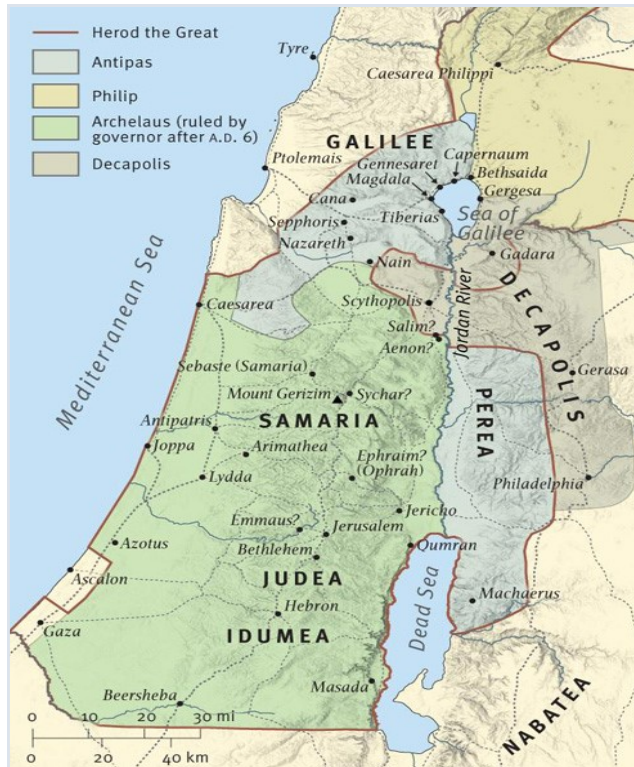
The apostle Peter passed on reports of the words and deeds of Jesus to his attendant, John Mark, who wrote this Gospel for the wider church as the record of Peter's apostolic testimony. The book was likely written from Rome during the mid- to late-50s A.D. (though the mid- or late-60s is also possible). 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.



1. Simon Peter was _____. It seems his _____ lived with him.
2. The _____ must have been very serious since it caused her to be bed-ridden and not able to get up and show the normal hospitality one would have expected from her.
3. The fact that they told Jesus about it seems to imply that they _____ something from Jesus. They had already witnessed Jesus' _____ over the demon and likely some other miracles as well.
4. Jesus came and healed her. We see both His _____ and His _____. The fever left her immediately. She completely recovered and was able to _____ them.