

Healing the Sick, Defeating Darkness, Raising the Roof

Mark 1:21-45; 2:1-13

- **A brief review:**

¹⁴ Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶ As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ¹⁹ Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him. Mark 1:14-20 NASB

¹⁹ He went on a little farther and saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were in [their] boat putting their nets in order. ²⁰ And immediately He called out to them, and [abandoning all mutual claims] they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went off after Him [to be His disciples, side with His party, and follow Him]. Mark 1:19-20 AMPC

- **What is a mutual claim?**

²¹ They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. ²² They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴ saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶ Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey

Him.”²⁸ Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee. Mark 1:23-28 NASB

- **The people were amazed at Jesus’ authority over demonic issues more than they were that someone had a demon.**
- **Jesus’ delivering and healing power had gone ‘viral!’**

²⁹ And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they *spoke to Jesus about her. ³¹ And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them. ³² When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. ³³ And the whole city had gathered at the door. ³⁴ And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was. ³⁵ In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. ³⁶ Simon and his companions searched for Him; ³⁷ they found Him, and *said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” ³⁸ He *said to them, “Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for.” Mark 1:29-38 NASB

- **Jesus and His disciples go to the home of Andrew and Peter...no details, they just leave the synagogue.**
- **Peter’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, Jesus touches her, and she is healed and then fixes lunch.**
- **Evening came and the sabbath was over when people brought the sick and demonized to Peter’s house and He healed many from all kinds of diseases; He cast out lots of demons and forbid them to speak...because they knew who He was. Many people came and He healed many people.**
- **Early the next morning, Jesus went away to a quiet place to pray.**
- **The disciples came to get Him and take Him back so He could minister to more people, but Jesus tells them that they were moving on to the next town.**

39 And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons. 40 And a leper *came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and *said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. 43 And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away, 44 and He *said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 45 But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere. Mark 1:39-45 NASB

- ***They came to the next synagogue doing what He had been doing...preaching the kingdom and casting out demons.***
- ***Jesus heals a leper.***
 - ***The leper says... "If you are willing You can make me clean."***
 - ***Jesus says, "I am willing...be cleansed" ...He touched him!***
 - ***The issue to the leper was not...could He me but WILL He heal me???***
 - ***Jesus tells the leper not to tell anybody about this, just to go to the priest.***
 - ***But...the leper tells everybody!***
 - ***As a result, people were coming to Jesus from everywhere and He had to stay 'out of town' and let the crowds come to Him.***
 - ***Jesus didn't care what others thought when He touched the leper.***

"A life dominated by divine love does not need to work out the comparative influence, or prospective success or failure, of a particular word or deed. Love says or does what is necessary and works out the consequences later."
John Stott

- ***Raising the Roof***

When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that

*there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. ⁴ Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ And Jesus seeing their faith *said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, *said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home." ¹² And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." ¹³ And He went out again by the seashore; and all the people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them. Mark 2:1-13 NASB*

- *Forgiving sins (only God can do that) and healing diseases. (v5-10) He saw their faith and forgave their sins.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; ³ Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Psalm 103:1-3 NASB

²⁵ "I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Isaiah 43:25 NASB

³ He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions,

He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. Isaiah 53:3-6 NASB

¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:11-12 NASB

- ***Jesus, the Son of God, Son of Man***

¹³ "I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. ¹⁴ "And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14 NASB

- ***Real dominion over sin and disease in the Son of Man.***
- ***Jesus is accused of blasphemy (v7), but the healing of the man amazes people and their claims of blasphemy are weighed by the miracles.***
- ***A universal conflict...doing good is often not unresisted.***
- ***There is an Old Testament concept that if a person was sick or had a disease, it was because he was in sin...Jesus debunks this idea.***