IMMEDIATELY: The Gospel of Mark - Class #5

Mark 1:35-45

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

[35] And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. [36] And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, [37] and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” [38] And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” [39] And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

[40] And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” [41] Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” [42] And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. [43] And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, [44] and 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, for a proof to them.” [45] But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

Jesus is the Final Prophet

- A man sent from God who speaks the word of God to the people.

What is the purpose of Jesus' miracles?

- They are signs pointing to the eternal healing of SIN.
  - **Isaiah 35:5–6**
    - [5] Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
      and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
      [6] then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
      and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
- To show that Jesus is the Messiah.
- To show that Jesus is the divine Son of God.

Helpful:

- **Romans 8:3–4** [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** [21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- **R. Alan Cole** - "The whole of the gospel is here in a nutshell: Christ redeems us from the curse by becoming under a curse for our sake."

So What? *What is the good news today from Mark?*

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