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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JESUS – PART II

1. REVIEW

A. MARK 1:29-34 COVERS ONE DAY... MAYBE THE FIRST DAY OF JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY.

B. MARK'S GOAL WAS TO ESTABLISH THE FACT THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD, AND HE ESTABLISHES JESUS' AUTHORITY BY:

1. HIS WORDS:

a. Mark 1:21-22 (NASB) They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

b. NOTE: JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF HIS OWN AUTHORITY!

2. HIS WORKS:

a. HE DEMONSTRATED HIS AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS.

1) Mark 1:27 (NLT) Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!"

b. HE DEMONSTRATED HIS AUTHORITY OVER ILLNESS.

1) Mark 1:34a (NASB) And He healed many who were ill with various diseases...

C. NOTE: THE RESPONSES TO JESUS' AUTHORITY:

1. HIS AUTHORITY AMAZED THE PEOPLE. (VERSES 22 AND 27).

2. HOWEVER, HIS AUTHORITY TERRIFIED THE DEMONS (VERSES 24-26).

3. WHY?... BECAUSE THE DEMONS KNEW WHO JESUS WAS... THE PEOPLE DID NOT KNOW WHO JESUS WAS.

2. Mark 1:29-35 (NASB) And immediately (7) after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately (8) they spoke to Jesus about her. And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them.

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- A. ACCORDING TO JEWISH CUSTOM THE MAIN SABBATH MEAL CAME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SYNAGOGUE SERVICE, AT THE SIXTH HOUR, THAT IS AT 12 NOON.
- B. REMEMBER: SIMON (PETER) AND ANDREW, AS WELL AS JAMES AND JOHN, WERE FISHERMEN WHO LIVED IN CAPERNAUM WHERE JESUS HAD JUST BEEN TEACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUE.
- C. THEY ARRIVED AT PETER AND ANDREW'S HOME TO FIND PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW, "LYING SICK WITH A FEVER" (1:30).
1. IN LUKE'S ACCOUNT, THE GOOD DOCTOR USES A GREEK EXPRESSION THAT EQUATES WITH OUR IDIOM "BURNING UP WITH FEVER".
- D. JESUS RESPONDED WITH COMPASSION. LUKE SAYS HE REBUKED THE FEVER, *BUT* MARK OMITS THAT DETAIL TO EMPHASIZE JESUS' PERSONAL INTERACTION WITH PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW: "HE CAME TO HER" AND "RAISED HER UP," "TAKING HER BY THE HAND" (MARK 1:31).
1. NOTE: THROUGHOUT HIS GOSPEL, MARK DRAWS PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE PHYSICAL TOUCH BETWEEN JESUS AND HIS PATIENTS... IN THE FIRST 8 CHAPTERS MARK NOTES THAT: (1:41 (JESUS TOUCHES A LEPER); 3:10 (AFFLICTED PEOPLE WERE TOUCHING JESUS); 5:27 (A HEMORRHAGING WOMAN TOUCHES JESUS); 6:5 (SICK PEOPLE TOUCH JESUS), 56; 7:32-34 (JESUS TOUCHES A DEAF MAN); 8:23-25 (JESUS TOUCHES A BLIND MAN).
- E. CONSIDER: IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT GENUINE MIRACLES ARE INSTANTANEOUS, UNDENIABLE, AND COMPLETE.
1. GENUINE HEALING MIRACLES ARE DRAMATIC DISPLAYS OF GOD'S POWER OVER ILLNESS AND DO NOT REQUIRE A LENGTHY WAITING PERIOD.
 - a. SO-CALLED FAITH HEALERS LIKE TO CONCEAL THEIR FAILURES BY CLAIMING THAT HEALING WILL OCCUR GRADUALLY OR SOMETIME LATER.

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2. **THEREFORE, A GENUINE HEALING MIRACLE LEAVES NO ROOM TO SUGGEST A NATURAL EXPLANATION... GENUINE HEALING MIRACLES ARE NEVER SUBTLE OR LEFT INCOMPLETE!**
 - a. PEOPLE BORN BLIND RECEIVE PERFECT SIGHT (JOHN 9).
 - b. THOSE DISABLED FROM BIRTH LEAP ON PERFECTLY FUNCTIONING LEGS (ACTS 3:1-10).
 - c. DEAF PEOPLE HEAR WORDS AND MUSIC AND SPEAK WITH PERFECT CLARITY (MARK 7:32-35).
 - d. JESUS AND THE APOSTLES NEVER LEFT SICK PEOPLE WITH LINGERING SYMPTOMS, OR BLIND PEOPLE NEEDING GLASSES, OR DISABLED PEOPLE STILL WALKING WITH A LIMP.
- F. **NOTE: AS SOON AS PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW WAS HEALED SHE BEGAN TO SERVE OTHERS.**
 1. SHE USED HER RECOVERED HEALTH FOR RENEWED SERVICE.
 2. 'SAVED TO SERVE' IS A GREAT MOTTO.
 3. **TRUTH: JESUS HELPS US SO THAT WE "MAY" ... IT'S A CHOICE TO HELP OTHERS.**
 - a. **DISCUSS:**
3. **Mark 1:32-34 (NASB)** When evening came, after the sun had set, they *began* bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city had gathered at the door. 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.
- A. **GENTILES MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY AT MIDNIGHT (12:00 AM). HOWEVER, THE JEWISH DAY ENDED AND STARTED AT SUNSET (6:00 PM)... THEREFORE, THE SABBATH ENDED WITH SUNSET.**
 1. AND BEFORE THAT TIME, PEOPLE WERE FORBIDDEN TO TRAVEL OR CARRY BURDENS.
 2. **WAIT: HOW DID THE PEOPLE KNOW WHEN IT WAS 6:00 PM?**

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- a. THEY DIDN'T HAVE CLOCKS OR WATCHES!
 - b. SO THE JEWISH LAW SAID THAT THE SABBATH WAS ENDED AND THE DAY HAD FINISHED WHEN THREE STARS APPEARED IN THE SKY.
 3. THEREFORE... AFTER THE SUN HAD SET AND 3 STARS HAD COME OUT... THEN THE PEOPLE CAME IN MULTITUDES... “THE WHOLE CITY HAD GATHERED AT THE DOOR”, HOPING TO BE HEALED OR SEE THE SICK HEALED AND THE DEMONIZED FREED FROM EVIL'S DOMINATION.
- B. QUESTION: WHY DID THE “WHOLE CITY” COME TO SEE JESUS?
1. WAS IT BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED HE WAS THE LONG AWAITED MESSIAH?
 2. WAS IT BECAUSE THEY LOVED HIM?
 3. WAS IT BECAUSE THEY WANTED SOMETHING FROM HIM?
 - a. AT THIS POINT THEY CAME BECAUSE THEY WANTED SOMETHING FROM HIM.
 - b. WILLIAM BARCLAY SPECULATED: “FOR EVERY SINGLE PRAYER THAT GOES UP TO GOD IN DAYS OF PROSPERITY, 10,000 GO UP IN TIMES OF ADVERSITY.”
 - c. TOO MANY PEOPLE REGARD GOD AS A CRISIS MANAGER. HOWEVER, GOD IS NOT SOMEONE TO BE USED ONLY IN THE DAY OF MISFORTUNE... HE IS SOMEONE TO BE LOVED AND REMEMBERED EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES.
- C. MARK WROTE THAT JESUS “HEALED MANY” AND “CAST OUT MANY DEMONS”.
1. I BELIEVE THAT MEANS THAT JESUS HELPED AS “MANY” PEOPLE AS TIME WOULD ALLOW AND THAT HIS COMPASSION KEPT HIM WITH HIS PATIENTS LONG INTO THE NIGHT.
 - a. NOT... THAT HE COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT HEAL EVERYONE.

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D. REMEMBER: JESUS' MIRACLES AUTHENTICATED HIS MESSAGE... AND HIS MESSAGE WAS THE "GOOD NEWS" THAT GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS FOR SIN, PEACE, AND ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH BELIEF IN HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST AS THE MESSIAH!

1. WHY THAT WAS GOOD NEWS: THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS (PHARISEES, SADUCEES, PRIESTS, AND SCRIBES) HAD EXPANDED GOD'S ORIGINAL 10 COMMANDMENTS INTO 248 COMMANDMENTS AND 365 PROHIBITIONS... AND WHERE THEY WERE IN CONFLICT SOMEONE HAD TO DETERMINE WHICH LAW TOOK PRECEDENCE!!!

a. THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAD NO HOPE TO KNOW ALL THOSE LAWS, OR WHICH ONES TOOK PRECEDENCE WHEN THERE WAS A CONFLICT!

1) THE "BOTTOM LINE" WAS THAT THEY HAD TO TRUST THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS INSTEAD OF GOD.... WHICH WAS THE WHOLE POINT!!

2. THEREFORE:

a. WITH EVERY HEALING, MORE PEOPLE HEARD THE GOSPEL... THE "GOOD NEWS".

b. WITH EVERY DEMONIZED PERSON SET FREE, MULTITUDES WERE PROMPTED TO SEEK OUT THIS REMARKABLE TEACHER AND HEAR THE GOSPEL... THE "GOOD NEWS"... JESUS SAVES!!!

E. DISCUSS: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELIGION AND RELATIONSHIP.

F. MARK WROTE THAT "He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was."

1. NOTE: JESUS DID NOT NEED DEMONS TO BE HIS EVANGELISTS BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE CONFUSING TO THE PEOPLE.

4. Mark 1:35 (NASB) 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.

A. IN HIS HUMANITY, JESUS MUST HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED... HE NEEDS SOLITUDE... SO, "In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up,

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left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.”

- B. NOTE: THE PROCESS... EARLY MORNING... STILL DARK... SECLUDED PLACE... PRAYER.
- C. DISCUSS: THE PROCESS... EARLY MORNING... STILL DARK... SECLUDED PLACE... PRAYER.
- D. QUESTION: WHY IS SOLITUDE A VITAL COMPONENT OF PRAYER?
- E. DISCUSS: WHEN AND WHERE DO YOU PRAY?
- F. DISCUSS: WHAT IS PRAYER?
- G. QUOTES:

1. “YOU CAN DO MORE THAN PRAY, BUT YOU CAN DO NO MORE THAN PRAY UNTIL YOU HAVE PRAYED.” - S.D. GORDON
2. “PRAYER WILL NEVER DO OUR WORK FOR US; WHAT IT WILL DO IS TO STRENGTHEN US FOR WORK WHICH MUST BE DONE.” – WILLIAM BARCLAY
3. “IS PRAYER YOUR SPARE TIRE, OR YOUR STEERING WHEEL?” – CORRIE TEN BOOM

2. CONCLUSION: IN THE FIRST CHAPTER OF MARK:

- A. THE CREDENTIALS OF JESUS ARE CONFIRMED AND HIS MISSION IS CLEAR.
- B. HE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY MAN, AFFIRMED BY GOD, AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY SATAN.
- C. HIS MESSAGE IS GOOD NEWS, HIS MEN ARE POTENTIAL LEADERS, HIS AUTHORITY IS ALL-POWERFUL, AND HIS FIELD OF MINISTRY IS, STEP BY STEP AND TOWN BY TOWN... AND ULTIMATELY, THE WHOLE WORLD.