



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 29: “...and there He prayed” Mark 1:21-39

I. Core of Jesus’ Ministry

- Preaching
- Teaching
- Healing
- Exercising demons
- Praying
- Instructing disciples

II. Demon Patterns

Encounter the demons – v.23

Demon’s defense – v.24

Exorcism – vv.25-26

Impact on the witnesses – vv.27-28

III. vv.21-22

A. Jesus’ reputation as a leader and teacher preceded Him or He would not have been asked to teach
What did He read? What lesson did He teach?

B. 15 times he tells us He taught - 12 times referred to as a Teacher

C. Other teachers of the law would repeat what they were taught or learned - Jesus used “original scholarship”
– went on His own authority

D. Word and deed: Mark focuses on teaching with miracles – “miracles with a point”

E. Scribes/teachers of the law – *grammateus* – Not just copyists but interpreters

1. Mark 7:1-13

IV. vv.23-26

A. v.23- what was a demon possessed guy doing in church?

1. “immediately” – Mark uses the word 42 of the 59 times in all the NT - Mark is about action

B. v.24 – “us” shows Jesus was stirring it up - Evil ones know precisely who He is

C. v. 25 – Why tell them to be quiet? Hush yo’ mouth or not ready to have that revealed?

V. vv.27-28

➤ 17 different miracles in Mark specifically – refers to even more

➤ Percentage/ratio more in Mark than the other Gospels

VI. vv.29-31

A. Shortest miracle story in the Gospels

➤ *Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? 1st Corinthians 9:5*

B. He lifts her up after taking her hand in Mark

C. In Luke He rebukes the fever 4:38-39

D. In Matthew 4:14-17 – He touched her hand

1. End of 3 notes of “no-no’s” 1) leper 2) Roman centurion 3) a woman

VII. vv.32-34

A. Neither Mark nor Peter (as the primary source) were physicians

B. v.33 – obvious hyperbole

C. What were Jews doing work after dark? Likely means a lot of Gentiles

VIII. vv.35-39

A. v.35 – word for “solitary place” is *eremos* – same as desert – there were no deserts near Capernaum

B. v.36 – they eagerly looked for Him – only time in NT - Two root words: persecute after

- Why were they so anxious?

C. v.37 – Everyone is looking for you - The more people came the more Jesus needed to retreat?

D. v.38 – He wasn't opening up a healing shop

E. v.39 – more word and deed

IX. Jesus on Prayer

Matthew 5:44-45

Matthew 6:5-15

Matthew 7:7-11

Matthew 15:8-9 Mark 7:6-7

Matthew 18:19-20

Matthew 21:13 Mark 11:17 Luke 19:46

Matthew 21:21-22

Matthew 24:20

Mark 11:23-26

Mark 12:38-40

Luke 10:2

Luke 11:1-13

Luke 18:1-14

Luke 21:36

Luke 22:40

John 4:23-24

John 14:12-14

John 15:16

John 16:23-27

➤ And what about us? Luke 6:46: *Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?*

X. My “Take Aways”

- Expect Satan and his teammates to fight you
- Words and deeds are important
- Jesus gave us a pattern and example: get up early in a solitary place and pray
- He would rather we be a people of prayer than a people who do missions or teach Sunday School or sing in the choir or work in orphanages, etc.

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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