

Be Clean!

The Gospel of Mark Series – Part 6

Scripture text – Mark 1:35-45

Introduction

- Last week, we learned about “a day in the life of Jesus.” Now, Mark tells what happened next.

Early Morning

- Despite an exhausting day, Jesus nevertheless arose early the next morning in order to _____.
- This demonstrates both his _____ and _____.
- How can we not do _____?
- As Christians, we should always give careful thought to our morning _____. This is the part of the day we have the most _____ over.

Leaving Capernaum

- Jesus was wary of _____. He knew people could be attracted to him for the _____ reasons.
- He also knew that people could be attracted to him solely on account of his _____.
- Why miracles?
 1. To _____ himself & his message.
 2. To help people in _____.
 3. To remove _____ to ministry.
 4. To bring _____ to God.
- Whenever we ask for a miracle, it needs to be with the right _____.

Mark’s Curveball

- Jesus appears to give priority to preaching, but then Mark immediately gives an account of another _____.
- 4 aspects:

1. The man's condition
 - A leper not only suffered physically, but also _____ & _____ . Religiously, a leper was deemed _____ and thus unfit for _____ with God. Socially, a leper could have no human _____ .
2. Jesus' compassion
 - Jesus did a shocking thing: he _____ the man.
 - This leper represents _____ and our _____ unless & until we meet Jesus.
 - Jesus was also showing _____ he would save us: by making himself _____ and then dying in our place.
3. Jesus' command
 - In commanding the man to show himself to a priest, Jesus was just being _____ .
 - The command to remain silent is more perplexing.
4. The man's contrariness
 - There *was* a _____ : it hindered Jesus' ministry.
 - This man may well epitomize the person who goes to Jesus for _____ , but then refuses to _____ to him.

Conclusion

- We see ourselves in these stories, but it's more important we see _____ .