

Sunday, February 20, 2011—Mark Dispensationally Considered—Mark 1:16-31: The First Galilean Ministry Part 1

Introduction

- Now that we have made it through the first 15 verses we will now be able to pick up the pace of our study.
- Remember that Mark is a book of movement. Things happen fast without a lot of elaboration.

Mark 1:16-20

- *“Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 17) And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. 18) And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. 19) And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. 20) And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.”*
- Matthew 4:18-22
- Luke 5:1-11—it seems as though this passage adds greater detail to the accounts in Matthew and Mark regarding the apostles leaving their life as fisherman and following the Lord. It appears that before this event these men had not made the choice to forsake their nets and follow Christ.
- Matthew 19:27—these men literally forsook all their previous life to follow Christ.
- Matthew 13:47-50—many times the gospels speak about the kingdom of God using the terms of a 1 century fisherman.

Mark 1:21-22

- *“And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. 22) And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.”*
- Notice that in verse 21 “they” entered into Capernaum, i.e., Jesus, Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. Where as in verse 16 “he” or Christ singular walked by the sea of Galilee.
- Jesus teaching was different from anything they had ever heard.
 - Matthew 7:28-29, 13:54
 - Luke 4:32

- John 7:46
- Matthew 15:1-9—the preaching of Christ had power behind it because he was not preaching the commandments of men like the scribes and Pharisees were.

Mark 1:23-28

- ***“And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24) Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25) And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26) And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27) And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. 28) And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.”***
- Verse 24—even the demons recognized who Christ was. They did not need to be told who Christ was.
 - Luke 4:33-37
- Verse 26—the Greek word translated “torn” means to convulse or tear. There was a tearing that occurred as the evil spirit was literally torn or rent from this man’s spirit.
 - Mark 9:20, 26—“tare,” “rent”
 - Luke 9:39—“teareth”
- While something clearly physical happened to this man it was an immediate process. Jesus rebuked the evil spirit in verse 25 and commanded him to come out of the man. Immediately in verse 26 the evil spirit came out of him just as Christ had commanded.
- Verse 27—judging from the reaction of the crowd this was clearly an immediate process. Even unclean spirits had to obey Christ’s authority and the people had never seen anything like this before.
- Supposed modern supposed exorcisms are nothing like this one and others recorded in Scripture. When Jesus wanted to cast an evil spirit out of someone he just spoke the word and it happened.
 - Acts 16:16-18—all Paul had to do is summon the name of Jesus Christ and command the evil spirit to leave and it left.
- Many in our day in the name it and claim it word of faith movement try to invoke the name of Christ to accomplish similar feats without the same results. In a future message in our study in Mark I will talk more about the issue of demon possession in the gospels.

- Verse 28—according to verse 28 Jesus immediately became famous throughout all of Galilee.

Mark 1:29-31

- ***“And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30) But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. 31) And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.”***
- Verse 29—“forthwith” is the same Greek word translated immediately and straightway throughout Mark’s gospel. So immediately after casting the evil spirit out of the man in the synagogue they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew.
- Verse 30—notice that despite Catholic claims to the contrary Peter was married.
- “Anon” is the English translation of the same Greek word translated “forthwith” in verse 29.
- According to *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary* “anon” means: “Quickly; without intermission: soon; immediately”
- Upon entering into the house Jesus was immediately informed of the sickly condition of Peter’s mother in law.
- Verse 31—all Christ had to do was touch this woman and “immediately” the fever left her. Her recovery was immediate and complete to the point where she got up and started serving and ministering unto them.
- When Jesus healed someone there were no misfires. There were no you don’t have enough faith or your must have unconfessed sin excuses.
- The people who Jesus healed were never supposed to taste death.
 - Matthew 16:28
 - Mark 9:1
 - Luke 9:27
 - John 8:52
- Every one of these people died because Israel refused to receive her king.
- II Timothy 4:20—Paul leaves Trophimus at Miletum sick. If Paul still possessed the power to heal would he have not done so?

- Romans 8:23-25—Paul instructs us to patiently wait for the redemption of the body.
- II Corinthians 5:16—as members of the body of Christ our relationship with Christ is not based on the flesh. Therefore, God has given us freely in his son the complete redemption and justification of our inner man but asks us to wait for the redemption of the body.
- II Corinthians 12:7-10