

8. The authority of Christ seen in the Book of Mark thus far:

- 1) over men and demons
- 2) authoritative words
- 3) over sickness
- 4) over sin
- 5) and now over nature

9. The story of the Gadarene Demoniac shows us how people come to Christ.

10. Jesus would not let the Gadarene demoniac go away with Him because He wanted him to return to his “oikos” (household) and tell them about the mercy God had on him.

11. The people of the Decapolis did not want Jesus there, so he left behind the man who could reach them because his life had been so radically changed.

12. The Gadarene Formula:

- 1) You saw what I was.
- 2) You see what I am.
- 3) Jesus made the difference.
- 4) Are you interested?

1. How many times has God had to teach you the same lesson more than once?

1) The feeding of the 5000

2) The feeding of the 4000

2. Why didn't they learn the lesson of the feeding of the 5000?

1) They did not understand it.

2) This time, at the feeding of the 4000, they were dealing with a Gentile crowd.

3. The first time, in the feeding of the 5000, 12 baskets full of food were left over; in the feeding of the 4000, 7 hampers full of food were left over.

4. The Pharisees saw this great miracle and then still came and asked for a sign.

5. It was at Caesarea Philippi that Jesus asked His disciples the great question, "Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am?" It is the high point of the Gospel of Mark. It is here that Peter declared Jesus to be the Son of God.

1) Caesarea Philippi had no association with Judaism.

2) It had been a center of the worship of Baal.

3) It is said to be the birthplace of the Greek god Pan.

4) There was a temple to the godhead of Caesar.

6. The most significant question a person can ask himself or herself is, “Who is Jesus Christ?”

7. Jesus immediately begins to talk about His death and resurrection after this declaration.

8. What did He mean when He said that some of the disciples would not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power?

- 1) If He was talking about the Second Coming, then He was mistaken.
- 2) He was talking about the experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, just six days later.

9. It is important to be very careful about the interpretation of prophetic passages in the Bible. By comparing all the Gospels, we know that Jesus’ remarks about “Elijah” are a reference to John the Baptist, who came “in the spirit and power of Elijah”.

10. The disciples left behind at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration could not cast out the demon from the boy brought to them by his father.

- 1) “This kind only comes out by prayer.”
- 2) Power is always linked to prayer.
- 3) “Master, teach us to pray.”

1. Mark 10 begins with the relevant topic of divorce.

- 1) It is important to know what God has to say about mirage and divorce.

- 2) It is also important to know that God's plan for your life is always redemptive.

2. Three things to be attentive to from this passage about divorce:

- 1) The formula, quoted from Genesis: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be united to his, and the two shall be one flesh."
 - a) Leaving

 - b) Cleaving

 - c) Physical union

- 2) Divorce is not in the plan of God; it was a concession in the Mosaic laws.

- 3) An exception is made for "marital unfaithfulness."

3. Three New Testament passages dealing with divorce:

- 1) Mark 10
- 2) Matthew 19
- 3) I Corinthians 7

4. The story of the Rich Young Ruler:

- 1) It is the heart issue that is at stake.
- 2) Jesus is not only the Savior of sin, but the Lord of our lives.
- 3) “Jesus is Lord” is the message of the story of the Rich Young Ruler.
- 4) Jesus equates His being “good” with His being “God.

5. Kingdom people are like:

- 1) Children - If you want to come to Jesus, you must be like a little child.
- 2) Servants - “For the Son of Man has come to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

STUDY PAGES/NOTES

KNOW THE WORD

WEEK 31, DAY 5

1. Mark 11 and 12 propel us into the last week of Jesus’ life.

2. Two important ideas about Christ’s Triumphal Entry in Jerusalem:

- 1) The fulfillment of prophecy
- 2) He came as Messiah - He came to die.

3. Why did Jesus cleanse the Temple?

1) The selling of animals was set up in the Court of the Gentiles, making it virtually impossible for a gentile to come and worship in the only place available to him.

2) The Temple priests were charging exorbitant prices for clean animals.

3) The system was rigged so that only the animals of the temple priests were acceptable.

4) The House of God was being abused.

4. The parable of The Cursing of the Fig Tree:

1) The fig tree represents Israel

2) Jesus was demonstrating in a graphic way the fate of the nation if it rejected Him, its Messiah

5. Jesus' challenging teaching regarding prayer and faith:

1) Faith-filled believing prayer is the key to the full exercise of the Spirit-filled life.

2) Faith-filled praying is persistent praying.

3) Spirit-filled praying is only done in conformity with the will of God.

6. Mark 12 gives us the summation of the whole law: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself."

7. The widow and her one thin lepton is a great model of Christian worship and giving.