

THE POWERFUL SERVANT (Mark 1:29-45)

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TEXT—Mark 1:29-45

MAIN IDEA—During his ministry in Galilee, the Lord Jesus Christ reveals His deity by exercising dominion over both the spiritual and physical realms of this fallen world.

MEMORY VERSE—Mark 10:45

JESUS HEALS AND DELIVERS MANY (Mark 1:29-34)—During His earthly ministry, Christ came to reveal the arrival of God's Kingdom. He did this by preaching the Gospel with authority and proving He was the Messiah by healing and delivering people with Kingdom power.

V31—*He went to her...* This is grace. Aren't you glad that Christ is a gracious God who loves and comes to individuals?

Eph. 2:8-9

...and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her... This is the compassion and power of our Savior revealed in a simple but profound act.

V31—*and she waited on them.* Fevers wipe out one's physical strength and often require recovery time, but Jesus healed Peter's mother in law so dramatically that she immediately got up and served them.

Lk. 15:4-7; Lk. 4:40-41

JESUS COMMUNES WITH

GOD IN PRAYER (Mark 1:35-39)—Following a full day of ministry that went into the night Jesus retired for a time of rest. Though rest was important for His physical recovery, time in prayer was even more important to the Lord as He met with God long before the next workday began.

*Jesus sought the strength that only communion and fellowship with the Father and the Spirit can provide.

Jn. 5:19; Jn. 8:28-29; Ps. 46:10

*If God the Son prioritized prayer, HOW MUCH MORE should we as believers indwelt by the Spirit do the same!

1 Thess. 5:17; Col. 4:2

JESUS CLEANSSES A LEPER (Mark 1:40-45)—Once again the Lord shows His incredible mercy and compassion by healing one of the most hopeless conditions, leprosy.

Lev. 13:45-46

Warren Wiersbe--*Jesus had compassion on the man and healed him. He did it with His touch and with His word. No doubt this was the first loving touch this leper had felt in a long time. As with the fever, so with the leprosy: it was gone instantly!*

Ps. 103:13

*The LORD Jesus Christ is sovereign over all healing whether it be the healing of a fever (**Mk. 1:31**), various diseases (**Mk. 1:33**) or leprosy (**Mk. 1:41**). **1 Cor. 12:8-11**

*Every Christ follower needs to prioritize communion with God in Prayer, just as Christ did (**Mk. 1:35**).

*Christ compassionately served individuals (Peter's mother-in law & the leper) and the masses. This is also what we must do as servants of Christ through Gospel ministry, prayer and love.

Col. 3:12-13; James 5:14-16