

Good News From Mark

Jesus and His Team

Mark 3:7-19

Intro

The last of the five confrontations Jesus had with the religious establishment (Mark 3:1-6) resulted in them plotting to kill him. As a result, Jesus retreats to the Sea of Galilee, not because he's afraid, but because it's not his time yet.

Overview

1. Surging Crowds (3:7-10)
2. Silencing Demons (3:8-12)
3. Selecting Apostles (3:13-19)

1. Surging Crowds (3:7-10)

- A) Jesus withdraws to the lake with his disciples and a large crowd follows them.
- B) News of Jesus' ministry spreads and people come from all over to see for themselves and to be healed.
- C) In order to avoid being crushed, he told his disciples to have a small boat ready.

Jesus' response to the crowds was a mixture of compassion and avoidance:

- compassion – he continued preaching & healing
- avoidance – they were missing the main point of his ministry

2. Silencing Demons (2:11-12)

Besides the crowds, the response of the evil spirits was a distraction.

They fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God!"

Jesus commanded them to be silent and ordered them not to tell

who he was.

Though their preaching was accurate, Jesus silenced them. Why?

- A) it would attract unwelcome attention
- B) any promotion they did was going to be slanted
- C) the timing was wrong

James 2:19 (NIV)

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

3. Selecting Apostles (3:13-19)

A) Who did Jesus select?

- i) the inner circle – Simon (Peter), James & John (Sons of Thunder)
- ii) others – Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (the Zealot)
- iii) Judas Iscariot – the betrayer

B) Why did Jesus select these apostles?

- i) that they might be with him
 - “follow me and I will make you fishers of men” (1:17).
- ii) that he might send them out...
 - to preach
 - to have authority to drive out demons

Ministry flows out of a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NIV)

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.