

MARK 1:19-34 WHAT A DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES.

REVIEW:

- The fishermen get a fishing lesson.
- The authority of Christ in word and deed.
- The first fish a type of people Jesus went after.

INTRO:

- From Christ's baptism, the anointing of the Spirit and the Father's endorsement, (vs. 10) we see Jesus with power over Satan, (12, 13) power over men, (13-20) power over dead religion, (21, 22) power over a demon, (25-27) now power over one's sickness, (29-31) and then power over every sickness and all devils. (32-34)
- The word immediately is prominent again for in 3 consecutive verses we find them, 29, 30, 31. Mark's way of expressing urgency and mission.
- Immediately after the deliverance of the demon possessed man in the synagogue Jesus and His 4 disciples go to Simon's house.

READ: Mark 1:29-34

- Parallel passages: **Lk. 4:38-41, Mt. 8:14-18,**
- We see from Matthew's gospel Mark passes over the 3 chapters of the Sermon on the Mount, a healing of the leper, and the healing of the centurion's servant.
- Jesus is here accompanied by His 4 disciples.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE JESUS MADE IN THE HOUSE: (VS. 29-31)

- Simon and Andrew share a house together and Simon's mother in law lives with them.
- Jesus must have valued the humble home in Capernaum. He did not stay in the centurion's home, though it would have been upscale. But he stayed at the home of Peter and Andrew.
- And when sending out His disciples to preach the gospel He passed on to them His thoughts on this for He said "inquire for those who are worthy," notice, not wealthy. (Mt. 10:11)
- Jesus is very personal; He takes her by the hand, a personal touch.
- Mark mentions 4 X in his gospel that Jesus takes someone by the hand when healing them.
- Notice when they find Peter's mother in law ill immediately they go and tell Jesus. (THEY PRAY)
- And Jesus immediately responds, coming to her aid.
- Notice that when Jesus healed Peter's mother in law, not only was the sickness removed, but her strength was renewed.
- He heals completely. (The storm stilled.)

- With this renewed health and strength she ministered and served Jesus and His disciples.
- He who ministered to her, now is ministered to by her.
- He Who had the power to heal now receives blessing through the service of the humble healed Galilean woman.
- He has work for us to do,.
- Am I serving Him, consecrating the strength which He has given, with the body health He has provided?
- What a difference Jesus makes for when He came to the synagogue it was a dead lifeless building with dead theology, when He came; it became a manifestation of divine inspiration, soul freeing, life giving power.
- When Jesus came to the house there was sadness and worry for there was a sick woman there with a great fever. (Megas, Jesus as our "great Priest.")
- Capernaum was famous for having malaria due to the fact it was there that the Jordan River enters into the Sea of Galilee and there was a great deal of marshy land there where mosquitoes thrived and spread the deadly sickness.
- What a difference Jesus makes for He touches the sick women and she is totally restored to health and there is now rejoicing, joy and dancing in the house.
- What does Jesus do in my home, what is the atmosphere like?

WHAT A DIFFERENCE JESUS MADE IN THE TOWN: (VS. 32-34)

- Jesus frequently visited the town of Capernaum. Matt. Calls it "His own city." (9:1) similar to Bethany in the south, the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary.
- But we read of Jesus having no home; "Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head." (Lk.9:58)
- In life He borrowed a bed; in death He borrowed a tomb.
- (In Luke 4:40 it reads; all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.
- What a caring compassionate Savior we have. He is personal to each of us.
- All were healed and delivered.
- Notice **Matt. 8:16, 17** these healings were the fulfilment of the prophecy about Christ in Isa. 53:4; *it was* our sicknesses *that* He Himself bore, And our pains *that* He carried; (NASB)
- The cross and the crucifixion were not necessary to give Christ the right or ability to heal the body. He always had this as our Creator.
- The multitudes wait to come streaming to the house of Peter, now the house of hope and healing until after sundown, the end of Sabbath.
- Capernaum had a population of about 3000, and we read that "all the city was gathered together at the door."

- When Jesus came to Capernaum the town was filled with death, sickness and demon possession, but what a difference Jesus makes, for before midnight the town was filled with rejoicing, singing and dancing to the glory of God.
- How about my life, my home, my town. Will we let Jesus come and have His way, and give up our way in total surrender to Him and His will?
- There may not have been a house where the effect of this ministry had not touched it with blessing and wonder.
- Unlike Egypt's last night where everywhere was death, crying, sorrow and loss, here all was rejoicing, and praise.
- What conversations would be had in the homes of Capernaum this night, what singing, what joy and happiness.
- What a difference Jesus makes, in our lives, or homes. Love, peace.....

WRAP UP:

- **First** a warning about Capernaum; they were truly blessed and encouraged by this miraculous visit from Jesus, but how deep did the display of Divine power go?
- Were they convinced to commit their lives unreservedly to Christ, were they really eternally grateful?
- Or was it just novelty, soul excitement, not life changing?
- Were they happy for a Savior from pain and suffering but not convicted of sin and righteousness?
- Why makes me ask this? Because the sad truth is found in **Matt. 11:23, 24**;
- Have I kept my commitments to Christ?
- **Secondly**; despise not the day of small beginnings; (Zech 4:10)
- Little did Peter know how divine a blessing entered his home that day. When Jesus crossed his threshold or how vast a river of mercy would stream forth from his door down the streets of Capernaum.
- Here history begins with Jesus entering one humble home and healing one humble lady and it ends with touching the whole town with blessing.
- He can do the same with us. What is our testimony of the difference Jesus has and is making in us/me?
- This old house was changed from an infirmary, or hospital to a place of healing and a home of joy.
- This old house became a highway to the town for the sick, the lame, the mute, the blind the demonized. A place of joy and glory.
- Oh let us not despise the house or the church that seemed insignificant, if Jesus is there let not the little prairie church feel meaningless, it is the place where the children of God meet and Jesus is there, let the blessings flow.
- What a difference Jesus makes!