

Mark 1:35-2:17

All Saints

Adult Sunday School Week 3

October 1, 2023

Daniel Park

“안녕, Daniel 입니다”

Ahn Young, _____ Eeeb Knee Dah

‘Hello, I am name’

“예수님 나를 사랑해”

Yeh Sue Kneem Nahl Sarahng Heh

Jesus loves me.

Updates and Corrections

Mark 1:35-45

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40 And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” 42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” 45 But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

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8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— 11 “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 1 – 7

Who is Jesus?

Mark 1:35-39, Jesus' Priority, Jesus' Response to Popularity

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Mark 1:40-45, The Leper and Our Priest

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Leviticus 13:1-59, Laws about Leprosy

² “When a person has on the skin of his body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a case of leprous disease on the skin of his body, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests, ³ and the priest shall examine the diseased area on the skin of his body. And if the hair in the diseased area has turned white and the disease appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a case of leprous disease. When the priest has examined him, he shall pronounce him unclean.

V.11 White swelling in the skin, raw flesh in the swelling, chronic leprous disease

V.30 If the itch on the head or the beard, and the hair in it is yellow and thin

V.45 he shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

V.52 and he shall burn the garment, the wool or the linen, or any article made of skin that is diseased. It shall be burned in the fire.

Leviticus 14:1-57, Laws on Cleansing Lepers

² “This shall be the law of the leprous person for the day of his cleansing. He shall be brought to the priest, ³ and the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall look. Then, if the case of leprous disease is healed in the leprous person...

- A. The priest take for him two cleansed living, clean birds
- B. Cedarwood, scarlet yarn, hyssop
- C. Kill one of bird in a vessel over fresh water
- D. (v.21-32) reentering laws for *poorer* lepers!

Leviticus 7

The Lord spoke to Moses..

“²¹ And if anyone touches an unclean thing, whether human uncleanness or an unclean beast or any unclean detestable creature, and then eats some flesh from the sacrifice of the Lord's peace offerings, that person shall be cut off from his people.

Mark 1:40-45, Jesus' Ministry of Surprises

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ἤψατο καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, θέλω, καθαρίσθητι. • 42 καὶ εὐθὺς ἀπῆλθεν ἀπ

imperative aorist passive 2nd singular

καθαρίζω katharizō #G25110 31x (LXX: 111x)

I make clean verb

Hebrews 9:13-14 ESV

¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Mark 2:1-5, The Paralytic and Our Prophet

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WSC 14, Q. What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Mark 2:8

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WSC, Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

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Mark 2:13-17, The Scribes and Our King

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Isaiah 53:2, Our Prophet, Priest and King's appearance

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isaiah 52:14 ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

Isaiah 53:3-6 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Mark, why so ‘immediately’?

εὐθύς euthéōs #G21120 86x (LXX: 2x) 

immediately, soon adverb

Strong's Concordance

Flip through lexicons 

Definition: directly, i.e. at once or soon

Source: adverb from εὐθύς;

Literary and Rhetorical Features

- Mark is the most inelegant in terms of style (Matthew, Luke, John)
- Abrupt beginning, even more abrupt ending
 - Gospel hurtles forward to its climax
 - By establishing the murderous intents of Jesus' enemies at an early point, the evangelist manages to cast the whole Jesus story under the dark gloom of the cross
- Lacking in the subordinate clauses and similar signs of stylish smoothness that are so characteristic of Matthew and Luke, Mark is a *rough-and-ready* Gospel

1. First, Mark wants us to know immediately, who Jesus is (the Son of God).

The heavens are “torn open” at Jesus’ baptism (1:10).

Mark’s style gets across a sense of crisis. His style conveys that the status quo has been ruptured. History is not a closed system of natural causes any more. Human system, tradition, or authority, is not inevitable or absolute any more.

2. Second, Mark wants us to see Jesus’ arrival warrants a decisive action.

Mark displays Jesus’ doings. It is his deeds that save us.

Therefore, we need to respond (repenting, believing, and following), actively.

We can’t remain neutral—sit and reflect or find excuses—about not changing now.