

## **Mark's Gospel—Jesus' True Identity Reveals the Magnitude of His Sacrifice**

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 1:29-45

### **The God of Compassion**

*Jesus Is the King Who Leads Us by the Hand.*

- 1. Jesus Blesses Simon's Household with His Presence (29-31).**
- 2. He Demonstrates His Authority over Demons & Diseases (32-34).**
- 3. Jesus Models Connection between Praying and Preaching (35-39).**
- 4. Jesus Makes a Leper Clean with a Touch of His Hand (40-45).**

Conclusion: Jesus and His disciples return from Sabbath services to Simon and Andrew's home, but instead of a meal they find the encroachment of fever and the fear of death. Jesus relieves this widow's fever by simply taking her by the hand. He goes on to care for many who were sick or oppressed by demons. But the incarnate Christ is truly man and needs uninterrupted, intimate time in prayer with His Father in order to preach with power. When a leper kneels before His King seeking mercy, Jesus takes him by the hand too and makes him clean. Do you know this compassionate King? Are you serving Him joyfully or resisting His leading?

## Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will *faithfully bring forth justice*.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

*I will take you by the hand and keep you;*

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

## Matthew 6:5-6

<sup>5</sup> “And *when you pray*, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

## Exodus 22:21-24

<sup>21</sup> “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup> You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. <sup>23</sup> If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, <sup>24</sup> and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.