

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. In what way did Jesus make known His authority over man?
2. In what ways does Jesus still have authority over man yet today?
3. What lesson can we learn for our lives in the evidence of Jesus' authority over demons and sickness?
4. If demons know Christ and submit to His authority, why is it so difficult for the world to recognize Him?

SUMMARY:

When we examine the life of Jesus as He began His short ministry here on earth we see a real singleness of purpose. Everything which He did and said originated out of His basic desire for the well-being of man. He healed the sick and those possessed with demons out of His concern for their physical well-being and He preached to these and to others out of His concern for the spiritual well-being.

Some were and are called upon to make sacrifices in the same cause. All are asked to acknowledge Christ and to call upon Him to reconcile them to God. All are asked to then obey Him in all that He asks. With His request for service goes the promise that if anyone forsakes anything for His sake he will receive a multiple return in this life and more in the life to come.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

October 28, 2007

Fourth Quarter

A MIGHTY MINISTRY

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 1:14-34*

LESSON SETTING: In Galilee

TIME: Approximately 30 A.D.

- I. CHRIST'S AUTHORITY OVER MAN.** Mark 1:14-20
 - A. The Call (vs. 17, 20) Isaiah 45:22; Revelation 22:17
 - B. Forsaking All (vs. 18, 20) Mark 10:28; Luke 14:33
 - C. Prompt Response (vs. 18, 20) Luke 19:6; Acts 16:10
- II. CHRIST'S AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS.** Mark 1:21-28
 - A. Devils know Christ (vs. 24) Mark 5:7; Luke 4:41
 - B. Evil Spirits Confess Him (vs. 24) Matthew 8:29; Mark 3:11
 - C. Devils Cast Out of Men (vs. 26) Matthew 8:32; Luke 8:2
- III. CHRIST'S AUTHORITY OVER SICKNESS.** Mark 1:29-34
 - A. The Touch of Christ (vs. 31) Matthew 8:3; 9:29-30; Luke 22:51
 - B. A Divine Helper (vs. 31, 34) Psalm 28:7; Isaiah 41:10
 - C. A Burden-bearer (vs. 32) Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 8:17
 - D. Miracles of Healing. Matthew 8:5-7; 9:2, 20; 17:14-18; Luke 14:2; 17:12

GOLDEN TEXT: *COME YE AFTER ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU TO BECOME FISHERS OF MEN.*

Mark 1:17

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 1:35-45

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Kings 5:1-27; Matthew 8:1-4;
Luke 4:42-44; Luke 5:12-16

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: JESUS' MINISTRY IN GALILEE

INTRODUCTION:

Even Jesus found strength in seeking a quiet place—alone with the Father. He rose up early, long before daylight, and went alone out to a solitary place to pray.

Jesus' life was focused on His purpose. He had come to call sinners to repentance, and to give His life a ransom for mankind. (Mark 2:17; 10:45) Jesus **knew** His purpose and He fully completed it. Why are **we** here?

Jesus already had a following. People flocked to hear Him. But He left His present location to go into the next towns to preach "*for therefore came I forth.*" Does a "church activity" keep us in one spot when perhaps He would have us go forth into the next towns, or into the uttermost regions?

Jesus' ministry began with prayer, and it was marked by compassion and by power. He was willing—and able—to deliver mankind. He is today still willing and able to deliver and to cleanse!

CENTRAL TRUTH: If we trust Him, Christ will supply both spiritual and temporal needs.

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . *IF THOU WILT, THOU CANST MAKE ME CLEAN.*

Mark 1:40b

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst ..." **nothing** is impossible with God. There is only the question of **His will**, and the question of **our faith**. (Mark 9:36-37; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9)

Some of our "wants" may not be within His divine will . . . and for these "our faith is weak." God gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

But God's Word is clear. It is His will that **all** repent and be saved. (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9) No exceptions! It is His Will that **YOU** repent and be saved. It is His will that the heathen in the uttermost parts hear, repent, and be saved. (Luke 24:47)

"Thou canst, ..." He is also able ... "*to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him ...*" (Hebrews 7:25). No exceptions! "*Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" (Romans 10:13) He is willing, and He is able!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 28 – Nov. 4

- M. Incentive to Ministry. Matthew 9:27-38
- T. Appointment to Ministry. Matthew 10:1-8
- W. Teaching the Apostles. Matthew 10:32-42
- T. *Jesus' Ministry in Galilee. Mark 1:35-45
- F. Choosing Helpers for Ministry. Luke 10:1-12
- S. Teaching through Parables. Luke 15:3-24
- S. Teaching an Individual. John 4:5-13