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GOSPEL
according to
MARK



THE FIRST & SECOND LETTERS OF PETER | THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 9:1–32

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Mark 1:13, 23, 34

Mark 3:11, 15, 22

Mark 5:1–20

Mark 6:7, 13

Mark 7:29

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- Every time Jesus encountered people who ignored him as Lord and just went on with their lives, he was encountering people whose spirits were under demonic influence (Mark 4:14–15).
- Every time Jesus confronted people whose lives were characterized by immorality, envy, pride, and deceit, he was talking to people who were as “unclean” as those oppressed by “unclean spirits” (Mark 7:23, 25).
- Every time Jesus dealt with his disciples who wanted to live without suffering, he was dealing with believers who were giving Satan a foothold in their lives (Mark 8:33).

“A primary purpose of the life and ministry of Jesus was to expose, confront, and defeat Satan and destroy his works”

— *Deliver Us from Evil Consultation Statement*

“Through the Cross . . . Christ has defeated Satan decisively. Thus whilst we must be watchful (1 Pet. 5:8), the Christian does not need to fear the Devil and his demons. Any teaching on spiritual warfare which leads us to fear the Devil to such an extent that we lose our confidence in Christ’s victory over him and in God’s sovereign power to protect us must be rejected outright.”

— *Deliver Us from Evil: An Uneasy Frontier in Christian Mission*

“Exorcism takes place primarily on the border of the church with paganism . . . especially with the animistic paganism today.”

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THE MAIN POINT OF MARK 9:1–32

You can be rescued from the dominion of evil if you follow King Jesus no matter what. But there's no power if you're unwilling to follow him in suffering.

APPLYING MARK 9:1–32 TO LIFE

1. Grieve like Jesus (verse 19).
2. Believe Jesus (verses 22–23).

“A feeble faith can receive a mighty Savior, even as a beggar with a palsied hand can receive a golden gift....The anxious father had to cry, “Lord, help my unbelief,” but that unbelief, confessed and lamented, did not shut him out of the blessing. The unbelief which lingers around our faith is a thing to be got rid of by the help of Christ....So, dear friend, if your faith in Jesus Christ amounts to this, that you believe him able to save, and you therefore trust him, you are a saved person, even though you may be staggered with a host of fears and troubled with a multitude of sins. Your faith has saved you, go in peace; for your faith shall grow from a mustard-seed into a far-spreading tree.”

— *Charles Spurgeon, “Where the ‘If’ Lies”*
(October 14, 1883)

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3. Pray in Jesus's name (verse 29).



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