

When crowds & busyness swells, we must dwell in Scripture & prayer!

Throughout His public ministry, Jesus made two explicit claims concerning Himself: He claimed to be the **Messiah** of Israel, and He claimed to be **God** come in the flesh. The claim to Messiahship was cleverly encoded to appeal to Jews but to appear innocuous to the Roman overlords. The claim to deity was couched in the most compelling and careful figures and terms. ... The **purpose of Jesus’ many miracles** was to prove true His remarkable claims concerning Himself. Thus, miracles were the most dominant during the period of Jesus’ ministry when He was working to present Himself to Israel as her Messiah. The greatest of the miracles wrought by Jesus, and thus the miracle with the most dramatic and important vindicating force, was His own bodily resurrection from the grave on the third day after His death and burial (Doug Bookman).

Background to Mark 3

- **Mark 1** is **PROCLAMATION** - of the gospel & his authority
- **Mark 2:1 - 3:6** is **CONFLICT** — 5 different episodes
 - Conflict over forgiveness of sins
 - Conflict over spending time with sinners/tax collectors
 - Conflict over Fasting
 - Conflict over working on sabbath
 - Conflict over healing on the Sabbath
- And the main pivot/turning point of Mark’s gospel is 3:20-30 = official rejection (attributing Christ’s power to Satan)
 - **2 stories leading up to that:**
 - the exceeding popularity of Christ (3:7-12)
 - the commissioned Apostles of Christ (3:13-19)

THESIS — In a sort of summary-section (a bit of an overview that is summarizing the past & connecting with what’s ahead), I want you to see your Savior in 4 ways:

I. YOUR SAVIOR’S MINISTRY: LARGE CROWDS (7-9)

II. YOUR SAVIOR'S MERCY: POWERFUL HEALING (9-10)**III. YOUR SAVIOR'S AUTHORITY: DEMONIC SUBMISSION (11-12)**

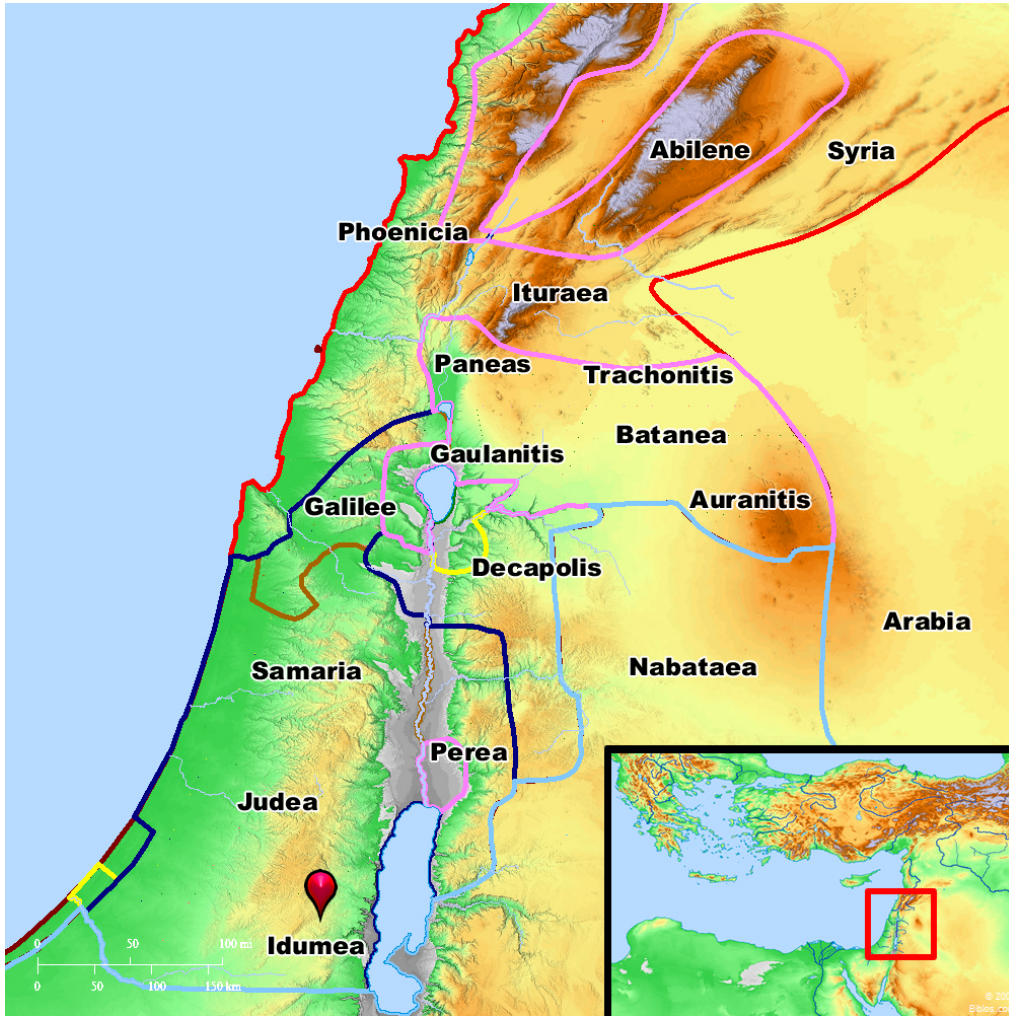
A brief study of "**Demonology**":

- ✓ **demons** (unclean spirits) - invisible, powers, in league with Satan, fell with Satan, no redemption provided; no atonement; lost; liars; deceivers; evil workers. *many*
- ✓ **defiled** (unclean) - they are unclean; nothing good, clean, holy about them.
- ✓ **observant** (saw Him) - they have intellect, personhood, think, see, react, intelligence, smart.
- ✓ **subservient** (bow down and shout) - submissive to Jesus
- ✓ **knowledgeable** (Son of God) - they know who He is.
- ✓ **silenced** (by Christ) - they obey & are silenced by His word.

IV. YOUR SAVIOR'S IMPORTUNITY: PERSISTENT PRAYER (13/Luke 6.12)

Much reading and thinking may make a popular minister. But it takes much secret prayer to make a powerful preacher." John Berridge

Mark 3:7-13 — "A Summary of Christ's Ministry As Great Crowds Swarm Jesus"



Mark 3:7-8 — Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from **Galilee** followed; and also from **Judea**, and from **Jerusalem**, and from **Idumea**, and beyond the **Jordan [Perea/Decapolis]**, and the vicinity of **Tyre and Sidon [=Phoenicia]**, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him

The Gospel of Mark

Focus	Servant								Sacrifice			
Divisions	Servants of the Servant		Service of the Servant		Sayings of the Servant		Sermons of the Servant		Sufferings of the Servant			
	1	3	4	7	8	10	11	13	14	16		
Topics	The Son of Man on the Move								The Son of Man on the Cross			
	A living Example								A Dying Savior			
Place	Galilee & Perea								Judea & Jerusalem			
Time	A.D. 29-30											
Author	John Mark As told to him by the Apostle Peter											

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!
 Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem,
 And crown Him Lord of all!
 Bring forth the royal diadem,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
 Ye ransomed from the fall,
 Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
 And crown Him Lord of all!
 Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown Him Lord of all!
 To Him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song,
 And crown Him Lord of all!
 We'll join the everlasting song,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES

Join all the glorious names
 Of wisdom, love, and power,
 That ever mortals knew,
 That angels ever bore:
 All are too poor to speak His worth,
 Too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God,
 My tongue would bless Thy Name,
 By Thee the joyful news
 Of our salvation came,
 The joyful news of sin forgiv'n
 Of hell subdued, and peace with Heav'n.

Be Thou my Counsellor,
 My Pattern, and my Guide,
 And through this desert land
 Still keep me near thy side:
 Nor let my feet e'er run astray
 Nor rove nor seek the crooked way.

I love my Shepherd's voice,
 His watchful eyes shall keep
 My wand'ring soul among
 The thousands of His sheep:
 He feeds His flock, He calls their names,
 His bosom bears the tender lambs.

Jesus, my great High Priest,
 Offered His blood, and died;
 My guilty conscience seeks
 No sacrifice beside:
 His powerful blood did once atone,
 And now it pleads before the throne.

My dear almighty Lord,
 My Conqueror and my King,
 Thy scepter and Thy sword,
 Thy reigning grace I sing:
 Thine is the power; behold I sit
 In willing bonds beneath Thy feet.