

Mark 1:32-45; 2:1-12

The authority of Jesus revealed:

1. Proclaims the kingdom (1:14-15)
2. Calls disciples (1:16-20)
3. Casts out demons (1:21-28)
4. Heals the sick (1:29-34, 40-45; 2:8-12)
5. Forgives sins (2:5)

Section 4: Heals the sick (1:29-34, 40-45; 2:8-12)

1:29 – **“And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.**

1:30 – **“Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.**

1:31 – **“And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.**

1:32 – **“That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.**

1. The two previous miracles had taken place on the Sabbath (one in the synagogue; one in Peter’s home)
2. Now the Sabbath is over when the sun sets and the sick and demon oppressed are brought to Peter’s front door

1:33 – **“And the whole city was gathered together at the door.**

1:34 – **“And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.**

1. Demons wanted to speak and the reason they wanted to speak is “because they knew him”
 - a. Jesus would not let the demons reveal more than he wanted revealed
 - b. Jesus would not allow demonic testimony
 - i. Demonic words would be deceptive.
 - ii. Their words would not be empowered by the Holy Spirit.
 - iii. Even if they were accurate statements by the demons the words would be intentionally veiled, out of context or incomplete. Remember Satan speaking:
 1. In the garden
 2. At Jesus’ temptations
 - c. God himself (the Father and the Spirit) would reveal it at the correct time to Peter in 8:29

1:35 – **“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.**

1. This may have been Jesus’ common practice. This is the first time it may have been taken note of by disciples and the public.

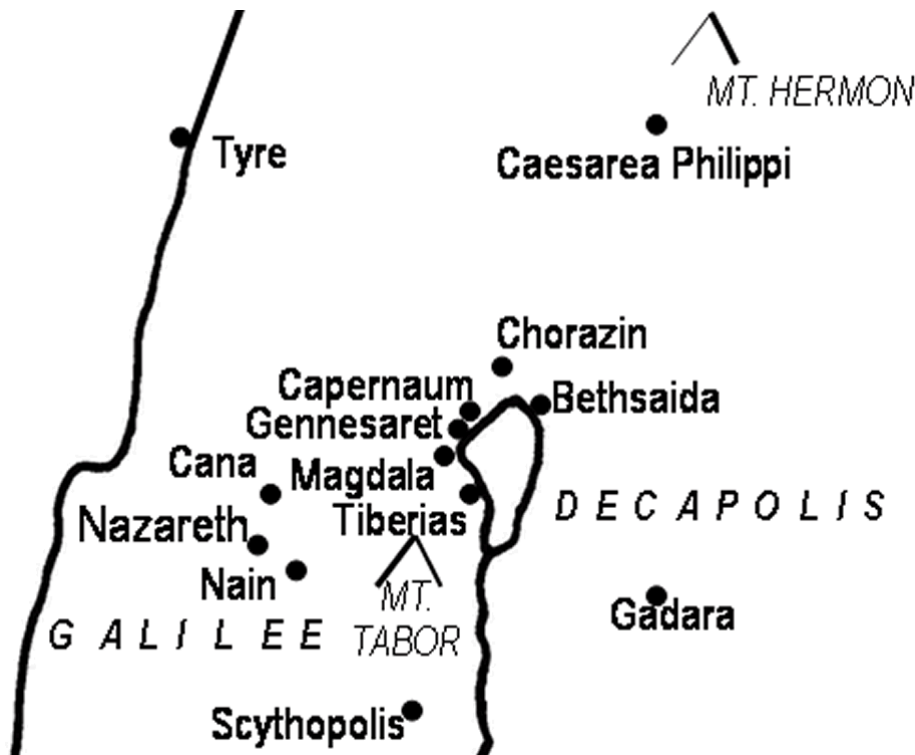
2. Peter and the disciples did not fully approve of this technique since it was the perfect time to continue pursuing the goals of the ministry. The crowds were searching. There is no time like the present!
3. Even though the evening or morning prayer ritual may have been Jesus' common practice, Mark refers to three specific times when Jesus went alone to pray. All three times were times of pressure:
 - a. 1:35 – here
 - b. 6:46 – at night after feeding the 5,000
 - c. 14:32 – at night at Gethsemane

1:36-37 – **“And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.”**”

1:38 – **“And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”**”

1. Jesus has finished this phase of ministry in Capernaum. Others will reap the harvest of the seed he planted.
2. Jesus is going to continue to the next locations planting seeds and laying a foundation

1:39 – **“And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.**”



(Healing also in 1:40-45 and 2:8-12)

1:40 – **“And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.”**”

1. Leviticus 13:3 and 45-46 – “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 leprosy. When the priest has examined him,

he shall pronounce him unclean... The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip[b] and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' 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."

1:41 – **“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.”**

1:42 – **“And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.**

1:43-44 – **“And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 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.”**

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1. “having sternly warned” – *embrimesamenos* – from *en* meaning “engaged in” and *brimaomai* meaning “to snort”, “to snort with anger”.
 - a. Together the word means “to be moved with anger”, “to admonish sternly”.
 - b. It is used to say,
 - i. “snort with the notion of coercion springing out of displeasure, anger, indignation, antagonism”
 - ii. “express indignant displeasure with someone”
 - iii. “to charge sternly”
2. The Law of Moses required that a healed leper first report to the priests for inspection and an eight day ritual. This would allow the man to be accepted back into society:
 - a. Deuteronomy 24:8 – “Take care, in a case of leprous[a] disease, to be very careful to do according to all that the Levitical priests shall direct you. As I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do.”
 - b. Leviticus 14:1-32 – “The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “This shall be the law of the leprous person for the day of his cleansing. He shall be brought to the priest, 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, the priest shall command them to take for him who is to be cleansed two live[a] clean birds and cedarwood and scarlet yarn and hyssop....”
3. “for proof to them” can mean:
 - a. Evidence of Jesus’ faithfulness to the Law
 - b. Evidence of Jesus’ claim to be the Messiah
 - c. →Evidence that the man had been healed
 - d. Evidence to use against the religious leaders when they reject Jesus

1:45 – **“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.**

1. Jesus wanted to introduce the Gospel of the Kingdom accurately for himself.
 - a. Jesus did not want the testimony of demons explaining and revealing it from their perspective
 - b. Jesus did not want a recently cleansed leper who disobeys the Law of Moses presenting Jesus and his “Gospel of the Kingdom” from their perspective

Section 5: Forgives sins (2:5)

2:1 – **“And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.**

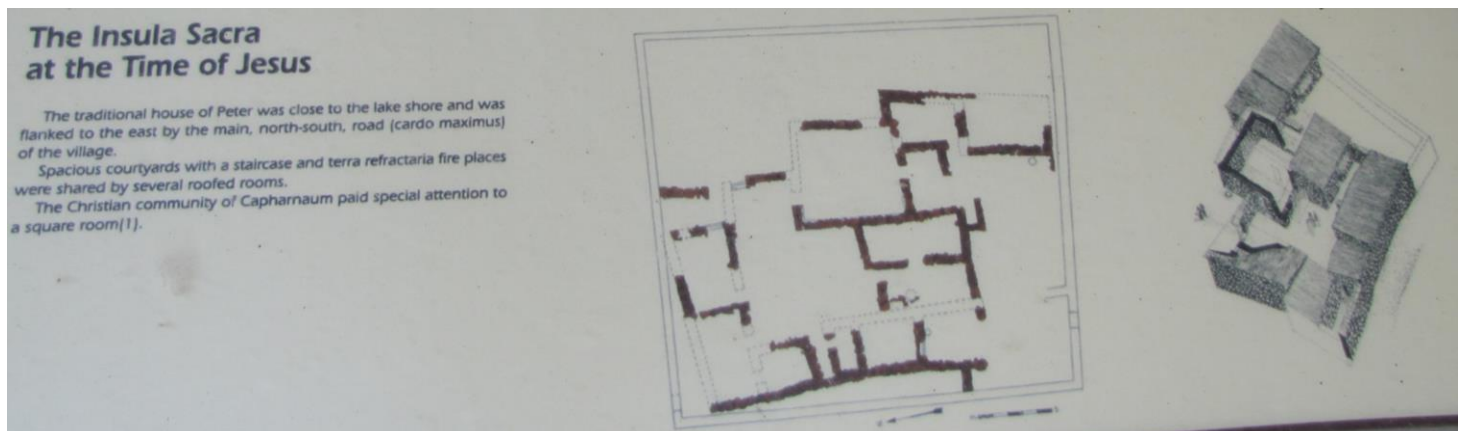
1. Jesus had moved to Capernaum. He no longer lived at Nazareth.
2. The “home” or the “house” may have been:
 - a. Jesus’ personal residence? Which would have been his mother Mary’s new home also.
 - b. Peter’s house where he previously had stayed and where the people of Capernaum had previously met with Jesus
 - i. It would seem that if Peter’s house was marked by the first century Christians of Capernaum they also would have honored the home of Jesus and Mary.
 - c. Some other house or home in Capernaum.

2:2 – **“And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.**

1. The first tour through Capernaum and Galilee seem to have been to:
 - a. Proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom
 - b. Show authority over sickness and demons
2. This second appearance begins to divide the crowd by teaching them the Word of God.
 - a. Jesus is building on the foundation
 - b. Jesus is separating the wheat from the shaft
 - c. Jesus will begin now to face opposition and conflict

2:3 – **“And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.**

2:4 – **“And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay.**



2:5 – **“And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”**

1. Healings occur in Jesus' ministry because:
 - a. The faith of a person, or in this case, the faith of four people
 - b. Jesus' faith
 - c. The Holy Spirit, who has anointed Jesus, heals through his Anointed One
 - d. As a sign that Jesus is the Son of God

2:6 – **“Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts,**

1. “Scribes” were the theological scholars of the Jews and were the teachers of Jewish theology and the Law of Moses
 - a. These “scribes” were NOT the local synagogue ruler
 - b. These “scribes” were NOT the local “Sunday school teachers” or “Bible study leaders”
 - c. These “scribes” were officials on a fact-finding mission sent out to investigate this new “Messiah”, teacher, charlatan or disciple of John the Baptist. In fact, they may be from the same committee that was sent to investigate John the Baptist.
 - i. By Mark 3:6 the “scribes” had determined to have Jesus killed
 - ii. The “scribes” were already beginning to pave the way to the cross for Jesus.

2:7 – **“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”**

1. Jesus apparently agrees with this statement, “Who can forgive sins but God alone,” so Jesus gives them a demonstration to confirm that:
 - a. They are correct. Only God can forgive sins
 - b. By their own admission Jesus uses logic and demonstrates that Jesus is the Son of God, God in the flesh.
 - i. Only God can forgive sins, but now also this man Jesus who must also be God.
 - c. They must deal with this shocking revelation

2:8 – **“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?”**

2:9 – **“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?”**

2:10 – **“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—**

1. Now, Jesus demonstrates he has authority to forgive sins:
 - a. Jesus has now demonstrated five places he has authority:
 - i. Proclaim the kingdom (1:14-15)
 - ii. Call disciples (1:16-20)
 - iii. Cast out demons (1:21-28) – Jesus is neutralizing Satan
 - iv. Heal the sick (1:29-34, 40-45; 2:8-12) – Jesus is restoring fallen humanity
 - v. Forgive sins (2:5) – Jesus is breaking the power of sin

2:11 – **“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”**

2:12 – **“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!”**