

Journey to Judea - Part 2

When we think about the gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – Mark isn't usually the first place we go. Yet Mark, listening to the eyewitness accounts of Peter, wrote a fast-paced gospel sharing the miraculous things Jesus did, including His death and Resurrection, to convince his Roman readers that Jesus is the Son of God. Let's not overlook what we can learn about our Savior in the overlooked gospel.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus took an important journey to Judea. The journey symbolizes God's desire to engage His disciples. As a result, His followers learned a great lesson that money can't buy God's love or a home in heaven.

STARTER QUESTION

The only role Jesus will play in our life is to be God. Yet, God has many facets. Once Jesus becomes Lord of our life, what other characteristics and roles does He play if we allow Him? (provider, healer, counselor etc.)

INTO THE WORD

The "rich young man" was a product of a culture that placed virtue and position on wealth. What are some Bible stories of people gladly surrendering all their "wealth" to follow God's leading? (Mark 12:42; 2 Kings 4)

A good God motivates us to follow Him. Jesus asked the rich young man, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God Alone." When you came to a saving knowledge of Christ, what part of His character were you most attracted to? (Hebrews 6:17; 2 Corinthians 5; Luke 12:8)

Pastor David said we need to speak consistently that "God is Good." What will motivate us to start speaking about how God has been good to us? (1 Cor. 28-31; Job 33:14; Psalm 50)

APPLICATION

Pastor David said, "When goodness fades, discipleship wains." Looking around at all the unrest in our culture today, how would this statement apply? (John 16:1; Matt 24:10)

The message is about God asking us to surrender all, NOT give away our goods and service to "buy" a relationship with God. Why do you think "sharing," or giving our gifts back to God in service to Him is so difficult for humans? (Phil 2:3; Psalm 119:36; James 3:16)

As God shows His mercy to His children, how does that enable the wealthy person and a person of little means to both enter the Kingdom of God? What does it mean to live as an uninhibited disciple?

PRAYER

Think about areas you might be experiencing spiritual blindness, where we have become "blind" to things or people around us. Let's pray for spiritual sight and the desire to surrender all so we may be open to receive God's Mercy upon our lives.