

Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 3)

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Series objective

Regardless of what stage we are at in life, whether we are in the first steps to wanting to know more about God or 30 plus years of walking with Christ, we all need to know Jesus. By God's design, the best way to do this is by studying the Bible. The book of Mark gives us a very real and personal look at Jesus, almost as if we were sitting down with Him. Many people believe that the writing of Mark was significantly influenced by Peter, the disciple with whom many of us identify the most (often speaking and acting before thinking!!). Peter also loved Jesus in a very real way.

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that makes us look in the mirror. I think most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ and what He did for us.

Overview of Chapter 3

Verses 1–6	Jesus heals on the Sabbath
Verses 7–12	Crowds follow Jesus
Verses 13–19	Jesus Appoints the Twelve
Verses 20-35	Jesus Accused by His Family and by Teachers of the Law

Theological Question (**theos** is the *Greek word for God*; **-ology** means *study of...*)

1. We all recognize that only God has the power to heal. Consider the following:
 - a. Why was physical healing such an important part of Jesus' ministry?
 - b. Why did Jesus' healing miracles not have more "staying power" throughout His ministry? In other words, why was He still crucified even though He had done so many wonderful and amazing things?
2. In verses 7 through 12 we read about how the crowds were attracted to Jesus.
 - a. What are some of the reasons people were attracted to Jesus?
 - b. Has anything changed over the past 2,000 years in terms of people being attracted (or not being attracted) to Jesus?
3. In verses 13 through 19 we read about Jesus calling the apostles. Also read Luke 6:12.
 - a. How important were the disciples (or apostles) to Jesus' ministry?
 - b. How seriously do you think Jesus took the decision to call these men based on what we read in Luke 6:12?
 - c. How important are Jesus' disciples today?

