

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 3: Mark 1:32-45

An evening of healing (vv. 32-34)

- The people wait (impatiently?) until the end of the Sabbath
- The floodgates are now open, and many come asking for healing
- Again, Jesus demands silence from the demons

Why would Jesus silence the demons (see Luke 4:41)?

Matt. 8:16-17
Luke 4:40-41

Jesus prays then preaches in Galilee (vv. 35-39)

- Jesus doesn't even wait for morning to go pray
- Mark records Jesus praying two other times: 6:46 and 14:32-41

Why does Mark show us these three instances of Jesus praying?

Matt. 4:23-25
Luke 4:42-44

- Peter and the others come looking for Jesus
 - These first disciples are caught up in the frenzy
- Jesus quickly redirects their focus back to His primary mission

At this early stage, how do the disciples view Jesus and His mission?

A man with leprosy is cleansed (vv. 40-45)

- The man's leprosy is probably not Hansen's disease, but it still makes him a social outcast
- "If you are willing" is a statement of trust and humility
- Once Jesus heals him, he gives the man two directives:
 - Don't tell anyone about the healing
 - Show yourself to the priest and offer sacrifices (note Leviticus 13-14)
- The man ignores Jesus and starts spreading the news far and wide
 - This disobedience thwarts Jesus' ability to move about freely

A few manuscripts show Jesus as angry in this section. Why would He be angry?

Matt. 8:2-4
Luke 5:12-15

How does Jesus' directive to the leper to keep quiet relate to Him silencing the demons in verse 34?