

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK
OBSERVING THE MASTER IN ACTION
MARK 1: 1-45

If we are to live and love like Jesus, we should carefully observe His life and actions in the Scriptures. God wants us to learn to be disciples by first watching, then helping, and finally doing it ourselves. Mark's Gospel shows Jesus in action, and how the disciples learned to do the things that God wanted them to do.

- I. GET IN STEP WITH THE PROGRAM (Mark 1: 1-20)**
 - a. Change your mind and trust Jesus Christ alone
 - b. Jesus expects immediate obedience when He calls (Mark 1: 14-20)

- II. OBSERVE WHO HAS THE POWER (Mark 1: 21-34)**
 - a. Our lives should reflect the authority of Jesus Christ (Mark 1: 21-34)
 - b. Jesus was never intimidated by demonic powers. We shouldn't be either

- III. STAY FOCUSED ON THE PURPOSE (Mark 1: 35-39)**
 - a. Time alone with God is non-negotiable (v. 35)
 - b. Don't let crowd response cloud your calling (v. 36-38)

- IV. DEMONSTRATE GOD'S HEART OF COMPASSION (Mark 1: 40-45)**
 - a. Leprosy is a picture of a sin, incurable without Divine intervention
 - i. Numbers 12; 2 Kings 5; Leviticus 14
 - b. Make sure you obey the instructions. God always has a good reason (v. 44-45)

ONLY THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS CAN BE GOD'S RULERS!

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