

The Primacy of the Preaching the Gospel

"Let us go somewhere else...so that I may preach there also, for that is what I came for"

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Mark 1:21-45

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The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

Theme Statement: While our own physical needs and the physical needs of others are important, nothing is more important than our own spiritual needs and the spiritual needs of others. We need to follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ by measuring our priorities by the Word of God and through prayer so that the main thing is that we keep the main thing the main thing.

Teaching in the synagogue - Mark 1:21-22

1. Jesus taught _____ in the synagogue in Capernaum - v. 21
2. The people were _____ at His teaching because He taught with _____ and not as the scribes - v. 22

Casting out an unclean spirit in a man in the synagogue - Mark 1:23-28

1. Just then (immediately) a demon-possessed man _____ the teaching of Jesus and tried to _____ Jesus and His teaching - v. 23-24
2. Jesus _____ the demon and _____ the demon to come out of the man - v. 25
3. The demon _____ with a loud voice, _____ the man and was _____ the command of Jesus - v. 26
4. The people were _____ that Jesus not only _____ but that He also _____ - v. 27
5. The news about Jesus spread rapidly throughout Galilee - v. 28

Healing and casting out demons in Capernaum - Mark 1:29-34

1. When they arrived at Simon's home, they told Jesus that Simon's mother-in-law was _____ - v 29-30
2. Jesus then taking her by the hand, raised her up and the fever left her AND she _____ them _____ - v. 31
3. When evening came, the whole city of Capernaum gathered at the door of Simon's house bringing the _____ and the _____ and Jesus healed many people - v. 32-34

Praying alone in a secluded place before continuing His ministry - Mark 1:35-39

1. Jesus got up early in the morning while it was dark, found a secluded place and was _____ there - v. 35
2. Jesus explained that He was not to stay at one city (Capernaum) but was to preach the _____ to cities throughout Galilee and beyond - v. 38
3. Jesus refocused His ministry to address the _____ of the people - preaching the _____ and casting out the _____ - v. 39

Healing a leper who would not be silent - Mark 1:40-45

1. A leper approached Jesus begging Him, "IF _____, You can make me clean - v. 40
2. Jesus was _____ and _____ cleansed the man of his leprosy - v. 41-42
3. So that Jesus could stay on course and focus on the spiritual needs of the people, He sternly _____ the man not to _____ of his cleansing but the man did not _____ and it had a _____ on the ministry of Jesus - v. 43-45

Application

1. Are the main things in my life _____ or _____?
2. What _____ do I have that indicate the right priorities in my life?
3. Is _____ a main thing in my life?