

The Gospel According to Mark

Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 26

Read Mark 6:53 – 7:1 – 13

Introduction: *We can only imagine how full the apostles' hearts and minds were as their ship touched the shores of Capernaum in a region known as Gennesaret. They had gathered baskets of leftovers after the Lord fed a multitude with a small lunch, experienced an incredible storm on the Sea of Galilee, and watched Christ calm the storm from a platform of water. Had an angry mob or demon-possessed maniac met them, by now they would not have been shocked. But what they found, at least initially, was a region of people hungry for the work of Christ.*

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1. What did the people do when they recognized Jesus had come into their land according to Mark 6:53 – 56?

2. Perhaps those who were sick and had infirmities heard about the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed. What did Jesus say to this woman in Matthew 9:20 – 22 concerning her faith?
 - The working of the Holy Spirit continued through the Apostles as people brought out the sick and needy to be healed. How do Acts 5:12–16 and Acts 19:11–12 encourage us today?

- According to Numbers 15:37 – 41 the children of Israel were to make tassels on the corners of their garments. What is the symbolism of these tassels?
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3. Why were the Pharisees and Scribes upset with Jesus according to Mark 7:1 – 2?

 4. What are the traditions of the elders concerning washing in Mark 7:3 – 5 and what question did they ask Jesus?

 5. How did Jesus answer their question concerning the tradition of men according to Mark 7:6 – 9?

 6. What biblical example did Jesus give to the Pharisees and scribes in Mark 7:10 – 13? How should we treat our mother and father?

7. Focus in on Mark 7:9, 13. Have you ever found yourself keeping the traditions of men instead of God's commandments? (Compare with Colossians 2:20 – 23)