



THE GOSPEL OF

**MARK**



## Sermon Series Notes

### “The Power of a changed life” (Mark 7:31-37)

Art Dykstra - NT3684 Topic: Unity, change, salvation

Mark - Peter's 1<sup>st</sup> person viewpoint. Audience is Roman Christians. Only Matthew and Mark contain these accounts of Sidon and Tyre.

Josh. 13- Asher inherited the land all the way to the fortified city of Tyre. But never ultimately controlled those cities. So it was technically Israelite territory. His care reflected God's heart- 1 Kings 17- Elijah was sent to the widow of Zarephath near Tyre

2<sup>nd</sup>, avoiding King Herod Antipas-

\*3<sup>rd</sup>, Jesus was continuing his discipleship. Leaving the multitudes, he wanted to teach his core a critical lesson. At this point, he only had one year left of ministry.

The whole chapter 7 is unified in making a point. Outward conformity but no inward change. Rules taught by men. V. 7 Vain- useless. Unless the heart is oriented correctly.

7 V. 14 HUGE point- nothing that enters makes himself unclean. what comes out. Jesus is walking his disciples through a ministry plan of changing their outlook on souls.

V. 24 After this important lesson- goes to Gentile territory. He's known all over because in Mark 3 it says crowds from all over including Tyre and Sidon came. The disciples, because of their nationalistic pride, fail again to learn what Jesus was teaching them. Like story of Jonah- God's passion and purpose

v. 31- leaves region of Tyre. Goes to the Deca-polis.- 10 cities. 2<sup>nd</sup> time

v. 32- Fame spread. Matthew simply tells us that the lame, crippled, blind, mute and many others came and he healed them. When they saw the lame walk, the blind see, crippled made well, they praised the God of Israel.

V.33-34- He wanted to communicate to a deaf man using signs that he was healing. Separated because he didn't want others to think this a pattern for healing.

V.35- tongue loosened. Gr. Word only used 1x else. Is. 35:5-6. Prophetic of messiah

v. 36- Can't shut them up. 2 reasons: 1. His hour had not yet come... 2. Miracles were never the focus of his ministry.

V. 37 He does all things well. Not somethings. All things. Judges 2:10- the next generation fell into idolatry because they didn't know God and what he'd done.

**Conclusion:** Several things we learn:

1. **Removing Prejudices.** The entire chapter is a lesson Jesus was teaching his disciples. Ephesians 2:12-15 Destroyed the barrier, creating one new man out of the two, brought near by the blood of Christ. **Temple:** 1<sup>st</sup> court of the Gentiles, the court of women, Court of Israelites, court of the priests, Holy place and the Holy of Holies. Each step kept more out. **MacArthur:** *the wall that*

*always separated in the temple the Gentile from the Jew, Jesus Christ has smashed... when Jesus died, He just took a bulldozer and bulldozed the whole temple and left the Holy of Holies standing free and clear. And every man can enter directly in the Holy of Holies. That's what the writer of Hebrews says. "Let us come boldly into His presence."*

- a. **For unity.** Jesus is the most unifying person in history when he becomes our identity. Eph. 2:16-17 **Acts 13-** Rich and Poor, Jew/Gentile, slave/free. Classless, raceless society (happens not because a political party decides, but as hearts are changed). Paul in Kenya- Luo, Kikuyu, Kamba – bitter enemies. Doing communion.
2. **The Power of a life changed.** Mark 5:9-17- Demonic. Leave our region (Decapolis). Mt 15:30 (great crowds came). Why the change? 5:18-20. A man who had an encounter with Jesus turned the 10 Cities upside down. **Adoniram Judson-** 50,000 churches trace their roots to him. Or *Edward Kimball,- most people have never heard of him. Sunday school teacher . One young man, in particular, didn't seem to understand what the gospel was about so Kimball went to the shoe store where he was stocking shelves and confronted him in the stock room with the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That young man was Dwight L. Moody. In the stockroom on that Saturday, he believed the gospel and received Jesus Christ as his Savior. In his lifetime, Moody touched two continents for God, with thousands professing Christ through his ministry. Under Moody, another man's heart was touched, Wilbur Chapman. Chapman became the evangelist who preached to thousands. One day, a professional ball player had a day off and attended one of Chapman's meetings, and thus, Billy Sunday was converted. Sunday quit baseball and became part of Chapman's team. Then, Chapman accepted the pastorate of a large church and Billy Sunday began his own evangelistic crusades. Another young man was converted whose name was Mordecai Ham. When Ham came to Charlotte, North Carolina, a sandy-haired, lanky young man, then in high school, vowed that he wouldn't go hear him preach, but Billy Frank, as he was called by his family, did eventually go. Ham announced that he knew for a fact that a house of ill repute was located across the street from the local high school and that male students were skipping lunch to visit the house across the street. When students decided to go to interrupt the meetings of Mordecai Ham, Billy Frank decided to go see what would happen. That night Billy Frank went and was intrigued by what he heard. Returning another night, he responded to the invitation and was converted. Billy Frank eventually became known as Billy Graham, the evangelist who preached to more people than any other person who ever lived, including the Apostle Paul.*

1 Peter 2:9-

3. He does all things well.