

## Display the Power of Jesus Mark 1:29-45

2 Corinthians 12:9 *"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."*

### **Jesus' power can heal many who are sick and under demonic attacks.** Mark 1:29-34

*"...And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons..."*

- Demons still attack us today. Learn more in the Digging Deeper on the back.

### **Jesus' power is renewed in solitary times alone praying to our Father.** Mark 1:35–37

*"In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. Simon and his companions searched for Him; they found Him, and said to Him, 'Everyone is looking for You.'"*

- Jesus needed time alone because He was so busy. Mark 6:46; 13:42, 43
- Jesus needed time alone even though He seemed to miss great opportunities of ministry.
- Jesus needed time alone even when His others implied it was wasted time.

### **Jesus' power is focused on His primary calling—to preach the gospel of repentance and faith in Him.**

Mark 1:38-39; Mark 1:15

*"He said to them, 'Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for.'"*

### **Jesus' power is compassionately displayed in us so we can testify of His work to others.** Mark 1:40-45

*"And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, 'If You are willing, You can make me clean.' Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I am willing; be cleansed'...and He said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'"*

Observe how the leper being healed is like sinners in need of Jesus:

- Leprosy begins small and will spread if not "cleansed."
- Lepers admit they are unclean and need healing from Jesus.
- Leprosy is incurable unless "cleansed" by Jesus.
- Leprosy numbs the nerves so the leper will not feel the pain to himself and others.
- The leper's healing was complete when he showed himself to the priest. Leviticus 13
- Lepers healed cannot contain the joy and excitement by proclaiming the good "news around" to others.

Mark 1:45 *"But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere."*

## Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

### TELL YOUR STORY

**What would you say to someone that asks how and where the power of Christ is working in your life?** For example, when you first trusted in Jesus as your Savior and He forgave you fully; when He enabled you to forgive another person; when He healed you of a broken heart; when His grace filled you in times of grief; when He strengthened you to love an unlovable person; when He helped you persevere through difficult circumstances; when He called you to serve Him in some type of ministry. You can use the sheet in today's Current to tell your story today or share it online at [calvarylife.org/story](http://calvarylife.org/story)

### UNDERSTANDING DEMONIC ATTACKS:

Many will ask if demons can possess a born again Christian. In short, no, since Christ dwells in us and His Holy Spirit fills us. **1 John 4:4** - *"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."*

#### Three subversive ways Satan and demons will attack today:

- 1) **Deception: Demons will seek to deceive us.** Read 2 Corinthians 11:3 and Genesis 3.  
In what ways did Satan deceive Eve? Discuss where you see these attacks today.
  - Don't trust the Word of God. Genesis 3:1
  - There are no consequences for disobeying God in sin. Genesis 3:4
  - Some sins are desirable and can improve your life once free from God's unfair restrictions. Genesis 3:6
- 2) **Doctrine that is incorrect: Demons promote false doctrine.** Read 2 Corinthians 11:4, 12-14.  
What false messages and messengers does Paul highlight in these passages? Where do you see such messages or messengers today? Why is it hard to identify false teachers based on how they appear?
- 3) **Destruction: Demons seek to destroy bodies, relationships, marriages and prevent unbelievers' faith in Jesus.**
  - Read 2 Corinthians 2:10-11. If someone will not forgive another, what will Satan do?
  - Read Ephesians 4:26-27. How can our anger be a tool of Satan?
  - Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. How will Satan prevent a nonbeliever from believing in Jesus?  
How should you then pray?
  - Read Acts 19:11-20. What can demons do to those without Christ?

**What can you do to "overcome" Satan and his demon's attacks based on Revelation 12:10-12, II Corinthians 10:3-5 and Ephesians 6:10-20?**

## Next Steps:

**JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY:** Come grow in your faith on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm through the **Wednesday Pastor's Study** on Zechariah in the Chapel or the **Alpha Course** to explore questions about life and faith in the Lobby with amazing ministries for **Nursery to High School**. We also have great programs to help you grow in different areas of life such as **Celebrate Recovery, Financial Peace University, and Cal Fit**. learn more at [calvarylife.org/wednesday](http://calvarylife.org/wednesday)

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