

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Gospel of Mark. Today's topic: A DAY IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.

1. A call to follow Jesus

- a) Mark 1:16-20 Why do you think Mark records the call of these four disciples at the beginning of his Gospel record, omitting any mention of the early ministry of Jesus in Judea (John 1-4)?
- b) What are your thoughts about concise appeal of Jesus to these four fisherman and their response?
- c) What additional information is provided by the apostle John about the call of these first disciples? John 1:35-42
- d) What has Jesus called you to leave in order to follow Him as His disciple?

2. A day in Capernaum

- a) Mark 1:21-28 What important lessons can we learn from this memorable Sabbath worship service at the synagogue in Capernaum?
- b) This unclean spirit was testifying the truth about Jesus. Why did Jesus command the unclean spirit to be quiet? (See also Mark 1:34)
- c) Mark 1:29-31 Why did Jesus heal Simon Peter's mother-in-law instead of simply wishing her a speedy recovery from her sickness?
- d) Mark 1:32-34 What are your thoughts about what happened after the Sabbath ended on that memorable day in Capernaum?
- e) How do you think Jesus and His disciples felt after that memorable day of ministry in Capernaum?

3. How Jesus began each day

- a) Mark 1:35 What can we learn about the prayer life of Jesus from this verse? (See also Luke 6:12)
- b) Mark 1:36-37 What lesson can we learn from the reaction of Simon Peter and those with him?
- c) What are some things that distract us from spending quality time with God in prayer?
- d) What lessons can we learn about prayer from the following verses? Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 11:1-4
- e) When did the disciples finally learn the importance of prayer? Mark 14:32-40, Acts 1:14, 2:42, 6:4
- f) When did you discover the importance of prayer as part of your personal relationship with Jesus?

4. Healing a leper

- a) Mark 1:40-42 What can we learn about this leper and also about Jesus from this story?
- b) Mark 1:43-44 Why did Jesus strictly warn the healed man not to testify regarding his healing?
- c) Mark 1:45 What was the result of the healed man's disregard for the instruction of Jesus?
- d) What lessons can we learn for our lives today?

