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This Week's Word

Mark Chapter 3 Jesus faces growing hostility from the Pharisees and Herodians for healing on the Sabbath, and appoints twelve apostles to preach and cast out demons. While religious leaders accuse Jesus of being possessed by Beelzebul, He redefines His family as anyone who does the will of God.

Mark Chapter 4 Jesus teaches with parables, including the sower and the mustard seed, to explain how the word of God enters hearts and grows. After a long day of teaching, Jesus calms a fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee, leaving His disciples terrified by His absolute authority over wind and waves.

Mark Chapter 5 Jesus casts a legion of demons out of a man in the Gerasene region and heals a woman with a chronic affliction who touches His cloak. Demonstrating His power over mortality, Jesus enters the house of a synagogue leader and raises his twelve-year-old daughter back to life.

Mark Chapter 6 Rejected in His hometown of Nazareth, Jesus sends out the twelve disciples in pairs to preach repentance, heal the sick, and cast out spirits. Following the beheading of John the Baptist, Jesus feeds five thousand men with five loaves and two fish before walking on water to His struggling disciples.

Mark Chapter 7 Jesus confronts the Pharisees over their ritualistic traditions, explaining that true defilement comes from the evil desires of a person's heart rather than unwashed hands. Moving into Gentile territory, Jesus honors the persistent faith of a Syrophoenician woman by healing her daughter and later restores hearing and speech to a deaf man.

Mark Chapter 8 Jesus feeds another crowd of four thousand people and later heals a blind man in stages, using the miracle to symbolize the disciples' gradual spiritual understanding. Peter correctly declares that Jesus is the Christ, but Jesus immediately warns them that the Son of Man must suffer, die, and rise again.

Mark Chapter 9 Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain, where He is transfigured in radiant glory alongside Moses and Elijah while a divine voice confirms His sonship. After casting out a demon that the disciples could not expel, Jesus again predicts His death and teaches that true greatness in His kingdom comes from being a servant to all.

This Week's Reflections

What is God saying? How will I respond?