GOD’S SERVANT HAS COME

(Mark 10:45)

I. Jesus did the works of God.
   a. One of the purposes for the coming of Jesus was to preach (Mark 1:38).
   b. However, when you read Mark, you don’t read much of what Jesus preached.
   c. Mark emphasized the works of Jesus.
      i. This in now de-emphasizes the need for preaching.
      ii. The Holy Spirit showed the necessity of preaching in 1 Corinthians 1.
   d. It does show us that preaching is not all there is in the Christian life.
   e. Jesus ministered to the physical needs of people as well as their spiritual needs.
   f. There was a balance in what Jesus did – He did not emphasize one to the neglect of the other.
      i. Too often, when attempting to meet people’s physical needs, we do little to nothing to meet their spiritual needs.
      ii. But, if all we attempt to do is meet people’s spiritual needs, we won’t get far because we won’t be viewed as understanding or kind.
   g. The time of Jesus on earth was short and He had a lot to do in a short amount of time.
      i. Mark seems to have captured that fact with Jesus.
      ii. The words “immediately” or “straightway” are found over 30 times in reference to Jesus in this book.
      iii. Jesus is shown to have been constantly doing because His time was short.
   h. Jesus served by doing the work that God sent Him to do.
      i. You and I have work today that God needs done by His people.
         i. We need to be sure that we are doing all of that work and not just part of it.
         ii. At a young age, Jesus said that he needed to be about His Father’s business.
         iii. We must as well.

II. Jesus served others sacrificially.
   a. Mark 10:45.
   b. Think of the sacrifice Jesus made just to come to earth.
      i. We talked about this when we looked at Philippians 2:5-8.
      ii. He gave up equality with the Father to come here.
      iii. He gave up the splendor of heaven to come here.
   c. Jesus sacrificed a home on earth to serve others.
      i. Mark 8:20.
      ii. He often spent long nights serving others through teaching and healing.
iii. Again, read Mark’s gospel account and see how often Jesus was on the move from one act of service to another.

d. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice in service to man by dying for the sins of all men.
   ii. Jesus gave His innocent life for our guilty lives.

e. Jesus practiced sacrificial service and called us to do the same.
   i. Mark 8:34-35.
   ii. Each of us is to take up our own cross and live for God, which means a life of service.
   iii. There may be sacrifices that we have to make, up to and including our own lives, in order to be faithful.
   iv. We must be willing and ready to make whatever sacrifice is necessary for the cause of Christ.

III. Jesus served others compassionately.

a. All through the gospel accounts we see Jesus serving others because He was genuinely concerned for them.

b. In the first chapter of Mark we read of Jesus being moved with compassion at the request of a leper (Mark 1:40-41).

c. Jesus, in the early part of His ministry, had great crowds follow Him.
   i. On one such occasion it began to grow late and His disciples urged Jesus to send them away to find food for themselves.
   ii. Jesus refused and fed them all miraculously.

d. Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw a man with a withered hand so He healed the man on the Sabbath in front a group of Pharisees.
   i. Jesus knew the attitude of the Pharisees and what they would say.
   ii. Jesus had compassion and acted any way.

e. Jesus never acted just to act.
   i. He knew He was there representing the Father.
   ii. His actions were done out of concern for the one on whom He was acting.

f. We must never get so caught up in the doing of an act that we forget that we are serving God and our fellow man.
   i. It may be an inconvenience to me at times.
   ii. That doesn’t matter when we are busy serving others instead of doing just doing a task.

IV. Jesus served others to model greatness.

a. Mark 9:35.

b. This is so against the teaching of the world.
   i. In the eyes of the world, one is great who has many serving him.
   ii. The more people who serve you, the greater you are.
c. Jesus taught the very opposite of this.
   i. The more people you serve, the greater you are in the kingdom.
   ii. Everyone is worthy of our service.
   iii. Jesus died for those that murdered Him and we must serve those who
        the world deems as unworthy.

d. We don’t serve to obtain some benefit later down the road from the one we
   have given service.
   i. Jesus taught that was the way of the Gentile world.
   ii. We don’t serve to see what we can get in return from someone.
   iii. We serve because we love God and those who are created in His image.

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