

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.
 - i. Hebrews 2:9.
 - 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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