

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for July 3, 2016**

**The Mission of the Messiah**  
**Mark 1:29-39**

I. The miracle inside the house (1:29-31)

*29 “And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.”*

- Same day where we left off last time (Sabbath/Saturday-Midday)
- Same people/disciples reiterated
- Simon’s house not far from Capernaum synagogue and decent size

*30a “Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever,”*

- Simon/Peter was married contrary to popular belief
- Ancient people thought fever was disease in and of itself
- Fever is symptom of some underlying condition
- In reality, she could have had a bad infection

*30b “and immediately they told him about her”*

- Obvious urgency and concern surrounding her condition

*31a “And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her,”*

- Simply helped her up from her bedridden state
- Contrast from synagogue healing (public vs private, dramatic vs simple, speech vs touch, impersonal vs personal)
- Yet similar in that both miracles serve to show His authority over all things

*31b “and she began to serve them.”*

- She served showing healing was both immediate and complete
- The immediate and complete components indicate supernatural healing
- Are there similar healings in our time?
  - Modern healings done for money-Jesus no place to lay His head
  - Modern healings are incomplete-Jesus fully healed
  - Modern healings are suspect-Jesus’ healings were undeniable
  - Modern healers need certain setting-Jesus’ healings spontaneous
  - Modern healings take time-Jesus’ healings were immediate
  - Modern healers knock down-Jesus helps up
  - Miracle/healing vs. Miracle worker/healer

## II. The masses outside the house (1:32-34)

32 *“That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.”*

- Why did they wait until sundown?
- People seemed to wait until dark since it was still the Sabbath during the day
- Jeremiah 17:21-22, Thus says the LORD: Take care for the sake of your lives, and do not bear a burden on the Sabbath day or bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem. And do not carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath or do any work, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers.
- Both sick and oppressed by demons (different issues)

33 *“And the whole city was gathered together at the door.”*

- “The whole city” hyperbole but Capernaum was not small
  - At least 15,000 people (small cities in Galilee)
  - Capernaum was a larger city in Galilee
  - Word from the synagogue had got out fast
  - Maybe they were the people who missed synagogue that day
- Jesus did not setup or seek out healing campaigns (People came and brought their sick to Him)

34a *“And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons.”*

- Not a magician with a couple of tricks
- He was a legitimate healer, not in a controlled environment with a program
- Difference between healing diseases and casting out demons
- Jesus’ mission is both physical over the earth and spiritual over the cosmic forces
- Authority of Jesus continues to be manifested

34b *“And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.”*

- He silences the demons because they know who He is
  - They knew he was the Messiah - Luke 4:41
  - Jesus’ deeds tell reader that He is the Messiah
  - Demons testimony subtly tell reader that He is the Messiah
- Jesus silences the demons because He is defining who He is and His own ministry on His own terms

## III. The mission beyond Capernaum (1:35-39)

35 *“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.”*

- After a busy day, Jesus got up early to spend time with God in prayer
- Luke 5:16, “But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.”

36 *“And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, ‘Everyone is looking for you.’”*

- Jesus could have easily stayed and amassed more fame
- Jesus’ purpose was not to stay and accumulate fame in Capernaum

38 *“And he said to them, ‘Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.’”*

- “his primary mission is not to be a wonder-worker but to proclaim the kingdom of God” (France, 112)
- Luke 4:43, “but he said to them, ‘I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.’”

39 *“And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.”*

- Summary statement of Jesus’ preaching ministry
- “The healings and exorcisms serve merely to confirm the presence and power of the kingdom of God.”
- Acts 2:22, “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know--”
- John 20:30-31, Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.