

Humanity's Opportunity

Mark 3:7-35

1. Seeking Jesus vs. 7-12

It did not matter where Jesus went, people recognized Him as the one who brought hope; hope to overcome their impurities with His purity. The question to be asked, was their seeking only for physical health, or for their spiritual health as well?

Those who are searching for hope, begin to seek Jesus. The question to be asked, is our seeking Jesus only for our physical needs, or for our spiritual health as well?

Question:

- What is our greatest need that only Jesus can fulfill?
- What does it look like to know God well? (Ephesians 1:17)

2. Being With Jesus Vs. 13-19

Jesus brought into existence the Twelve, the apostles whose existence is determined by His person and His work. Jesus gave them the authority to live out His kingdom's agenda to be sent out to preach the good news, and to have authority to drive out demons.

Only through Jesus, we are brought into existence as citizens of the kingdom of God. Jesus gave us the authority to live a new life of making disciples, baptizing, and teach them everything that Jesus has commanded us. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Question:

- Discipleship is a relationship before it is a task, a "who" before a "what". When our life is only focused on what we can do for Christ (works-based faith), how will this cause us to become complacent?

3. Clarifying Relationships Vs. 20-35

Jesus's earthly family questioned His sanity, and the teachers of the law questioned His authority over demons. The ones who truly have a relationship with Jesus Christ recognize His true identity and live a life united to His mission.

People have described Jesus in different ways, but only those who recognize Jesus' identity as the Messiah, the Son of God, and whose life is united with Jesus' mission are the ones who truly have a relationship with Him.

Question:

- How does my relationship with my Lord Jesus impact the way I live out God's will in my life? Is there any part of my life where I find myself wanting to resist God's will?