

GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Mark 1:16-34 & briefly review Sunday's Bible talk.

How does Jesus demonstrate his **authority and power**?

Read Mark 1:35-39.

What does Jesus say is his mission's **purpose**? (See v.38)

What is the **message** of Jesus' mission? (See v.15)

How does Jesus' **message & mission** differ from the expectations of his disciples (& the crowds)?

Many people today want Jesus to heal them physically. How is Jesus' **message & mission** far more important?

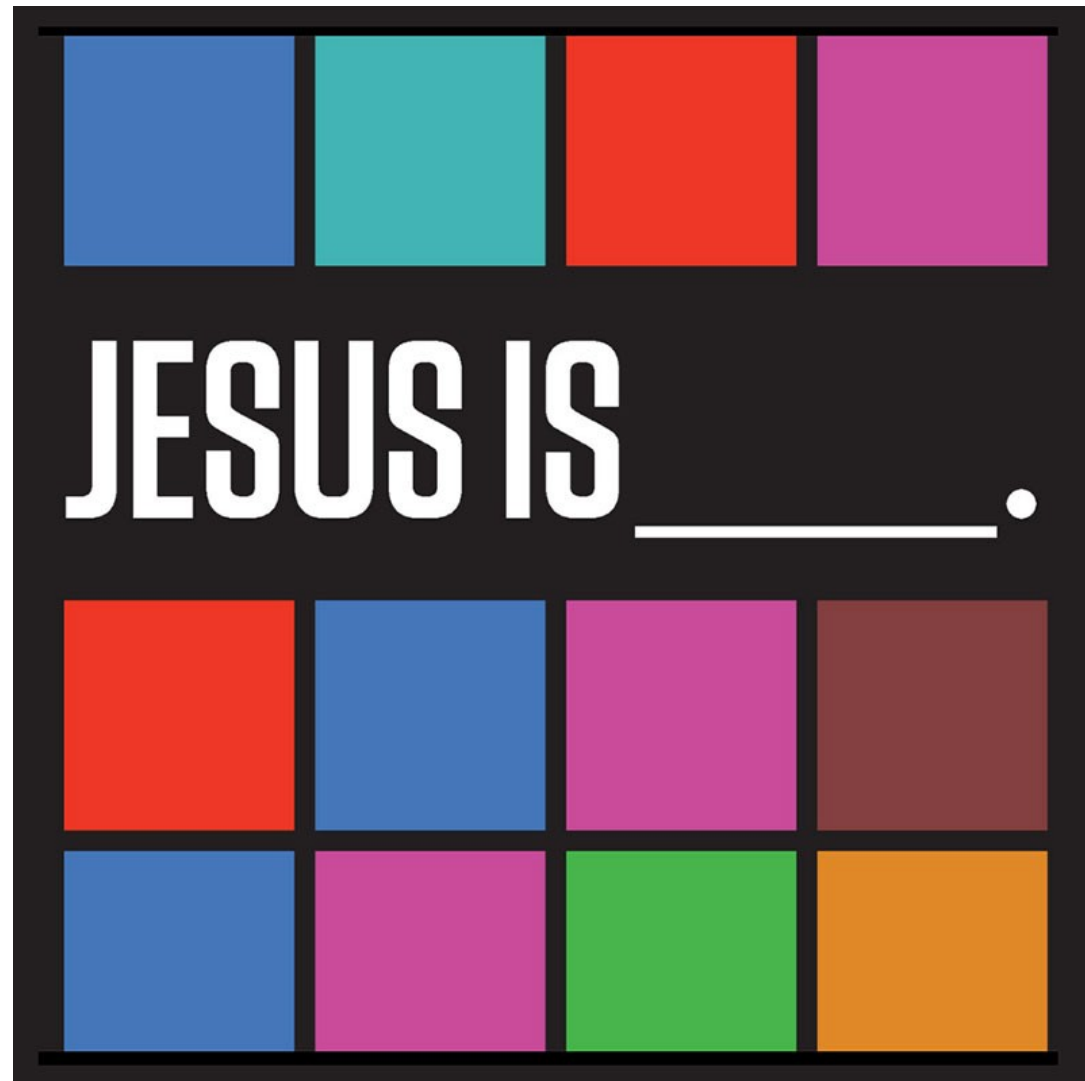
Read Mark 1:40-45.

What did the Old Testament teach about leprosy? See especially Leviticus 13:45-46.

What does this miracle tell you about Jesus?

Why is it sad that this man disobeys Jesus?

REFLECT & PRAY: Why is it important **to be clear** about Jesus' message when sharing it with others? List & pray for **three (3) persons** that you long would come to the Saviour, King Jesus.



Mark 1:16-34

7 February 2021

Mark 1:16-34 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And **immediately** they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And **immediately** he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and **immediately** on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as **one who had authority**, and not as the scribes. ²³ And **immediately** there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are- the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? **A new teaching with authority!** He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

²⁹ And **immediately** he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and **immediately** they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Jesus' Ministry in Galilee

Jesus spent most of his life and ministry in the region of Galilee, a mountainous area in northern Palestine. Jesus grew up in the hill town of Nazareth, about 3.5 miles (5.6 km) south of the Gentile administrative center of Sepphoris. Soon after he began his public ministry, Jesus relocated to Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. By Jesus' time, a thriving fishing industry had developed around the Sea of Galilee, and several of Jesus' disciples were fishermen.



©2008 by Crossway. All rights reserved.