

# Diseases and Demons

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Who is Jesus?
2. According to the New Testament, He is the incarnate Word of God
3. He is the Creator and Savior of the world and the founder of Christianity
4. He is also the sinless example of obedience to God
5. In the Gospel of Mark, He is called the “Son of God” (1:1) by Mark
6. Mark begins his gospel with by saying in [Mark 1:1](#), “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
7. This is the title and thesis of Mark’s gospel
8. This gospel is about Jesus who is the Son of God
9. Every story in Mark demonstrates this truth
10. In chapter one, we hear it at His baptism as verse 11 says, “And a voice came out of the heavens: ‘You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.’”
11. And we hear it in His teaching as the people were “amazed...for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (v.21).
12. We see it as He exercises power over demons and says to the unclean spirit in verse 25, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”
13. Verse 26 says it “came out of him”
14. Now we see it in His healing ministry in verses 30-45
15. Listen as I begin reading at verse 29

**Mark 1:29–45 LSB**

<sup>29</sup> And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

<sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they spoke to Jesus about her.

<sup>31</sup> And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she *began* waiting on them.

<sup>32</sup> Now when evening came, after the sun had set, they *began* bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed.

<sup>33</sup> And the whole city had gathered at the door.

<sup>34</sup> And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

<sup>35</sup> And in the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus rose up, went out of *the house*, and went away to a desolate place, and was praying there.

<sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions searched for Him;

<sup>37</sup> and they found Him, and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

<sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Let us go elsewhere, to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came out for."

<sup>39</sup> And He went, preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and casting out the demons.

<sup>40</sup> And a leper came to *Jesus*, pleading with Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

<sup>41</sup> And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

<sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

<sup>43</sup> And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,

<sup>44</sup> and He said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

<sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in desolate areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

16. In these 17 verses, we see Jesus’ healing power

17. We see His power over fever (vv.29-31), over demons and diseases (vv.32-39), and over “leprosy” (vv.40-45)

18. This demonstrated Mark’s statement that Jesus is “the Son of God”

19. Only the Son of God had this kind of authority

20. He had no limitations because He is God incarnate, the Son of God

21. No one had the power and authority that Jesus demonstrated

· Jesus first revealed His...

## LESSON

### I. Power Over Fever (vv.29-31)

- They just came out of the synagogue service (v.29)
- It would be around 12 noon (MacArthur)
- They came to Simon and Andrew’s house (v.29)
- They were accompanied by James and John (v.29)
- They immediately noticed that Simon’s mother-in-law was sick with fever (v.30)
- [Matthew 8:14](#) says she was “lying sick in bed with a fever”

- Luke says in [Luke 4:38](#) that she “was suffering from a high fever”
- So this was serious and even life threatening
- So “immediately they spoke to Jesus about her” (v.29)
- Mark says in verse 30 that Jesus “came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them.”
- Matthew says “He touched her hand, and the fever left her”
- Luke says in [Luke 4:39](#) that “He rebuked the fever, and it left her”
- Each occurrence indicates Jesus’ power over fever whether it was through a touch or by a rebuke
- Luke says she “Immediately she stood up and began waiting on them” ([Luke 4:39](#))
- She was healed
- It was immediate as indicated by her “immediately” standing up
- She went from “lying sick in bed” ([Mat.8:14](#)) to “waiting on them” ([Luke 4:39](#))
- [Psalm 103:1-3](#), “1 Bless Yahweh, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name. 2 Bless Yahweh, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; 3 Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;”

6432 Jesus Christ reveals, not an embarrassed God, not a confused God, not a God who stands apart from the problems, but one who stands in the thick of the whole thing.

Oswald Chambers

- So remember this when you’re sick or suffering in other ways
- Jesus “stands in the thick of the whole thing”
- You can trust and call on Him

Mark continues Jesus’ healing accounts in verses 32-39 demonstrating His...

## II. Power Over Demons and Diseases (vv.32-39)

News of the Savior's presence had spread during the day. As long as it was the Sabbath, the people dared not bring the needy to Him. But when the sun had set and the Sabbath had ended, there was a rush to the door of Peter's house.

- He had already demonstrated His power and authority over demons in vv.23-25
- He commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man in the synagogue in Capernaum (v.26)
- So in verse 32 they brought "to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed" (v.32)
- Verse 34 says "He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was"
- Verse 39 says "He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons"
- If you back up to verse 35, Jesus needed a break from His healing ministry
- He had healed the man in the synagogue during the morning, then in the early afternoon He healed Simon's mother-in-law, and then "when evening came," He healed those that were brought to Him
- So verse 35 says, "In the early morning, while it was still dark, (sometime between 3-6 AM- Wuest) Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there."

**Mark 1-8: The MacArthur New Testament Commentary The Power of His Action (1:35)**

The proof of His person had been demonstrated in His miracles, but the power behind His action was prayer. He was subject to the will of the Father and operating in the power of the Spirit.

- Albert Barnes said...

**Matthew & Mark Chapter 1**

Here observe, 1st. That the Saviour, though perfectly holy, regarded the duty of secret prayer as of great importance. 2d. That he sought a solitary place for it—far away from the world and even from his disciples. 3d. That it was early in the morning—always the best time, and a time when it should not be omitted. 4th. If Jesus prayed, how much more important is it for us! If he did it in the morning, how much more important is it for us, before the world gets possession of our thoughts; before Satan

fills us with unholy feelings; when we rise fresh from beds of repose, and while the world around us is still!

- David said in [Psalm 5:3](#), “O Yahweh, in the morning, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.”
  - He said in [Psalm 119:147](#), “I eagerly greet the dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words.”
  - We are to “pray without ceasing” ([1 Thess.5:17](#)) whether it’s in the morning, noon or evening
  - Certainly we are to pray as we minister to others but we also need time alone privately with the Father
  - Mark says in verses 36-39, “36 And Simon and his companions searched for Him; 37 and they found Him, and said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” 38 And He said to them, “Let us go elsewhere, to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came out for.” 39 And He went, preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and casting out the demons.”
- Mark mentions one more healing in verses 40-45 of a man with leprosy and reveals Jesus’ ...

### III. Power Over Leprosy (vv.40-45)

- Leprosy was common in Israel
- [Luke 4:27](#), “And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.””
- So it is likely that Jesus healed many lepers even though there are only two records of this kind of healing
- You have this occasion and the one in [Luke 17](#) where He healed ten lepers
- Leprosy was a horrible disease

#### Mark Healing a Leprous Man

In the ancient world, there were seventy-two distinct diseases of the skin under the broad heading of leprosy. Mark does not explain which variety of leprosy this poor man had. It may have been Hansen’s disease, the worst form of leprosy, but any form of leprosy was tragic and disastrous for people in those days.

According to medical experts who have studied modern cases of Hansen's disease, leprosy usually begins with pain and is followed by numbness as the disease progressively attacks the nervous system. The skin in those areas loses its color, becoming scaly and thick, and eventually turns into sores. The effects are especially noticeable on the face, where eyebrows and lashes fall out while the skin swells and bunches up, especially around the eyes and ears. The disease also causes those it infects to emit a foul odor, making leprosy repulsive both to the sight and to the smell (cf. William Hendriksen, *The Exposition of the Gospel according to Matthew*, New Testament Commentary [Grand Rapids: Baker, 1973], 388).

**Mark 1–8: The MacArthur New Testament Commentary The Leper's Predicament (1:40)**  
Since leprosy numbs its victims, making them incapable of feeling pain, they unintentionally destroy their own tissue because they are unable to feel the damage they are doing.

Philip Yancy, in his book, "Where Are You God When It Hurts," writes...

**Mark 1–8: The MacArthur New Testament Commentary The Leper's Predicament (1:40)**

Hansen's disease's numbing quality is precisely the reason such fabled destruction and decay of tissue occurs. For thousands of years people thought HD caused the ulcers on hands and feet and face which eventually led to rotting flesh and loss of limbs.... [Through modern medical] research, it has been established that in 99 percent of the cases, HD only numbs the extremities. The destruction follows solely because the warning system of pain is gone.

How does the decay happen? In villages of Africa and Asia, a person with HD has been known to reach directly into a charcoal fire to retrieve a dropped potato. Nothing in his body told him not to. Patients at Brand's hospital in India would work all day gripping a shovel with a protruding nail, or extinguish a burning wick with their bare hands, or walk on splintered glass.... The daily routines of life ground away at the HD patient's hands and feet, but no warning system alerted him. If an ankle turned, tearing tendon and muscle, he would adjust and walk crooked. If a rat chewed off a finger in the night, he would not discover it missing until the next morning. (Philip Yancey, *Where Are You God When It Hurts?* [Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977], 32–34)

Mark records that this man put off all caution when he "came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him" (v.40)

**Mark 1–8: The MacArthur New Testament Commentary The Leper's Predicament (1:40)**  
According to the Talmud, the closest a leper could come to someone without the disease was six feet. On windy days, the distance was extended to 150 feet.

- He said to Jesus, “If You are willing, You can make me clean” (v.41)

### **Matthew and Mark Notes**

In Gr., this is a third class condition, so the request is made without any presumption —i.e., “If you are willing, and I am not saying whether you are or not.” The leper knew that Jesus could make him clean, but he was not certain whether he would or not, although his willingness to risk approaching Jesus meant that he came in the hope that his request would be graciously granted.

- He obviously had heard about Jesus and knew that He could heal him
- Mark says Jesus was “moved with compassion”
- The verb here translated “moved with compassion” denotes not only a pained feeling at the sight of suffering but also a yearning to relieve it. (Hiebert)
- The NIV says Jesus was “indignant”,
- There are only a few manuscripts and old Latin texts that says this
- The better reading is “compassion” because of what it says next
- Jesus “stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed” (vv.41-42).

### **Mark Healing a Leprous Man**

The Lord Jesus Christ, the sinless one, whose food was to do the will of the Father to fulfill all righteousness (John 4:34; Matt. 3:15), violated the ceremonial law. Not only was the leper not allowed to touch a non-leper, the non-leper was not allowed to touch a leper. But Jesus touched him, notwithstanding any controversies with the Jewish religious leaders that would come after that. Mark shows us that Jesus was the Lord of the ceremonial law, with the authority to set it aside for His own redemptive processes.

- ‘After Jesus cleanses him He then warns him in vv.43-45 to “say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.’
- The first part of what Jesus told him was according to [Leviticus 14](#) in the Mosaic Law

- In this chapter, it says in order for a leper to be declared clean he had to do several things:
- First he had to go to the priest on duty at the temple
- The priest would then examine the person to verify his recovery
- Then two live birds were taken, along with cedar wood, a piece of scarlet cloth, and hyssop.
- One bird was killed over an earthen vessel containing fresh running water, and the living bird was dipped in the blood mixed with water and then released.
- The same blood mixed with water was sprinkled seven times on the healed person.
- After this symbolic purification the individual was required to cleanse himself bodily; and although he could now enter the camp, he still had to remain outside his tent for another seven days. (Elwell, Walter A., and Barry J. Beitzel. "Leprosy, Leper." *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible*, vol. 2, Baker Book House, 1988, p. 1324).
- What do these three healings say about the healer?

#### **John MacArthur Sermon Archive Jesus Trades Places with a Leper**

The purpose of all these miracles whether it is healing disease, ending death, casting out demons, feeding multitudes, walking on water, whatever it is that was miraculous was done in order to validate the fact that Jesus is the Son of God and therefore not only does He have supernatural power, but what He says is true.

- Remember that is exactly what Mark said in verse 1
- Jesus is "the Son of God"
- He is the only one with the power and authority over diseases and demons
- What should be our response to Jesus' power and authority?
- The first answer is given in [Acts 16:30-31](#) with the question the Philippian jailer asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?"
- What does Paul say in [Acts 16:31](#), "And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your house.'"
- The first answer is to...

# IV. Believe in the Lord Jesus

· But first...

## A. To Be Saved You Must Know Who is the Savior

- Who is the Savior?
- Mark answers in 1:1 that He is the “Son of God”
- His healing ministry proved it and others
- He was proclaimed to be the “Son of God”:
  - By Satan - [Matthew 4:3](#), “And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.””
  - By demons - [Mark 3:11](#), “And whenever the unclean spirits were seeing Him, they would fall down before Him and cry out, saying, “You are the Son of God!””
  - By the angel Gabriel - [Luke 1:35](#), “The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.”
  - By John the Baptist - [John 1:34](#), “And I myself have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.””
  - By Nathaniel - [John 1:49](#), “Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.””
  - By Philip - [Acts 8:37](#), “And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”]”
  - By Paul - [Acts 9:20](#), “and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.””
  - By the writer of Hebrews - [Hebrews 4:14](#), “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us take hold of our confession.”
  - By John - [1 John 4:15](#), “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

- By the Centurion - [Mark 15:39](#), “And when the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!””

› Not only is He the “Son of God,” but He is also...

- Lord
- He is the Lord Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ
- Paul said to believe in the Lord Jesus
- Jesus was a common name but when you add “Lord” it changes everything
- Lord is another term for God
- If you are Lord of all then you are God
- The Bible demonstrates this when it says every tongue will confess Jesus as Lord
- [Philippians 2:9-11](#), “9 Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.”

· So in other words...

B. To Be Saved You Must Believe what Scripture says About Him and You Must Believe He is Who He Claimed to Be

- [John 20:31](#), “but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”
- The word “believe” (pisteuo) comes from the Greek word pistis which means faith
- Pisteuo means “to believe, have faith in, to be firmly persuaded as to something, to believe” (Zodhiates)
- In the words of [Romans 4:21](#), it is to be “fully assured”, “fully convinced, wholly certain” (Dunn)
- There is another word found in [John 1:12](#) that also means to believe
- It is the word “receive”

- [John 1:12-13](#), “12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”
- The word “receive” (lambano, aor.act.ind.) means “to lay hold of or take hold of” (Louw-Nida)

### **The MacArthur Study Bible Chapter 1**

The second phrase describes the first. To receive Him who is the Word of God means to acknowledge His claims, place one’s faith in Him, and thereby yield allegiance to Him.

#### **C. To Be Saved You Must Also Believe in What He Did**

- [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#), “3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”
- [Romans 10:9-10](#), “9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, leading to righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, leading to salvation.”

#### **D. Belief Has to Have An Object, Jesus is the Object of Our Faith**

- [Acts 20:21](#), reveals this is what Paul proclaimed to both Jews and Gentiles, “repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- [Mark 16:16](#), “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”
- [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) “8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not of works, so that no one may boast.”
- [John 3:16](#), “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”
- [John 2:23-24](#), “23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, when they saw His signs which He was doing. 24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,”

| If to believe in Jesus was man’s first duty, not to believe in him was his chief sin.

| **John Stott**

The issue of faith is not so much whether we believe in God, but whether we believe the God we believe in.

R. C. Sproul; R. C. Sproul Jr.

- Do you believe Jesus is Lord?

· If so you must...

## V. Confess Him with Your Mouth

- [Romans 10:9-10](#), “9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, leading to righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, leading to salvation.”
- The word “confess” (homologeō, aor.act.subj.) means “to say the same thing”
- To “confess...Jesus as Lord,” is to agree with what the Bible says about Jesus, that He is Lord
- [Matthew 10:32-33](#), “32 “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 “But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”
- [Luke 12:8](#), “And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God,”
- [Acts 19:8](#), “And after he entered the synagogue, he continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.”
- [Philippians 2:11](#), “and that EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.”
- [1 John 4:15](#), “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

· You must believe and confess Jesus as Lord and you must...

## VI. Repent of Your Sin

- [Mark 1:15](#), “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

- Repent and believe are imperatives
- The command of the Gospel is to repent and believe
- John the Baptist called for repentance when he preached of the coming Messiah
- Matthew says in [Matthew 3:5-8](#), “5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea, and all the district around the Jordan; 6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 “Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;”
- Peter called for repentance in [Acts 2:38](#), “And Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

| Unbelief makes us rebels and deserters.

| **John Calvin**

- God calls you to repent
- [Acts 17:30-31](#), “30 “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now commanding men that everyone everywhere should repent, 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He determined, having furnished proof to all by raising Him from the dead.””
- What are you repenting of?
- [John 16:7-11](#), “7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”
- You’re repenting of your sin of unbelief
- It’s like the answer a father gave to Jesus after healing his son in [Mark 9:24](#), “Immediately the boy’s father cried out and was saying, “I do believe; help my unbelief.””

- You're repenting of your unrighteousness
- You're repenting of your idolatry - [Exodus 20:3](#), "You shall have no other gods before Me."
- You're repenting of breaking God's commandments
- [James 2:10](#), "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all."
- [Deuteronomy 27:26](#), "'Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'"
- You're fleeing the wrath that is to come by turning from sin, self, and Satan and turning to Christ and trusting Him who alone can save you forever and grant you eternal life
- [Matthew 3:7](#), "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"
- [John 3:36](#), "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.'"
- What is removed after you come to Christ?
- [Romans 8:1](#), "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
- [John 3:18](#), "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

· Believe, confess, repent...

· Next...

## VII. Call On Jesus to Save You

Since no man is excluded from calling upon God the gate of salvation is set open to all. There is nothing else to hinder us from entering, but our own unbelief.

John Calvin

- [Romans 10:13](#), “for “WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.””
- Who are you confessing to in [Romans 10:9](#)? God (v.1)
- If you never call on Him to have mercy on your soul and save you, you will never be saved but damned for all eternity
- [Luke 18:9-14](#), “9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 “The Pharisee stood and was praying these things to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 ‘I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ 13 “But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ 14 “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.””

· Last...

## VIII. Love Him with All Your Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength

- [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), “You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”
- [Matthew 22:37-38](#), “37 And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ 38 “This is the great and foremost commandment.”
- What does this mean?
- [Matthew 10:37-39](#), “37 “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 “He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.”

He concluded that if the Great Commandment was to love God with all the heart, then the Great Transgression was to fail to love God with all the heart.

# CONCLUSION

1. Is this your response to the Son of God?
2. What other evidence can Mark give?
3. That's more than enough
4. But He gives more as he tells the story of Jesus and the greatest evidence for Jesus being the Son of God and in fact God incarnate is in chapter 16 of Him rising from the dead
5. [Romans 1:4](#), He “was designated as the Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead...”
6. C.S. Lewis wrote in Mere Christianity...

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I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would be either a lunatic — on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.

—C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

7. My prayer today for you is that will take what you now know of Jesus and surrender to Him
8. Don't miss what Mark is saying in this passage
9. Don't get caught up in the miracles and miss the Savior
10. The miracles point to who He is
11. Let God open your heart to this
12. Let's pray