

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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TITLE: SERVANT OF ALL

BIG IDEA: The Gospel of Mark focuses on Jesus as the “Perfect Servant”

VERSE: Mark 10:43-45

43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK

1. It is an early gospel, considered the first to be written.
 - a. All but 31 verses are quoted in the other gospels, which scholars suggest that Matthew and Luke used the Gospel of Mark as a reference.
2. It is a concise gospel, the shortest of the four gospels.
 - a. Luke has 1151 verses, Matthew 1071, John 879, Mark 661
 - b. We can read it in just 1.5 hours.
3. It is a fast-paced gospel.
 - a. Over 40 times he uses a word translated "straightway" or "immediately."
 - b. Two-thirds of the verses begin with "and" to show emphasis on points quicker.
4. It is a vivid gospel.
 - a. Mark wrote with all the graphic distinctiveness and vividness of an eyewitness.
 - b. It is easy to understand by the readers.
5. It is focused on Jesus as the “Perfect Servant”
 - a. It emphasizes the deeds of the Lord more than His Words.
 - b. It describes more the events, places, and people, and it tells of Jesus’ mighty and miraculous works. Only four parables are mentioned in the book.

JESUS AS THE PERFECT SERVANT

1. **Jesus is more on ACTIONS over status or position**
 - a. *v42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.*
 - b. The way of the world is based on status and position.
 - i. People aspire to be no. 1. To be on the top.
 - ii. Because being no. 1 and on top is a position of privilege, of power, of getting what you want.
 - c. But the way in the Kingdom of God is different.
 - i. *v45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...*
 - ii. Being the Son of God did not make Jesus idle. Instead, it put Him in a position to do things for others.
 - iii. Jesus’ life here on earth was full of actions. (Called the sinners, Healed the sick, Drove out impure spirits, Feed the hungry, Raised the dead, Even gave His life)
 - d. Reflection:
 - i. There is nothing wrong on aspiring greatness, but **Greatness comes with actions, what you do for others.**
 - ii. What Jesus did to others made a difference in their lives. Same thing with what we will do for others.

2. Jesus served with PURPOSE

- a. *v45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*
- b. Jesus was very clear on His purpose.
- c. Every action is toward the will of His Father, His Calling, His Purpose, which is to save mankind.
- d. Let's look at the Book of Mark
 - i. Presentation and Preparation (Mark 1)
 1. Baptism and affirmation by God the Father that He is the Son.
 2. Prayer and Fasting
 3. Calling of the Disciples
 - ii. Exposing His Authority (Mark 1-8)
 1. Preaching of the Good News
 2. To heal the sick, the blind see, deaf hear, mute speak
 3. Drive out impure spirits
 4. Call the sinners to repentance, forgive sins
 5. Feed the hungry
 6. Calm the storm
 7. Raise the dead
 - iii. Revealing His Mission (Mark 8-10)
 1. Predicts His death and Resurrection
 2. Transfiguration
 3. Servant of all
 - iv. Fulfillment of His Mission (Mark 11-15)
 1. Triumphant Entry
 2. Greatest commandment
 3. Betrayal and rejection
 4. Crucifixion
 - v. His Victory (Mark 16)
 1. Resurrection and Ascension
 2. Sending of His Disciples
- e. Every step of Jesus' life here on earth has its purpose.
- f. Reflection:
 - i. **Purpose makes a lot of difference when we do things. It leads us to the right outcomes.**
 - ii. That is how Jesus served, with purpose, with outcomes.
 - iii. Note that purpose is not constant. It changes, it grows through time.

3. Jesus was a WILLING Servant

- a. Jesus did not hesitate to serve, to give His life for us. He fully embraced it.
- b. Even if He knows the tremendous sacrifice that He will go through, He willingly did it.
- c. Even if mankind does not deserve it, He still did it. He WILLINGLY served His purpose.
- d. **Willingness is about accepting the sacrifices.**
- e. **It has no excuses. It is about being ready.**
- f. The word Servant came from Greek word, "DIAKONOS"
 - i. This is where we get the word Deacon.
 - ii. Originally, this word is means 'raising dust by hastening'
 - iii. Because a good servant moved so fast that dust flew around him.

- g. Jesus was ready to do it all, promptly. He wanted to finish His purpose on time.
- h. Reflection:
 - i. **To serve others will always entail sacrifices.**
 - ii. **Let us willingly accept the sacrifices.**
 - iii. **The faster we do it, the more we can accomplish things for God.**
 - iv. That is how Jesus did it.

CONCLUSION:

- ACTION, PURPOSE, WILLINGNESS
- Jesus showed us the perfect example of being a Servant.
- WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE! We must look for ways to serve others.
- We can be an instrument of God for the miracles of others.
 - People who are sick and needs healing. Let us pray for them.
 - People who need help. Let us help. If we have more, give.
 - People who need someone to talk to. Let us go and be with them.
 - People who are imprisoned by of sin. Let us share Jesus to them.
- Let us all be willing servants of God for others!
- **Let us do our purpose, our calling! We are called to serve!**

DISCUSSION:

1. Reflect on yourself and see what we can do for others.
2. How will you commit yourself to the things you can do?
 - (Write it, Post it, Spend specific time/day, Allocate portion of your blessing to it, etc)