FBCD Dive! Women's Ministry

Follow Me: Session 3 (Mark 6:45–9:13)

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Responses to Jesus in the First Half of Mark:

- Simon and Andrew: "And immediately they left their nets and followed him" (1:18).
- James and John: "And immediately he called them, and they . . . followed him" (1:20).
- Onlookers:
  - "And they were astonished at his teaching" (1:22).
  - "And they were all amazed" (1:27).
  - ". . . they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We never saw anything like this!'" (2:12).
- Levi: "And he rose and followed him" (2:14).
- Pharisees: "The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him" (3:6).
- Family: ". . . they went out to seize him, for they were saying, 'He is out of his mind'" (3:21).
- Scribes: "And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul,' and 'by the prince of demons he casts out the demons'" (3:22).
- Disciples in the boat: "And they were filled with great fear" (4:41).
- Garasenes: ". . . they were afraid. . . . And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region" (5:15, 17).
- Crowd: "And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him" (5:24).
- Woman: "But the woman . . . came in fear and trembling and fell down before him" (5:33).
- Onlookers:
  - "And they laughed at him" (5:40).
  - ". . . they were immediately overcome with amazement" (5:42).
  - ". . . many who heard him were astonished" (6:2).
  - ". . . they took offense at him" (6:3).
- Disciples: "And they were utterly astounded" (6:51).
- Onlookers: ". . . the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was" (6:54-55).
- Gentile woman: "But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet" (7:25).
- Onlookers: "And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, 'He has done all things well'" (7:37).
- Pharisees: "The Pharisees came and began to argue with him" (8:11).

Structure of Mark

1. First Half: **The Road to Caesarea Philippi** (1:1-8:30)
2. Second Half: **The Road the Jerusalem** (8:31-16:8)

Summary Question of the First Half: <u>Who Is This Man?</u>

- "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him" (1:27).
- "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming!" (2:7).
- "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (2:16).
- "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (4:41).
- "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" (6:2-3).

Applicational Questions for Us as Disciples:

1. Who do we say that this man is?
2. How do we respond accordingly with our lives?

The Call of Discipleship

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

Two Responses to Lack of Understanding:

- The Pharisees don't understand and push back.
- The disciples don't understand, accept correction, and keep following.

The Foundation of Our Hope

"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50).