

Mark 3:6-5:43

The Other Side

- I. The Silence Motif** - Why do you think Jesus keeps telling people to keep silent about his miracles?
- 1:24, 1:34 3:12 & others
 - However in 5:19 - “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you,.... Why?”

II. Sandwiching: start one story, interrupt the story, tell a 2nd story, finish the first story. A,B,A Pattern

1. Family of Jesus & Confrontation with Religious Leaders

A - 3:20 - Jesus' family hears he's "beside himself"

B - 3:22 - Leaders accuse Jesus of being Beelzebul

A - 3:31 - Jesus redefines family

2. Woman with the flow of blood and Jairus' daughter

A - 5:21 - Jairus' daughter at point of death

B - 5:25 - Woman with the flow of blood

A - 5:31 - Jairus' daughter, age 12, brought back to life

How do the 2 stories intertwined give deeper meaning to what Mark is trying to teach?

The Other Side - Notice how in 5:1 Jesus goes to the other side & then in 5:21 Jesus goes to the other side:

Why is Mark having Jesus go to the “Other Side” do the same teachings/miracles in both Jewish and Gentile territories?

4:1-34 - Parables

How do the parables shock us to see the world in a new light and challenge the claims of the Political systems of Temple and Rome?

The Other Side - Notice how in 5:1 & 5:21
Jesus goes to the other side:

Mark 5:1-2 - Geresene Demoniac

He uses military terms in this exorcism.

- The demons name is Legion: the name of a group of Roman Centurions
- A great herd of “swine” - “Swine” was the name given to 1st year recruits in Roman military
- The swine “Rushed” or “Charged” into the sea. The term is the military term for “Charge” or attack
- Drowned into the sea - reminiscent of Egypt being drowned in the Red sea as Israel escaped.

What is being taught in this exorcism of a demon “On the Other side?” Why the use of Military images in a Roman occupied territory?

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Questions & Guide to Our Reading

- Look for the Silent Motif(Messianic Secrete)
- Pay attention to the Sandwich Technique in chapter 3 & 5. How does interlocking these stories give deeper meaning?
- What is shocking/foolish in each parable?
- Why the use of Military images in a Roman occupied territory?
- Why is Mark having Jesus go to the “Other Side” and do the same teachings/miracles. in both Jewish and Gentile territories?

Questions for Reflection

- 3:14 - Why is it important for me to follow Jesus in Community?
- 4:12 - How do I position myself to not just “see, but perceive” and to not just “hear, but understand?”
- 4:38 - Have you ever felt the desire to cry out to Jesus/God - “Don’t you care!” How did you find strength to move forward?
- 5:28 - The woman with the flow of Blood broke the purity code. What rules keep you from drawing close to God?