

Study Guide

Mark 1:16-39

1. If you had the skills of a professional artist (some of you do) then how would you illustrate Jesus? What characteristics would you be sure to highlight?
2. In vv. 16-20 Jesus disrupts the lives of 4 men, the brothers Simon and Andrew and the brothers James and John.
 - a. How were his methods unconventional?
 - b. Why do you think he chose them and why do you think they followed him?
 - c. How is Jesus establishing a pattern for discipleship? Where else do you see this pattern in Scripture?
3. What are the two chief disruptions in vv. 21-28?
 - a. How were his methods unconventional?
 - b. If these were both good disruptions then why does Jesus leave?
4. What do we learn about Jesus' character and motives from vv 29-39?
5. How does Jesus embody disruption in Luke 4:16-30? What kind of standard does he set for his future ministry and his future followers?
6. In general, what is Mark trying to get across to his audience in this first chapter?
7. How do you feel about the disruptive nature of Jesus? Comforting? Unsettling? Explain.
8. How is our personal Jesus different from the biblical Jesus?

Message Slides

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1. Child Pic of Jesus:

2. American Jesus: 4 on one slide

3. Movie stills of Jesus: 4 on one slide

4. Blurred pic 2.jpg (Jesùs Leguizamo- Bogata, Colombia)

5. **Quick Overview of Mark 1:16-39:**

- Jesus calls 4 of the 12 disciples to follow him.
- A fast-paced 24hrs of ministry: In Capernaum he amazes a synagogue full of people with his teaching and he casts a demon from a member of the congregation.
- At Peter and Andrew's house, heals Peter's mother-in-law and then leads an impromptu healing service in the evening.
- The next morning he gets up early, prays, and takes the 4 to the next town to do it all over again.
- All connected with a chain of "immediatelys"

6. Capernaum map

7. **Jesus DISRUPTS lives to create followers**

Mark 1:16-20

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

8. **Jesus DISRUPTS religious norms**

Mark 1:20-22

²¹And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

9. **Jesus DISRUPTS the grip of evil in the world**

Mark 1:23-26

²³And 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.

10. Mark 1:27-28

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.

11. Mark 1:29-34

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

•That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. •And the whole city was gathered together at the door. •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.

12. Mark 1:35-39

•And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. •And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, •and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” •And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” •And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

13. Jesus embodies DISRUPTION
Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to **proclaim good news** to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of **sight for the blind**,
to **set the oppressed free**,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”