

“How To See It on This Fashion”

Mark 2:1-12

Open: Story

- Jesus goes to one of His favorite cities, Capernaum. Capernaum is located at the northern tip of the Sea of Galilee. We find that it does not take long before people find out that Jesus is in town. **Mk. 2:1**
- When people heard Jesus was in town, the multitudes began to gather at the house Jesus was staying. **Mk. 2:2**
- While Jesus is preaching, the crowd that has gathered a man sick of the palsy is let down by four men who had not only carried him to Jesus, but they also uncovered the roof and lowered him down to Jesus because they could not get close to Jesus. **Mk. 2:3-4**
- We find this sick man getting saved, as well as being physically healed of his sickness. **Mk. 2:5 & 11**
- Immediately, we find the religious crowd doubting not just Jesus’ ability, but also his Deity. Jesus does not allow the criticism to suffocate the working of the Spirit, He calls them out and publicly rebukes them for what they were privately thinking. **Mk. 2:6-10**
- The sick man was not only saved and healed, but we find a shift of focus from relying on tradition (man) to trusting in God (faith). **Mk. 2:12**

Tran: Application

- Jesus was the main attraction because... (**vs. 1-4**)
 - He cared about the individual needs. **Mt. 15:32** *“Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.”*
 - Jesus was not just putting on a show to draw a crowd, He genuinely cared about the lives of **All** individuals with whom He came in contact.
 - He shared the truth with all whom He came in contact. **Jn. 14:6** *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
 - People came to Jesus because Jesus was willing to present the truth to all men. He did not discriminate or change His message for race, religion, or royalty.
 - Jesus knew how to present the truth to all people, on all levels, from all walks of life. Jesus made the truth palatable; He did not use the truth as a battering ram to beat people into submission.
 - He showed people that true religion was not about a position it was about people. **Mk. 10:42-45** *“But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. [43] But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: [44] And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. [45] For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

- Jesus was allowed to work because of the faith of individuals. (**vs. 5 & 11**)
 - The faith of those who came to hear Jesus. **Mk. 9:23-24** *“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”*
 - Jesus can only work where faith is demonstrated. Do not allow this world and modern culture to define what is possible. **Mt. 13:58** *“And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”*
 - The faith of those who brought people to Jesus. **Mk. 2:5** *“When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.”*
 - Jesus could not reach everyone by Himself, but He could reach them if someone was willing to bring them to Him. **Jn. 4:28-30** *“The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, [29] Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? [30] Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.”*
 - The faith of those who were brought to Jesus.
 - The lame man had to demonstrate enough faith to stand up or he would have never been made whole. **Mk. 2:11** *“I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. [12] And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.”*
- Jesus’ work glorified His Father because... (**vs. 12**)
 - He made truth (God’s Words) the focal point, not tradition (man’s opinions). **Jn 16:12-16** *“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. [13] Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. [14] He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. [15] All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. [16] A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.”*
 - He did not compromise, nor did He create conflict. **Mt. 10:16** *“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”*
 - He did not allow religion (following of a man) to replace real Christianity (following the word of God). Jesus led by example in leading people to follow God’s will and not the traditions of men. **Jn. 6:38** *“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”*

I. Make sure Jesus is in the house.

- a. Invite the Holy Spirit to be present, in *your* house.
 - i. Desire is the key to one seeking the power of God on their life. **Is. 44:3-4** “*For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: [4] And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.*”
 - ii. The power of the Holy Spirit is paramount to seeing God do a mighty work; and fervent prayer is key to being a tool the Holy Spirit can work through. **Mk. 9:29** “*And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? [29] And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*”
 - iii. God did a mighty work at Pentecost because of the “*continued*” prayer for the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:13-14** “*And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. [14] These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*”
- b. Include the Holy Spirit, by doing activities the Holy Spirit can bless.
 - i. Prayer – **Acts 2:42** “*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*”
 - ii. Studying the Scriptures – **Acts 17:11-12** “*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. [12] Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.*”
 - iii. Church Attendance – **Acts 2:46-47** “*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart [47] Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*”
 - iv. Witnessing – **Acts 5:30-32** “*The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. [31] Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*”

II. Make sure the house is full.

- a. You need to be in the house.
 - i. You never know what is going to happen when you're not there. **Jn. 20:24-25** *"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."*
 - **ILL:** Those who did not come to the supper did not get to taste the blessings of being in the lord's house. **Lk.14:24** *"For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."*
 - ii. You can't be stirred, challenged, or changed if you're not in church. **Heb. 10:22-25** *"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)" [24] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: [25] Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*
 1. Church is not to be a replacement of your walk with God; but your walk with God will grow cold and stale without church.
 2. You will forsake your walk with God, when you forsake the House of God.
- b. You need to bring people to the house. **Lk. 14:21-23** *"So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. [22] And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. [23] And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."*
 - i. The house can't be full without **YOU** bringing someone.
 - ii. People won't naturally come to the house; they need to be compelled to the house.

III. Make sure Jesus is allowed to change lives in the house.

- a. Prepare your heart and mind to hear the preaching of God's Word. **Is. 55:6** *"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:"*
 - i. Those who don't seek God will stray from God.
 1. **I Sam. 7:3** *"And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."*
 2. **II Chron. 12:14** *"And he [Rehoboam] did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD."*
 - ii. Those who seek God will be stirred by God.
 1. **II Chron. 19:3** *"Nevertheless there are good things found in thee [Jehoshaphat], in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God."*
 2. **Ezra 7:10** *"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."*
- b. Decide your going to not just be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, but your also going to obey of that which the Holy Spirit convicts you.
 - i. **James 1:22-25** *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. [23] For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: [24] For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. [25] But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."*
 - ii. **Mt. 7:24** *"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:"*

Close:

- Make sure Jesus is in the house.
- Make sure the House is full.
- Make sure Jesus is allowed to change lives in the house.

Mk. 16:15

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."