

Mark 1:21 – Mark 2:13 (NASB)

²¹ They *went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and began to teach. ²² And they were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴ saying, “What business do you have with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are: the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” ²⁶ After throwing him into convulsions and crying out with a loud voice, the unclean spirit came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so they debated among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” ²⁸ Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding region of Galilee.

²⁹ And immediately after they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and they immediately *spoke to Jesus about her. ³¹ And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she served them.

³² Now when evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those

who were demon-possessed. ³³ And the whole city had gathered at the door. ³⁴ And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

³⁵ And in the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and prayed there for a time. ³⁶ Simon and his companions eagerly searched for Him; ³⁷ and they found Him and *said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” ³⁸ He *said to them, “Let’s go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may also preach there; for this is why I came.” ³⁹ And He went into their synagogues preaching throughout Galilee, and casting out the demons.

⁴⁰ And a man with leprosy *came to Jesus, imploring Him and kneeling down, and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” ⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, and *said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. ⁴³ And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away, ⁴⁴ and He *said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a

city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

The Paralyzed Man Healed

2 When Jesus came back to Capernaum a few days later, it was heard that He was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer space, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. ³ And some people came, bringing to Him a man who was paralyzed, carried by four men. ⁴ And when they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and after digging an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralyzed man was lying. ⁵ And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ But some of the scribes were sitting there and thinking it over in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except God alone?" ⁸ Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were thinking that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you thinking about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralyzed man, ¹¹ "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet, and go home." ¹² And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so

that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

¹³ And He went out again by the seashore; and all the people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.

Opening Discussion Questions

What was the best instructional message you have heard? What made it so amazing? What did you learn?

Bible Study Questions

1. What are the key elements in the account of Jesus' trip to the synagogue in Capernaum?

2. How many times do you find "immediately" in this reading? What follows immediately after each occurrence? What significance do you think the author is trying to convey?

3. How many times do you see Jesus' divine nature in this reading? How many times do you see Jesus as human? Do you find any of these occurrences or His behavior surprising?

4. Who does Jesus heal in these passages? What type of ailments do they have? Why do you think the author included these?

5. Who does Jesus talk to in His encounters? What do those He encounters say to Him? Do the ones Jesus speaks to obey Him?

6. Do you believe there's any difference in the healings of Jesus today vs His ministry in Galilee?

7. What are you wanting Jesus to heal of you today? What do you think He would say to you?
