

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

SERVANTHOOD & SACRIFICE IN A SELFIE WORLD

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Sermon Notes

Stretch Out Your Hand | Mark 3:1-12
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1. It was an act of _____ .

2. It was an act of _____ .

3. It was an act of _____ .

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QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What is the best event you have attended? What made it so amazing?

1. How did Jesus' approach to the man with the withered hand differ from that of the religious leaders [Mark 3:1-5]? What does this tell you about Jesus? Consider also Psalm 37:32; Jeremiah 20:10; and Luke 20:20.
2. How would you answer Jesus' question in Mark 3:4? What does this indicate about the ultimate purpose of the Sabbath [cf. Exodus 20:7-11; Isaiah 58:13-14; and John 9:16]?
3. Notice the intensity of emotion Jesus demonstrated in Mark 3:5. How does this further reveal both the full humanity and full deity of our Lord? Look up Matthew 8:23-27; John 2:13-17; and John 11:32-36 for more insights.
4. Which was more serious: the withered hand or the hardened heart [Mark 3:3 & 5]? How can a hardened heart be softened [cf. Matthew 13:10-17; Romans 11:25-32; and Ephesians 4:17-24]?
5. There is a stark contrast recorded between Mark 3:6 and Mark 3:7-8. The religious leaders conspired to destroy Jesus, while both Jews and Gentiles crowded Him. How do you account for these extremes [cf. Matthew 4:23; Matthew 7:28-29; and Mark 11:18]?
6. What do you conclude about Jesus' identity from His actions in Mark 3:7-12, as well as from the crowd and demonic reactions to Him [cf. Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:40-41; and Luke 7:18-23]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"The Pharisees minded what God spoke, but not what He intended. They were busy in the outward work of the hand, but incurious of the affections and choice of the heart. So God was served in the letter, they did not much inquire into His purpose; and therefore they were curious to wash their hands, but cared not to purify their hearts." (Jeremy Taylor)