



## Sermon Overview

Each section of Mark contains a series of incidents in the life of Jesus. Each one shows us something about who Jesus is – His power, His purpose, and His self- understanding. It is as if the gospel writer is pulling a cover off of Jesus inch by inch. Each story reveals a little more of who He is.

Now we seem to enter a new series of stories. Some have called Chapter 1 “Authority stories” because they show His authority. Some have called Chapter 2 “Conflict stories” because they show the wisdom of His grace over against the world’s thinking and mindset. Beginning in Chapter 3, we see Jesus beginning the creation of a new community, a new people of God who will embody the kingdom of God. He builds this community through serving people, teaching, preaching, training, counseling, healing, and liberating.

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## Getting Started

1. Who would you go out of your way to see and why?

## Starting with God

2. A closer study of vv. 7-8 tells us that Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem were predominately Jewish cities. Tyre and Sidon were predominately Gentile cities. And, Idumea and the cities beyond the Jordan River were a mix of Jew and Gentile. What does this kind of geographical and cultural reach tell you about the impact of Jesus’ ministry so far?

3. Why does Jesus call twelve disciples? Is this number significant? What Old Testament connections do you see with the number twelve? What points could Jesus be making by choosing to select twelve?
4. Reread Mark 3:13-19. What do these verses tell us about how we are to understand ourselves as disciples?

### **Living God's Word**

5. Since we continually will be watching Jesus minister to others, we can always read with two practical questions in mind. **(1)** How can Jesus carry out this ministry in my life? **(2)** How can I carry out this ministry in the lives of others?

### **Prayer**

*Father God,  
Thank you for the call of your saving grace. Please form my heart to desire to be with you. Thank you for the community of people you are creating in your church. Please use me as you disciple with your people.  
Amen.*