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COME FOLLOW ME
The Gospel of Mark

*April 2026 Sermon Series with Pastor Jeremy
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DAILY DEVOTIONALS

WEEK OF APRIL 26 — MAY 2

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Come Follow Me | The Gospel of Mark
"Go and Do"

Mark 4:1-9, 6:7-13, 6:30-44, 16:14-16

1. I _____ T _____ T _____ G _____

Mark 6:7-13

2. G _____ A _____ P _____

Mark 16:15

3. G _____ L _____ Y _____ W _____

Mark 4:21-25

4. G _____ A _____ S _____ A _____

Mark 13:32-36

Sermon Doodles & Illustrations

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Mark 4:1-20 — *spread the word*

Welcome to our final week in our Come Follow Me series through the book of Mark. This week is all about putting into action what we have learned from the actions and the teachings of Jesus this week. Christianity is not a spectator sport, but it is an event that we are to be fully engaged with. If you find yourself sitting on the bench this week, it's time to get in the game and be a disciple of Jesus!

I love this parable that Jesus shares about sharing the good news. Jesus shares the truth of the word of God everywhere He goes. Some of the time the true word is shared with those who want nothing to do with it. Other times the word is shared with those who love it, but in time the excitement fades because the things of the world take precedence. Finally, there are those who receive the word and then reproduce and share the word with others.

The first question is, what kind of soil is your heart? Is your soil hard and not willing to hear the truth of the gospel? Do you find your heart quick to receive the word, but you soon forget it with the cares and worries of the world? It is my hope that as we finish this series that we are the hearts that receive the word of God quickly and then quickly produce fruit by sharing it with others. It is our time to go spread the word to everyone we meet without worrying about the soil of the heart. Only God knows their heart, but He has given us the task of sowing the seed. Let's start spreading those seeds this week and watch what God might grow!

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

[Mark 4:21-41](#) — *Don't Hide It and Have Faith*

We are coming into severe weather season so it's time to make sure those flashlights have batteries, and candles and matches are ready to go. I'm sure many of us have experienced the loss of electricity and it is in these moments that having a flashlight or a candle is important. We need these sources of light to help us see around the dark house so that we do not run into anything, but they can also help us see if there are any issues that we need to address.

In our passage today we have multiple short parables. The first one talks about a light being brought into a house and being put on a stand. Jesus is telling us that we need to receive the word of God and let it shine into our lives and point out anything that is not from God. If we brought the light of the gospel in, but then didn't let it change our lives, it would be like putting a candle under a basket to block its light. The next story reminds us that God is the one that grows faith in others. We do not have to worry about if the seed will sprout; our job is to simply plant the seed.

We know that it would be foolish to get a flashlight out to help us in the dark and then cover it up. It is equally foolish to listen to the truth of the Bible and then not let it impact our lives. If we leave the church service on Sunday unchanged by the truth of scripture, then we are covering up God's word and not letting it transform our hearts and minds. Be honest, do you find yourself covering up the light or letting it shine into those dark places in your life?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Mark 6:1-29 — Two by Two

When we think of stories in the Bible about things going two by two, our first thought probably goes to Noah's ark. When we think of people going out two by two we might think of current realities of being visited by Mormons or Jehovah's Witnesses. I think that many of us would agree that it is often more comfortable to do things with others than doing it alone.

In our story today Jesus sends the disciples out two by two and tells them to rely on God and the people they come in contact with. Jesus sends them out with authority and power of unclean spirits and we see that the disciples were able to preach the gospel, cast out demons, & heal those who were sick. The disciples were no longer spectators to what Jesus was doing, but they were in the game and running the same plays that Jesus showed them. Remember none of this was in their own power, but in the power that Jesus gave to them.

It's always hard to do something for the first time. I remember the first time I was tasked to talk to a stranger about my faith. It took forever for me to get up the courage to do it and then found that after the first few times it became easier and easier. I have found that the more you do it consistently the more it becomes a natural part of conversations you have with others. Find someone to do life with and make spiritual conversations a natural happening rather than an awkward happening.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Mark 6:30-56 — *You Give Them Something To Eat*

Have you ever watched a movie where there is a scene when something difficult needs to happen and the characters argue about who is going to do it? Soon you get the back and forth of “you do it, no you do it, no you do it.” Finally, one of them reluctantly accomplishes the task and for the most part everything turns out okay. In our passage today there isn’t a back and forth, but Jesus does put the ball in the disciples court by saying “you do it.”

Once again Jesus finds himself with a large number of people who are hungry. The first time we saw this happening, Jesus compassionately fed the 4,000. Now the number is near 5,000 and Jesus turns to the disciples and says “you give them something to eat.” Again Jesus is giving the disciples opportunities to live out what Jesus has shown them. The first thought of the disciples is buying food for all the people and Jesus quickly redirects their focus by asking how many loaves and fish they have. Then Jesus led by example again by blessing the food and asking the disciples to serve the crowd.

Church, we are in the stage where Jesus is saying to us, “You do it.” Again, this is not Jesus telling us to do it in our own power, but simply encouraging us to go in His strength to be a part of expanding the kingdom of God. Be empowered today knowing that God goes with you into each and every situation and conversation. Be ready to show compassion and love to everyone you meet.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Mark 13 — Jesus is Coming Back.
Are you Ready?

We find ourselves in interesting times in our world today. Natural disasters seem to be at an all-time high with more severity. Wars and rumors of wars is all we hear about in the news. It seems as if the world continues to decline in morality and all of this may lead us to ask, "how long, oh Lord?"

Our passage today talks about the return of Jesus Christ. There will be a day when Jesus will return in the clouds and Jesus lays out a variety of things that will happen before that day comes. Here are a few things that I want to remind us of in this passage. First, as Christians, we will be challenged to stand up for the gospel and Jesus reminds us to not worry about what to say, but trust the Spirit inside of us for the words. Second, we must remain awake and aware. We can't fall asleep in our faith, especially during these times of trial or we will fail.

I am not going to go through all the end times descriptions that Jesus talks about in these passages. What I want to encourage us with is to stay awake and aware in our faith. That means we have to live it out, being ready at all times to give a reason for the hope that we have. We also need to let the Spirit guide us rather than our fear. I don't want us to worry about when Jesus is coming back, but I want us to make sure we wake up each day as if He could be coming today. That means each day we must live as His disciples until He comes back, lest He find us sleeping.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Mark 16:14-16 — Go & Proclaim the Gospel

As we finish out this series in the book of Mark, I want to leave you with a simple challenge: Go and Do! The first challenge is to go. We often wonder where to go or ask if we need to go overseas or to an inner city. The word for go in this passage has an implication in the Greek that the action happens in your going or as you are going. It doesn't mean you have to go somewhere out of the ordinary, but to begin to see that every time you go and everywhere you go you are to proclaim the gospel.

The second aspect is to proclaim or to do. In the end it isn't too difficult for us to go places, we do that everyday, but what about proclaiming and living for Jesus? While we go in our day to day life we are to proclaim the gospel through word AND deed. This isn't merely an action and it isn't merely words, it needs to be both. For I can be the nicest person in the world, but people would fail to know why I'm nice if I did not share with them about the love and compassion of Jesus that I mirror. If I just simply speak the gospel without it being lived out in my life I can soon be called a hypocrite and be a detriment to that kingdom. So may our actions and words be clearly representative of the kingdom of God as we go this week and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Go and Do!

