



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark **PART 22 - Mark 6:53-7:16**

"Crossing Over": From Storm to Shore

READ: Mark 6:53–55 AND Joshua 3:14–17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) In Mark 6:53–55, what shifts when the disciples move from water to land? How does that "crossing over" prepare them (and us) for what's next?
- 2) Compare Israel's crossing in Joshua 3 with the disciples' landing at Gennesaret. What theological thread ties these scenes together?
- 3) Pastor G said, "Every crossing — every storm endured, every season navigated — is preparation." Where have you seen God use a hard "crossing" to prepare you for new ministry or obedience?
- 4) What practical step could your group take this week to "land ready" (i.e., move from survival mode to serving mode) in your community?

"Healing in His Wings": Urgent Faith, Public Need

READ: Mark 6:56 AND Malachi 4:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think Mark emphasizes the public nature of these healings (marketplaces, "wherever" He went)? What does that say about Jesus' heart for cities, villages, and rural spaces alike?
- 2) How does Malachi's promise of "healing in its wings" deepen your reading of people touching the kraspedon (fringe/tassel) of Jesus' garment?
- 3) Pastor G said, "They weren't just grasping fabric; they were reaching in faith for what the prophets had promised." What might "reaching in faith" look like for you this week—personally and as a group?
- 4) Mark highlights communal urgency (they "ran," they "carried"). Who are the "carriers" in your life, and whom is God asking you to help carry to Jesus right now?

"Tradition vs. Commandment": The Mask of Religion

READ: Mark 7:1–8 AND Isaiah 29:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Identify the core issue in 7:1–8. How did a protective tradition become a rival authority to God's Word?
- 2) Where do well-intentioned Christian customs today risk eclipsing clear biblical commands (worship style, "how we do church," family rules, etc.)?
- 3) Pastor G said, "God's Word always outranks man's tradition—always." Where do you feel tension between cherished habits and explicit Scripture—and what would repentance/realignment look like?
- 4) What practice can your group adopt to regularly test traditions by Scripture (e.g., scheduled "tradition audits," shared reading plans, accountability around obedience)?

"From the Inside Out": Corban, Honor, and True Defilement

READ: Mark 7:9–16 AND Proverbs 4:23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) How did the Corban vow function as a pious-sounding workaround to avoid honoring parents (7:10–13)? What modern "spiritual" loopholes tempt us to dodge love and mercy?
- 2) Jesus teaches that defilement comes from within (7:15). How does Proverbs 4:23 ("guard your heart") sharpen the call to inner transformation?

- 3) Pastor G said, "Holiness is an issue of the heart, not the stomach... real purity starts from the inside out." What concrete rhythms help you cultivate heart-level obedience rather than performance?
- 4) If love is the law's fulfillment, what is one relational repair (honor, forgiveness, material care) your group can pursue this week as an act of worship—not tradition?