

WEEK 17, 2025

Bible Reading

Event	Matt	Mark	Luke
At the Sea of Galilee		1:16	
Miracle 5 – Draught of Fishes			5:1-9
Calls Four Disciples. (The Official Call)	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:10-11
Miracle 6 – Casting out an unclean devil In the Synagogue		1:21-28	4:31-37
Miracle 7 – Mother of Peter’s Wife was Healed	8:14-17	1:29-31	4:38-39
Miracle 8- Healing the Multitudes		1:32-34	4:40-41
He went to a solitary place to pray		1:35-39	4:42
Preaching throughout the synagogues in Galilee	4:23-25	1:37-39;	4:42-44

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. According to the synoptics (Matthew, Mark and Luke), Jesus called four of his apostles at the Sea of Galilee. Name the four and their profession. Also, briefly narrate a miracle Jesus did at their workplace that led them to follow him. [**GOLDEN**]

Answer

The four apostles were Simon Peter, Andrew, James Zebedee, John Zebedee. They were fishermen.

Having toiled all night, and caught nothing, Jesus directed Simon to launch out his ship into the deep part of the sea, and let down his nets for a draught. Reluctantly, he obeyed. And to their surprise, they caught a great multitude of fishes, and their net broke. They had to beckon unto their partners to help them out.

After this miracle, they were said to have left all, and followed Jesus.

2. Among Jesus' twelve apostles were family members. Name two pairs of such.

Answer

- i. Simon Peter and Andrew were family members.
- ii. James and John were family members.

3. **Mark 1:21** "And they went into **Capernaum**; and straightway on the sabbath day, he entered into **the temple** and taught".

Considering the bolded parts, state what is wrong with the text, and correct it.

Answer

Since he was said to have entered **Capernaum**, there is no way he would enter **the temple** in Capernaum. Capernaum was a city of Galilee, and **the temple** was in the city of Jerusalem of Judea.

If he were to be in Jerusalem, then it would make sense to say he entered “the temple”. But, outside Jerusalem, in other cities, the worship buildings were called synagogue. So, what he entered in **Capernaum** was **synagogue**, not **temple**.

4. Why were the people of Capernaum astonished at Jesus’ doctrine (teaching)?

Answer

They were astonished because he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. And this authority he displayed in how, under his teaching, unclean spirits spoke out of a man, and he cast them out.

(Note :- **Scribes** were scholars, writers and teachers of Jewish laws, particularly in the New Testament period).

5. How did Jesus cast out unclean spirits in **Mark 1** and **Luke 4**, and what can we learn from it?

Answer

Jesus cast out the unclean spirits by speaking to them. He said “come out of him”.

We can learn that unclean spirits can dwell inside the body of a human being. And just as Jesus did, we believers have the authority to send them out. And this we must do by speaking to them, “come out”, “go out”, in the name of Jesus.

6. **Luke 4:37** “And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about”.

What made Jesus to be famous in his time?

Answer

His good works made him famous. Healing the sick, casting out devils, doing signs and wonders. No banner, posters, social media post, just the power of God.

7. Simon Peter was married, and his family lived in Capernaum of Galilee. Briefly narrate what happened when Jesus visited Peter’s home.

Answer

Peter’s mother-in-law was sick of a great fever. Jesus took her by hand, lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. Then, she ministered unto them (meaning that, she served them food).

8. When Jesus was casting out devils in **Mark 1**, why did he stop the evil spirits from speaking?

Answer

He stopped them from speaking because they knew who he was. Even one of them said “I know who you are, the Holy One of God”. They knew his spiritual identity, that he was the Christ, the Son of God.

But, Jesus was not interested in the devils’ witness of him.

(Jesus’ disinterest in the testimony/witness of unclean spirits is synonymous to Paul’s disinterest in the testimony of the damsel with the spirit of divination in Acts 16:16-17. It is not enough to speak the truth, the spirit that is backing up the statement matters. We are meant to shut up Satan, even if he seems to be speaking the truth.)

9. What level or height of spiritual growth can a believer or minister of God get to, that he will no longer need to pray?

Answer

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, was greater than Abraham, David, Solomon and all great men that can be named. Despite his greatness, he yet prayed.

That means, no believer or man of God is greater than prayer. If Jesus prayed, so must we.

10. **Luke 5:1** “And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by **the lake of Gennesaret**”.

State one alternative biblical names for the lake of Gennesaret, and two miracles that happened therein.

Answer

Other names for **the lake of Gennesaret** include :-

- Sea of Galilee
- Sea of Tiberias

Two miracles that happened therein are :-

- Miraculous catches of fishes.
- Jesus walked on its water
- Jesus calmed a storm on this sea.