



A Day In The Life, Mark 3:7-12

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- Jewish High Priest
 - He was the intercessor between God and His people, acting as their representative before God
 - **Exodus 19:18-21 NLV**, 18 All the people heard and saw the thunder and lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking. And when the people saw it, they shook with fear and stood far away. 19 They said to Moses, “You speak to us and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.” 20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so you may have enough fear of Him to keep you from sinning.” 21 The people stood far away, while Moses came near to the cloud where God was.

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- We this in the life of Moses
 - The High Priest offered sacrifices and gifts on behalf of the Nation and people to reconcile them to God
 - **Exodus 32:30-32 NIV**, 30 The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a terrible sin, but I will go back up to the Lord on the mountain. Perhaps I will be able to obtain forgiveness for your sin.”
 - 31 So Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Oh, what a terrible sin these people have committed. They have made gods of gold for themselves. 32 But now, if you will only forgive their sin—but if not, erase my name from the record you have written!”

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- We this in the life of Moses
 - **Deuteronomy 18:15 NIV**, 15 Moses continued, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.
 - There is a greater than Moses promised
 - Every miracle, teaching, act Jesus did on earth was to prove He was the greater than Moses promised

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- As our great High Priest, He stands in the gap between a Holy Righteous God and sinful people as Moses requested for himself
 - Dying on the cross, rising from the tomb, ascended into heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father, Jesus makes intercession for us
 - **Romans 8:34 NIV**, 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

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- Can Jesus really understand me?
 - He was perfect, how can He understand my imperfection?
 - Does He really understand my fears, frustrations, hurts, anxiety, failures...
 - Does He really get me and if He does, how?

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- Can Jesus really understand me?
 - **Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV**, 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
 - Empathize – to understand and share the feelings of another

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- Can Jesus really understand me?
 - Our great High Priest not only is perfectly merciful and faithful but also perfectly understanding
 - He has an unequalled capacity for sympathizing with us in every danger, in every trial, in every situation that comes our way, because He has been through it all Himself
 - His divinity made His temptations and trials immeasurably harder for Him to endure than ours are for us

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- Can Jesus really understand me?
 - How can I be sure?
 - God cannot lie
 - Scripture gives us an example when Jesus had a day similar to ours when chaos erupted

Scripture

- **Mark 3:7-12 NIV**, 7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. 8 When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. 9 Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. 10 For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. 11 Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” 12 But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

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- What one word would you use to describe this day for Jesus?
 - I would describe this day for Jesus as chaotic
 - Nothing going the way He had planned it
 - Interruptions every time He turned around
 - The squeezing that comes from those needing or wanting something from you
 - Events getting out of hand and seeming larger than you can handle
 - Does this look like your days at times when you want to just scream and let out some anxiety
 - Jesus understands

Jesus understands the desire for solitude but unable to experience it

- **Vs. 7a**, “Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake”
 - Withdrew in Scripture means - to draw back or remove yourself from your present situation
 - It implies you are involved in some type of activity, and you determine to cease that activity and involve yourself elsewhere
 - Jesus withdrew from the area, harassment, testing, conditions, threats, pressure He found in Capernaum
 - **Mark 3:6 NIV**, 6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.
 - Have you ever wanted to tell you kids, “Just give me a minute”

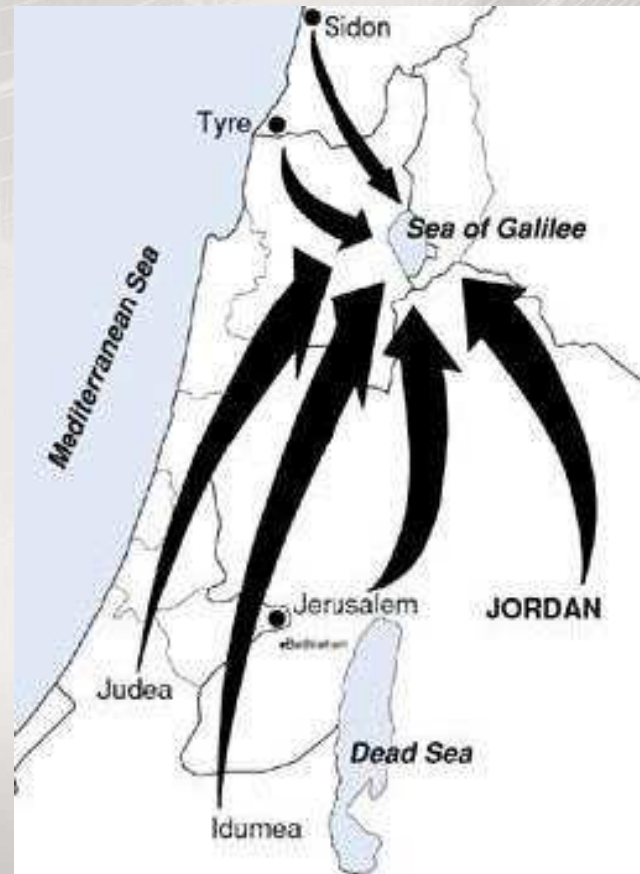
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- **Vs. 7a**, “Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake”
 - All Jesus wanted to do this day was take His disciples away from the chaos in Capernaum, spend quality time with them and teach
 - Not the followers - just looking for something from Him, not interested in His message just His miracles
 - So Jesus planned to withdraw to a peaceful area of the lake

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- **Vs. 7b**, “and a large crowd from Galilee followed”
 - People all over Israel and heard about Jesus – His healing, demonstrated authority and they had began migrating to the Galilee area
 - **Vs. 8b**, “from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon”

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- Vs. 7b, “and a large crowd from Galilee followed”
 - Why were they coming?
 - Vs. 8a, “When they heard about all he was doing”
 - As Jesus and His disciples are walking to the lake, they are picking up followers until He finds Himself at the lake of solitude surrounded by thousands
- Jesus desired solitude, time with those who were listening intently to His message/teaching
 - He wanted to plant the seed of the Kingdom of God deep in their lives
- Jesus understands your need for solitude but finds chaos instead

Jesus understands the chaos that can suddenly spring up around you

- **Vs. 10**, “those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him”
- How many people were crowding into Jesus’ bubble?
 - For those old enough, remember when the Beatles came to America
 - Someone, “Crowds are funny. Crowds don’t have brains like people do. Crowds can’t reason — they can only react, somewhat like an animal reacts. There may be voices of reason in a crowd, of course, but those voices are ordinarily as effective as shouting during a thunderclap.”
 - The crowd was yelling at Jesus to heal them, pushing others aside just to touch him
 - Chaos

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- The only way Jesus could move was toward the lake
 - I wonder if He felt trapped
 - I wonder if He was concerned for His safety
 - I wonder if He was frustrated
 - I wonder if He questioned if He could finish what His Heavenly Father had sent Him to do
 - I wonder if this was Satan's attempt to interfere with Jesus' day, to get Him off His game

Jesus understands the chaos that can suddenly spring up around you

- Just when He thinks things could not get worse, they do
 - Have you ever said that to yourself, “Well, this day can’t get any worse”, then it does
 - **Vs. 11**, “Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, ‘You are the Son of God.’”
 - Cried out – screamed at the top of their lungs
 - Jesus must keep telling them to be quiet
 - Kind of like spiritual Whack-a- Mole, how distracting would that be
 - Do you see you in Jesus’ day at times?
- Jesus really does understand

Jesus understands how to navigate through the chaos of life to what is really important

- **Vs. 9**, “he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.”
 - While He was moved by compassion to heal the sick, cleanse those with leprosy, and cast out demons, He came for a far greater purpose: to proclaim the gospel, the coming of the Kingdom of God
 - As soon as healing began to infringe upon and compromise His preaching ministry, He made adjustments that might seem harsh

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- **Vs. 9**, “he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.”
 - When the crush around Him became too restrictive, He climbed aboard a boat, pushed out a short distance, and used the shoreline as a natural amphitheater
 - This way people couldn't touch Him and couldn't be healed, Jesus had stopped the healing and miracles so that He could teach about God's truth and kingdom which was far more important than being physically healed

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- **Vs. 9**, “he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.”
 - After a bit, I can hear the chaos calming down and the teaching and listening began with peace coming into this chaotic scene
 - Jesus understood the cross is more important than the spectacular
 - Don't let the blessings of God blind you to the message of God

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- Who is this Jesus we follow?
 - He is the Son of God who came down from heaven
 - He is God in the flesh who came to live among us
 - He is the Son of Man who came to provide a way for me and you to be reconciled to a Holy, Righteous God
 - He is my personal High Priest who understands me, my chaos, my fleshliness
 - And loves me anyway and promises to walk through my chaos of life all the way through to the other side victorious
 - He truly is our Great High Priest

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- What then does this all mean?
 - **Hebrews 4:16 ESV**, 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 - **Vs. 15-16 MSG**, “We don’t have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He’s been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let’s walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.

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- **No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus**

No one ever cared for me like Jesus
There's no other friend so kind as He
No one else could take the sin
And darkness from me
O how much He cared for me



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