



Bible Study – Mark 1.29-39

**Q1** What does the healing of Peter's mother-in-law teach us about Jesus' priorities and powers? Can we learn anything from her response?

**Q2** What did the crowds of people who came for healing or deliverance understand about Jesus?

**Q3** Mark records Jesus' early morning prayer routine. Why do you think this was necessary for Jesus and to what extent is it a pattern for us?

**Q4** In verses 37 to 38 there is a conflict of expectations between Jesus and the disciples. Why do you think this happened and what can we learn from it?

**Q5** How is Jesus's ministry of proclaiming the gospel related to his healings and deliverances? Charismatic Christians like John Wimber (founder of Vineyard Church and author of *Power Evangelism*) argued that the healings/deliverances come first, opening people up to hear and respond to the gospel. Others argue that the healings/deliverances are signs which follow the preaching of the gospel. Which view do you tend to agree with?

**Q6** In this early part of his ministry, is Jesus primarily concerned (a) with people's *guilt* and responsibility for sin and evil or (b) with their brokenness and *captivity* by the power of sin and evil? How does this relate to his later ministry, the cross and resurrection?

**Q7** What does Mark add to our understanding of Jesus (in comparison to the other gospels)?

**Q8** What should we believe about the existence and activity of demons in New Testament times and today? What do we need to know and do about evil as individuals and as a church?