

An open scroll with Hebrew text is the central focus, set against a dark background. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. To the left, a wooden handle with a decorative, fluted design is visible. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the scroll and the wood of the handle.

# The Gospel of Mark

Christ the Servant

# Seven Healings on the Sabbath

1. Demoniac, in Capernaum Mk 1:21-27
2. Peter's mother-in-law Mk 1:29-31
3. Impotent Man Jn 5:1-9
4. Man with withered hand Mk 3:1-6;  
Mt 12:8-14
5. Woman bowed together Lk 13:10-17
6. Man with Dropsy Lk 14:1-6
7. Man born blind Jn 9:1-14

*Not all healings were on the Sabbath:  
healing on Sunday:*

Mk 1:32

# The Sabbath Day

- No one is saved by the days they do or don't observe...
- Salvation is only through the LORD of the Sabbath
- The Sabbath is a time of devotion, not a subjection to rules; It is a benefit to be taken advantage of **Rom 14:5; Col 2:16**
- Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Sabbath day for you and me **Heb 4**

# Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

**Mark 3:1**

- *“The man’s hand was withered, but God’s mercy had still preserved to him the use of his feet: he uses them to bring him to the public worship of God, and Jesus meets and heals him there” – Adam Clarke*
- We too quickly allow what we haven’t got to prevent us from worshipping Him, rather than worshipping Him with what we have!

# Our Part

- *“We are in danger of forgetting that we cannot do what God does, and that God will not do what we can do. We cannot save nor sanctify ourselves— God does that. But God will not give us good habits or character, and He will not force us to walk correctly before Him. We have to do all that ourselves. We must “work out” our “own salvation” which God has worked in us” - Philipians 2:12*

Oswald Chambers

# Chapter 3

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

Mark 3:2

- These were the religious professionals!
  - Many had come down from Jerusalem following the healing of the Leper.
  - Now Jesus had added to their consternation by presuming to forgive sins! (Ch 2)
- Now they are looking for a reason to accuse Him!

# Chapter 3

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

**Mark 3:3-4**

- The Pharisees were looking to expose Jesus...
- ...Instead, He now exposes them!
  - People speak of the evils of religion – they are right!

# Exposing Folly

- He asked them two questions that immediately revealed the folly of their tradition.
  - 1. Is it lawful to do good or evil on the Sabbath.
    - a. Never lawful to do evil.
    - b. Always lawful to do good
  - 2. Is it lawful to save a life or destroy it?
    - a. Never lawful to destroy a life.
    - b. It is always lawful to save.



# Chapter 3

5 And when he had looked round about **on them with anger,** being grieved for the hardness of their hearts...

**Mark 3:5**

- This is rarely said of Jesus
  - Anger is not sinful
  - Anger demonstrates genuine love
- There is nothing more infuriating than injustice and unreasonableness!

# The battle it's impossible to win!

- 1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
- 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

**2 Thess 3:1-2**

- Paul specifically asks for prayer for his ministry against unreasonable & wicked men!

# The battle it's impossible to win!

- Unreasonable people will often be people you know!
- They will frequently (but subtly) discredit your ministry, often questioning your right / authority / calling
- Their accusations will be baseless (unreasonable!)
- They may draw people after them!

## Key danger to your devotional life?

- They will take an inordinate amount of time and energy!

# Chapter 3

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their *hearts...* he saith unto the man, **Stretch forth** **thine hand.** And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

**Mark 3:5**

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# Chapter 3

6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

**Mark 3:6**

- The Pharisees' 'high moral standard' comes to the fore as they try to muster support against Jesus from their political opponents!
- This underlines that the Pharisees real motivation was power and not godliness!

# Herodians

- Nothing is known of them beyond what the Gospels state. Whatever their political aims, they early perceived that Christ's pure and spiritual teaching on the kingdom of God was irreconcilable with these, and that Christ's influence with the people was antagonistic to their interests. Hence, in Galilee, on the occasion of the healing of the man with the withered hand, they readily joined with the more powerful party of the Pharisees in plots to crush Jesus (Mr 3:6); and again, in Jerusalem, in the last week of Christ's life, they renewed this alliance in the attempt to entrap Jesus on the question of the tribute money (Mt 22:16).
- The warning of Jesus to His disciples to "beware of the leaven of Herod" (Mr 8:15) may have had reference to the insidious spirit of this party.

# The Herods

- Herod the Great

- Slew the children in Bethlehem

Matt 2:16–18

- Herod Antipas

- Younger son of Herod the Great.

- Not really a king, but merely a tetrarch:  
(a ruler over a fourth of the kingdom)

- Had John the Baptist killed and before whom Jesus was silent

Luke 23:5–12

- Herod Agrippa

- Slew James and imprisoned Peter

Acts 12

- A grandson of Herod the Great

- Herod Agrippa II

- Before whom Paul was tried

Acts 25:13ff

- A great-grandson of Herod the Great

# Chapter 3

- 7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,
- 8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

**Mark 3:7-8**



# What's in it for me?

- It is wonderful for people to be attracted to Jesus.
- But if their focus is on *what He can do for them* instead of *Who He is*, they will not follow Him for long.
- About this time we read in John 6:66

<sup>66</sup> "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" **John 6:66**



Capernaum

The Israelites were unable to capture the fortified towns of the plains during the early period of settlement.

Although all of Bashan was assigned to the half tribe of Manasseh, it is doubtful that settlement reached beyond the Yarmuk Valley.

3 days Journey

The Great Sea  
(Mediterranean Sea)

The Israelites were under constant attack from Philistine invaders who occupied the coastal area at about this time.

During the period of Judges, invading Ammonites, Moabites and Midianites were repulsed by the Israelites.

Jerusalem

# Chapter 3

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

**Mark 3:9**

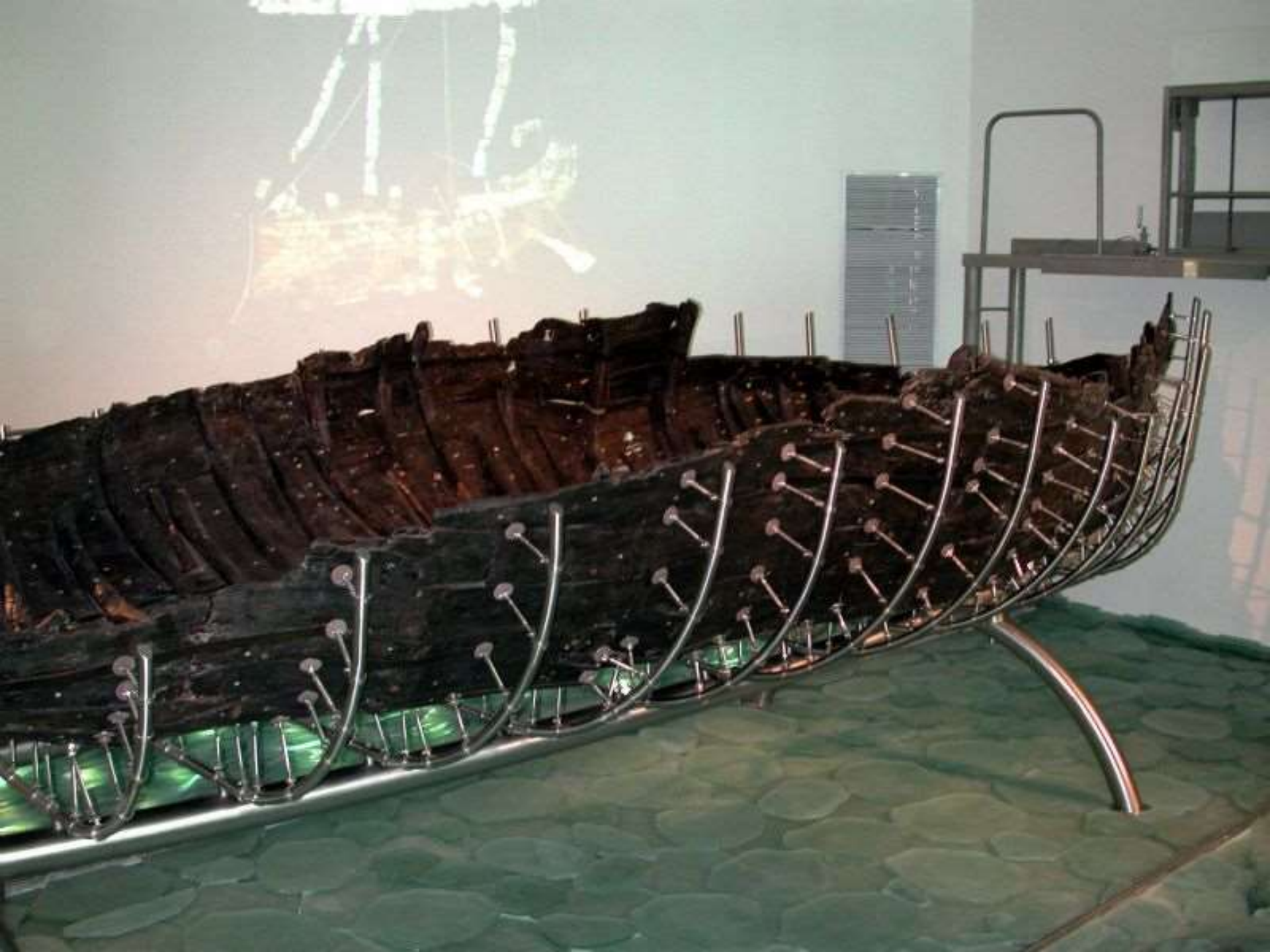
# “Jesus Boat”

- Discovered in January 1986
  - 11 day excavation; 11 year conservation
  - The boat was submerged in a solution of heated polyethylene glycol. This synthetic wax replaced the water in the wood cells.
  - The hull was then allowed to dry slowly and cleaned of excess wax, thus allowing for its present exhibition in the atmosphere-controlled museum environment.

# “Jesus Boat”

- 26 1/2 feet long, 7 1/2 feet wide and 4 1/2 feet high.
- Dated between 100 B.C. and 100 A.D.
- Numerous repairs, the reuse of timbers and a multiplicity of wood types (twelve) evident in the hull, suggest that this vessel had a long work life by an owner of meager means.











# Chapter 3

<sup>10</sup> For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

**Mark 3:10**

# Chapter 3

- 11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.
- 12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

**Mark 3:11-12**

# Chapter 3

- 13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.
- 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,
- 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

**Mark 3:13-15**

# The Twelve Disciples

- Now Jesus separates 12 for Himself
- ‘You did not choose me...’ John 15:16
- Jesus now gives them ‘**exousia**’
  - Ability / privilege / delegated influence:
- The power to heal ‘all’ sickness & disease was uniquely given to the 12
- As Christ Himself, they were proclaiming the coming Kingdom

# Chapter 3

- 16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;
- 17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:
- 18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

**Mark 3:16-18**

# Chapter 3

<sup>19</sup> And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

**Mark 3:19**

# The Twelve

- Listed 4x (Matt / Mark / Luke / Acts)
- Three groups of 12
- Group 1
  - Peter / Andrew / James / John
- Group 2
  - Philip / Bartholomew / Thomas / Matthew
- Group 3
  - James / Lebbaeus / Simon / Judas

# The Twelve

- Grouped in pairs (Mark 6:7)
  - Peter & Andrew
  - James & John
  - Philip & Bartholomew (Nathaniel)
  - Matthew (publican) & Thomas
  - James & Lebbaeus (Thaddaeus)
  - Simon (called Zelotes) & Judas



# The Twelve

- *TO: Jesus, Son of Joseph*  
*COMPANY: The Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop, Nazareth*  
*FROM: Jordon Management Consultants, Jerusalem*  
*SUBJECT: Management Report*

*Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization.*

# The Twelve

- *All of them have now taken our battery of tests, and we have not only run the results through our computers, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.*
- *It is the opinion of the staff that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking.*

# The Twelve

*They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capacity.*

*We have summarized the findings of our study below:*

# The Twelve

- *Simon Peter is emotional, unstable and given to fits of temper.*
- *Andrew has absolutely no quality of leadership.*
- *The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interests above Company loyalty.*
- *Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.*
- *We believe it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau.*

# The Twelve

- *James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings. Additionally, they both registered high scores on the manic depressive scale.*

# The Twelve

- *However, one of the candidates shows great potential. He's a man of ability and resourcefulness; he is a great networker; has a keen business mind; and has strong contacts in influential circles. He's highly motivated, very ambitious and adept with financial matters. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your Controller and Chief Operating Officer.*

*All the other profiles are self-explanatory. We wish you the utmost success in your new venture.*



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