

# JESUS' POWER AND IMPACT UPON EACH ONE: CARING FOR THE HOME AND THE INDIVIDUAL

## MARK 01:29–31

### *Introduction*

Jesus Christ cares for the individual and the home. In fact the whole thrust of His heart and purpose in coming to earth was “to seek and to save what was lost” (Lk. 19:10). His care, presence, and power are available to any individual, who will invite Him into their home. This glorious truth is clearly demonstrated in this event which took place in Peter’s home.

- I. The worship of Jesus brought His presence into a house (v. 29).
- II. The presence of Jesus brought hope to a house (v. 30).
- III. The presence of Jesus brought healing and help to a house (v. 31).
- IV. The presence of Jesus brought devotion and service to a house (v. 31).

### **I. *Mark 01:29 The Effect of Worship***

The worship of Jesus brought His presence into a house. It was the Sabbath, and Jesus and His disciples had gone to the synagogue to worship and teach (Mk. 1:21-22). The service was now over, and Jesus had apparently entered Peter’s home to have lunch. Peter had probably invited Jesus to lunch. The main meal on the Sabbath came right after worship or twelve noon, which was the sixth hour (the Jewish day began at 6 a.m.).

There is a strong picture here. Worship brought Jesus into Peter’s home. Peter and the other three apostles had followed Jesus to worship. Upon leaving worship, Peter invited the Lord to be a guest in his home, and Jesus accepted the invitation to fellowship with him and his family.

**Thought 1.** When a person truly worships the Lord and invites Him into his home, the Lord will enter and fellowship therein. He willingly becomes a guest of anyone who extends the invitation.

**Rev 3:20** *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

**Thought 2** When a person truly worships the Lord, that person is assured of Christ’s presence. Christ will live with that person no matter how humble the person’s home or dwelling is. If the dwelling is nothing more than a piece of ground under the open sky, the Lord will live with that person.

**Mat 28:20** *“And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

**Heb 13:5** *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”*

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**Luke 24:15** *As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.*

**Thought 3.** The person or family who worships is more likely to have the presence of the Lord in their home. Worship and faithfulness to God instill a sense of God's presence in the home more than any other thing.

**Mat 18:20** *"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."*

**John 14:21** *"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."*

## II. **Mark 01:30** *Result of the Presence of Jesus: Hope*

The presence of Jesus brought hope to a house. Peter's mother-in-law *was in bed with a fever*. It was a *high fever*; a burning fever which gripped the woman (Lk. 4:38). The area was known for its swamps or marshes which were infested with disease-carrying insects. Note two things.

1. The very moment that Jesus entered the home, hope was aroused. "They told Jesus about her." There was a life-threatening sickness, a serious need in the home. One who had the power to help was a guest in the home. Hope was bound to be aroused.
2. The family believed that Jesus cared and could help. Note something: they had not known Jesus long. He was just beginning His ministry, yet they had already learned of His immense compassion and love, and His care and interest for people. Through this experience and many others yet to come, they were to learn to bring all their problems and sufferings to the Lord. Knowing of His care for people was bound to arouse the hope that He would help.

**Mat 20:28** *"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

**Heb 4:15-16** *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

**1 Pet 5:6** *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

**Isa 63:9** *In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.*

## III. **Mark 01:31** *Result of the Presence of Jesus Christ: Healing*

The presence of Jesus brought healing and help to a house. Note several facts.

1. Jesus' response to the request was immediate. They told "Him about her [sickness],"

and He immediately went to her bedside. He did not ask questions or lay down conditions. He was a guest in Peter's home, and Peter had surrendered his life to the Lord — all he was and had, including His home. Jesus loved Peter for his surrender; therefore, when Peter had a need, the Lord immediately came to meet that need.

2. Jesus' touch was full of compassion and authority. He loved and cared, so "He took her hand." He touched her. (Nothing can compare to a touch given from a heart of love and care. Contrast the touch of the fist, claw, and executioner.) Jesus possessed the full presence and power of God" (Co1. 2:10); so He "helped her up and immediately the fever left her." His authority was the authority of God, and His power was the power of God.

**Mat 28:18** *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

**Acts 10:38** *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

**Eph 3:20** *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

**Thought 1.** Jesus possessed the power to meet Peter's need, that is, to heal Peter's mother-in-law. But note: He was able to help Peter because He was an invited guest in Peter's home. Think what Peter and his family would have missed if they had not invited Jesus into their home!

**Thought 2.** The power of Jesus' touch is enormous.

- His touch has the power to cleanse from sin.

**Mat 8:4** *Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.*

- His touch has the power to give sight to the blind.

**Mat 9:29-30** *Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."*

- His touch has the power to bless.

**Mark 10:13, 16** *People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.*

- His touch has the power to heal.

**Mark 7:33, 35** *After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.*

#### **IV. Mark 01:31 *Result of the Presence of Jesus: Devotion and Service***

The presence of Jesus brought devotion and service to a house. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law so that she might serve. He did not heal her to sit and indulge her own whims and fancies and pass the time of her later year doing nothing of real value. She was elderly, the mother of Peter's wife. Jesus healed her so that she might become devoted to Him and become a servant to all. And she fulfilled her purpose: "She began to wait on them."

**John 4:34** *"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."*

**John 9:4** *"As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work."*

**2 Tim 1:6** *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

**Titus 2:2-3** *Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ■*