

Sermon Notes

Jesus came to preach

Mark 1:29-2:5

- 1) People come to Jesus desperate for physical healing (1.29-34)**
- 2) Jesus withdraws to pray and resolves that he has come to preach (1.35-39)**
- 3) Moved with compassion, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper and heals him (1.40-45)**
- 4) Faced with a paralysed man in desperate physical need, Jesus speaks his message of forgiveness, dealing with the man's greatest need. This is the most compassionate thing Jesus can do for him (2.1-5)**

Main point – Jesus came to preach (key verse is 1.38)

Implications

- Jesus is our example and teacher, so our priority is speaking Jesus' words.
- Resolving to make speaking Jesus' words the priority is deeply compassionate.
- Our decisions have eternal implications.
- It's not the only thing we do, and it's not easy.
- What this means in the life of a local church
- Some personal reflections after ten years as minister