

# WELCOME!

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast



**February 7, 2020**

# Message and Structure of Mark:

**The Gospel of Mark** shows us how to serve and suffer like our Savior.

I. Jesus came to serve (Mark 1-11).

II. Jesus came to suffer (Mark 12-16).

**Key Verse: Mark 10:45**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



**#18: “Kingdom Faithfulness”**

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**Church and House of Saint Peter  
Capernaum, Israel**

## Capernaum

- NW corner of Sea of Galilee
- 680 ft. below sea level
- Pop.: c. 1,500 people
- Same house in Mark 2:1-12?
- Jesus is moving from Galilee to Jerusalem.
- Jesus has just predicted His suffering, death, and resurrection a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

# Outline of Mark 9:33-50

- 1) Kingdom Greatness: Humility (9:33-37)
- 2) Kingdom Partnership: Unity (9:38-41)
- 3) Kingdom Discipline: Purity (9:42-50)



# 1) Kingdom Greatness: Humility (Mark 9:33-37)

- **Discipleship Pitfall #1: Pride/Ambition**

“What was the problem with their hearts? They were hardened. Jesus’ disciples had hardened hearts and their hardened hearts darkened their minds, deafened their ears, crippled their tongues, paralyzed their hands, and blinded their eyes. Their hearts were filled with a passion for power and position, for success and control, not for redemptive love.”

- **Bill Lawrence**

***Broken Leadership: Three Years to Change the World***

# 1) Kingdom Greatness: Humility (*Mark 9:33-37*)

- **Discipleship Pitfall #1: Pride/Ambition**
- **Key Question #1:** How do you define greatness?
- **Answer:** Jesus defines kingdom greatness through *humility*.



# Definition of “Humility”

*“The noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources or use your influence for the good of others before yourself ... the humble person is marked by a willingness to hold power in service of others.”*

- **John Dickson, *Humilitas***

## **John 13:14-15**

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For *I have given you an example*, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

## 2) Kingdom Partnership: Unity (Mark 9:38-41)

- **Discipleship Pitfall #2: Division**

“This brief incident stands as a firm rebuke to the spirit of sectarianism. It condemns that exclusive attitude which insists that only those who carry on their work in harmony with our own views and practices can be accepted as really doing God’s work. If they demonstrate that they are on God’s side in the war with Satan, even though their views may be imperfect, they must not be condemned for such work or regarded with abhorrence.”

- **D. Edmond Hiebert**

## 2) Kingdom Partnership: Unity (Mark 9:38-41)

- **Discipleship Pitfall #2: Division**
- **Key Question #2:** Have you become too territorial?
- **Answer:** Jesus says we are all “one” – *unity* is a primary doctrine.

### **John 17:22-23**

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, *that they may be one* even as we are one, I in them and you in me, *that they may become perfectly one*, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

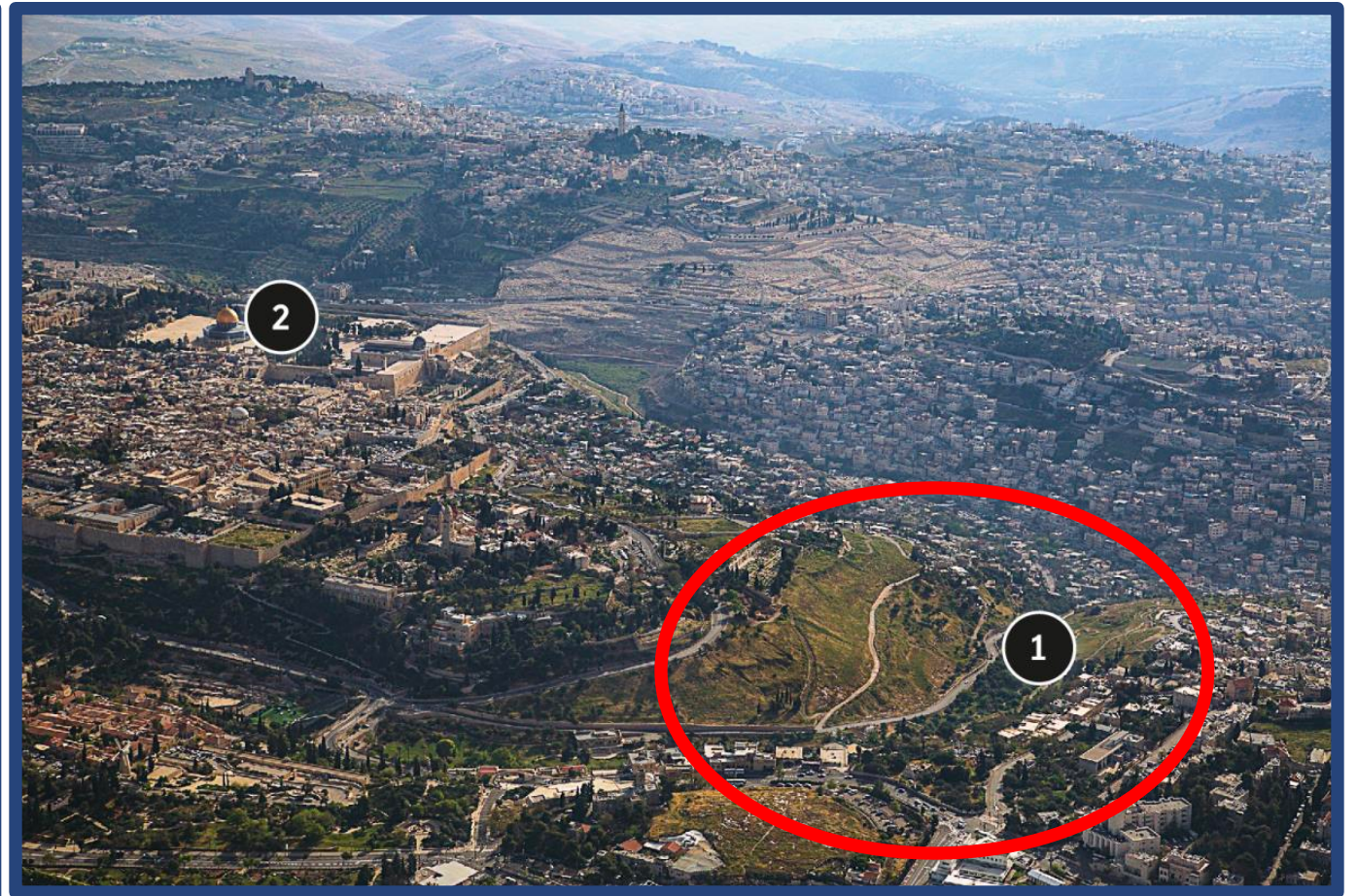
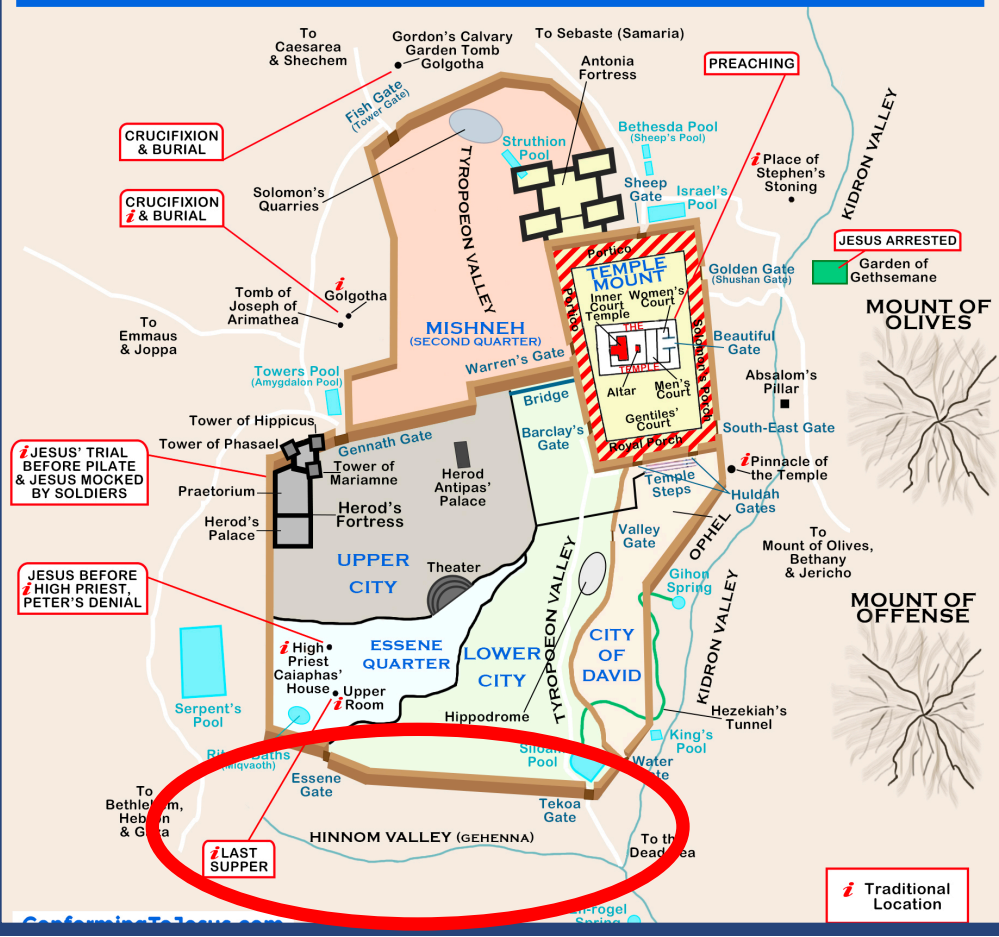
### 3) Kingdom Discipline: Purity (*Mark 9:42-50*)

- **Hell = Gehenna: (Hebrew) “Valley of Hinnom” (12x in NT)**

This was the valley along the south side of Jerusalem. In OT times it was used for human sacrifices to the pagan god Molech ... and it came to be used as a place where human excrement and rubbish were disposed of and burned. In the intertestamental period, it came to be used symbolically as the place of divine punishment.

- **NET Bible Study Note**

# JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS



(1) Valley of Hinnom  
(2) City of Jerusalem

### 3) Kingdom Discipline: Purity (Mark 9:42-50)

- Hell = Gehenna: (Hebrew) “Valley of Hinnom”

#### Jeremiah 32:35

They built the high places of Baal in *the Valley of the Son of Hinnom*, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

### 3) Kingdom Discipline: Purity (Mark 9:42-50)

- **Discipleship Pitfall #3: Temptation**
- **Key Question:** What do you need to “cut off/tear out?”
- **Answer:** Jesus says “cut off/tear out” *anything that tempts you!*

“As a surgeon does not hesitate to cut off a gangrenous hand to save a life, so evil and destructive practices, though precious to us as a very part of our lives, must be sacrificed to save the soul [person].”

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### **Hebrews 12:1**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.



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**Next Week:** *Mark 10:1-31*

**Two Weeks:** *No Breakfast*



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