

Stringing Pearls -Matthew 5, Mark 1:9-11, Psalm 2:7, Gen22:2, Isaiah 42:1

INTRODUCTION

God packs a lot of what He wants to say into a few words. In Mark 1:9-11 God the Father speaks of Jesus as a king, a servant, and His Son, who will become a sacrifice.

DISCUSSION

What is it like when you talk to someone who cannot simply say what they mean?

EXPLANATION

When was the last time you used a lot of words to say very little?

What do you think the value is in simply being plain about what we are saying?

Is it surprising that God can say so much in so few words?

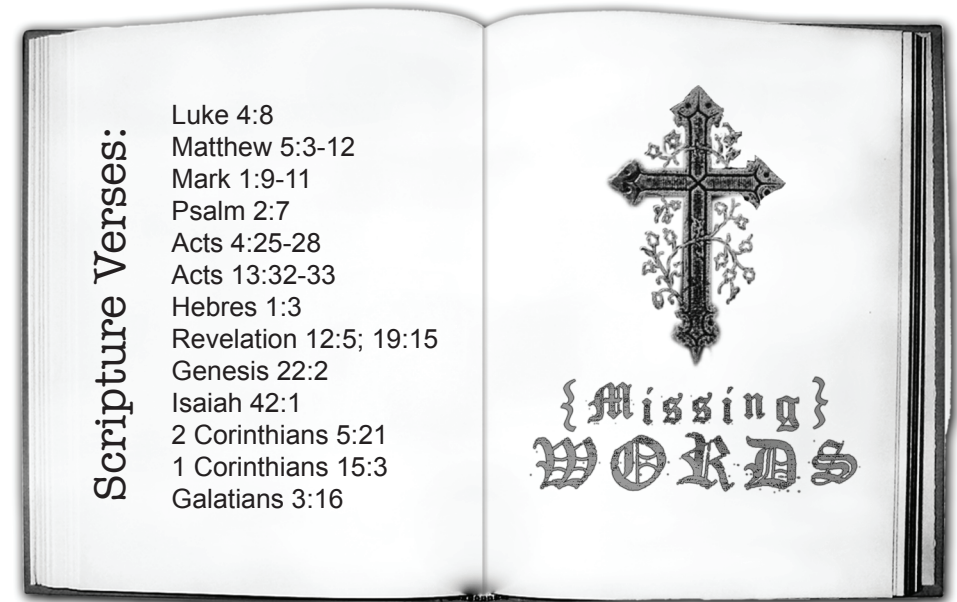
How can you be more plain in what you say?

APPLICATION

How can our interaction with the rest of creation be made simpler by being plain with our words?

In Mark 1, when it refers back to Genesis 22 and Abraham's "Jehovah Jirah" proclamation (the LORD will provide), how could our lives be affected if we believed the way Abraham did?

How could the world be impacted for the good if we truly understood Jesus as King AND servant?



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WEEK 5 Notes



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Luke 4:8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Have you ever wondered what scriptures Jesus learned from? What "bible" did he know? Jews in Jesus day (and today) read from the standard Old Testament you do (they just break the books up differently). The Jews refer to their scriptures as the TANAKH (it's simply an acronym for how they break up their scriptures).

- **T: Torah - Five books of Moses.**

Jewish people believed that at a specific moment in human history GOD had spoken directly to their ancestors, this became Torah. Torah can mean Teachings or instructions OR the simply 'way.'

- **N: Neviim (Prophets)** - The historical and prophetic books (Joshua, Judges, Isaiah, etc).

Prophets divided into two parts:

- a) *Former Prophets - books of Joshua through Kings.*
- b) *Latter Prophets - Everything else*

In the Jewish liturgy, selections from the books of Nevi'im known as the Haftarah are read publicly in the synagogue after the reading of the Torah on each Sabbath, as well as on Jewish festivals and fast days.

- **K: Ketuvim (Writings)** - Psalms Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, etc

These are called the wisdom literature. Knowledge is listening and learning, wisdom is DOING what you know to be true

STRINGING PEARLS—bringing together passages from different places in order to explore their great truths.

- Blessed are the poor in spirit
- Blessed are those who mourn
- Blessed are the meek

Are all Stringing Pearls.

Mark 1:9-11 *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."*

"You are my Son" is from Psalm 2:7

"whom I love" is from Genesis 22:2

"with you I am well pleased" Isaiah 42

Psalm 2=King,
Genesis 22 = Son
Isaiah 42 = Servant Messiah

In just three brief quotes from the Scriptures, God the Father speaks of Jesus as a king, a servant, and His Son, who will become a sacrifice.

