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*The Gift of God*







# *The Good News of Jesus Christ*

Mark 1





# Mark 1:1-45

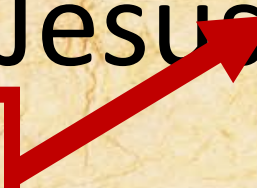
• The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

• Who is He?

1:2-8:30

• Why is He here?

8:31-16:20





# Mark 1:1-45



## •Who is He?

1. His Message (1-15)
2. His Mastery (16-28)
3. His Mercy (29-34)
4. His Mission (35-45)





## 1. His Message (1-15)

- The kingdom of God is at hand
  - Big picture: all creation (Ps. 103:19-22)
  - Here: Messianic rule (Acts 1:6)
    - Kingdom (14x – much more later)
    - At hand – *beginning to unfold*





## Background / Timing

- *After John had been taken into custody*
  - Jesus had been active in Jerusalem for about a year (see John 1-4 (3:24))
  - The disciples knew Jesus (John 1:35-42)
    - James and John were His cousins (Matt. 27:55-56; Mark 15:40; John 19:25)
  - Pressure from the Pharisees (John 4:1-3)





## 1. His Message (1-15)

- Repent

- *To change the mind*, resulting in change of conduct (Matt. 3:8 ; Acts 26:20)

- From *self-centered* to *God-centered*

- Beyond *regret, shame, conviction, sorrow, remorse* (see 2 Cor. 7:10)





# 1. His Message (1-15)

- Repent

1. Recognize sin(fulness) (Matt. 5:3)
2. Grieve over sin (Matt. 5:4)
3. Turn away from sin (Acts 8:22)
4. Pursue righteousness (Matt. 5:6)





## 1. His Message (1-15)

- Repent

- John appealed to sinners (Mark 1:4-5)
- Jesus identified with sinners (1:9-13)
  - Baptism of repentance for Jesus??
  - Temptation (see Heb. 4:15)





## 1. His Message (1-15)

- Believe in the gospel
  - What's the difference between *understanding* and *believing*?
    - Trust, reliance, dependence, action
  - At first: 'the kingdom is at hand'
  - Later: 'believe in the Lord Jesus'





## 2. His Mastery (16-28)

- Three representations & responses
  1. Over men (16-20)
    - Immediately they followed (18, 20)
  2. Over Scripture (21-22)
    - They were amazed (22)
  3. Over demons (23-27)
    - They were amazed (27)





### 3. His Mercy (29-34)

- Healing Peter's mother-in-law
  - Just coming from the synagogue (29)
  - They spoke to Jesus about her (30)
    - Because of what they witnessed?
  - He took her by the hand and she was healed and began to serve (31)





### 3. His Mercy (29-34)

- Healing the people
  - After sunset (after sabbath) (32)
  - The whole town shows up at Peter's front door (33)
  - Jesus healed and freed them (34)





## 4. His Mission (35-45)

- To preach the gospel of God (38; also 14)
  - “For this is what I came for”
    - *Kingdom at hand; repent and believe*
    - Spiritual deliverance: *I came to call sinners (2:17)*





## 4. His Mission (35-45)

- To preach the gospel of God (38; also 14)
- Healings were *secondary*:
  - Demonstration and authentication
    - Answering “Who is He?”
  - Distraction: “Look what He did!” (45)
    - Hampered His plans to preach





## 4. His Mission (35-45)

- Why keep it quiet? (24-25, 34, 44)
  - Wrong endorsement (Matt. 16:16-17)
  - Wrong timing (cf. 15)
  - Wrong purpose (cf. John 6:15)
  - Wrong focus: Us vs. Him



## So What?



- Who is Jesus?
- Why are you following Jesus?
  - For who He is, or for what He might do for us?
  - For change, or change of circumstances?



## So What?



- Are we preaching an accurate gospel?
  - For many: “Jesus will save you from all the things you don’t like in this life!”
  - Jesus: “Repent and believe! Stop thinking *earthly* – see your circumstances from God’s perspective.”