

## Jesus and His Godly Mission (Mark 1:1-28)

John 5:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

Mark’s gospel shows Jesus as a servant, serving God here on this earth.

He wrote this book directed towards the Romans, so he shows Christ with a lot of activity, demonstrating **Jesus as a person of action**.

It is believed that he was led to the Lord by Peter, and had worked with Paul and Barnabas, yet he and Paul had a “run-in” with each other, parting ways and then getting back together later.

Mark 10:45 (ESV)

<sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to **give his life as a ransom for many.**”

1. Who is Jesus? – (He introduces him to the world thru himself, the prophets, John the Baptist and through the Father and Holy Spirit!)

Mark 1:1 (ESV)<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- a.) **He is the son of God**, Mark says! (To the Romans, the gospel would mean the joyful news of the emperor.) Jesus is the King of the Universe.
- b.) The King who came to give victory over sin and death, and hell, instead providing eternal life.

Mark 1:2–3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’ ”

- c.) The prophets Malachi and Isaiah spoke about him earlier and would be introduced by the one we know as John the Baptist. (**To declare the way of repentance for the world.**)
- d.) John the Baptist preached **repentance for the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ**. (Being baptized by the Holy Spirit) Immersed spiritually is what the physical act represents.) Vs8

Mark 1:9–11 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

<sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

e.) Here you see the Godhead. (Jesus serving, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking.) **The salvation of man was God's plan and Jesus was here to save.**

2. He served for salvation, but Jesus is God Almighty- (Father, Son, Holy Spirit=God)

The other gospel accounts go further into this, but Mark is demonstrating the activity of Jesus. (His greatness through His actions.)

Mark 1:12–13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

<sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

- Mark shows that after introducing Jesus, He went to work! (He went out in severe temptation and **demonstrates victory where others fail/temptation.**)
- He also shows us that **Jesus is the One who restores the world to its original intent**, before the fall, angels ministering to Him and wild animals co-existing. (Restoration!) (Righteous, above reproach)

Mark 1:14–15 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,

<sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

a.) The kingdom of God is at hand- This is here, and in heaven. (**This is a wonderful pronouncement. God is speaking.**)

b.) His message to all is **repent, and believe He is the Savior.** (When we are saved, we repent of who we were and trust Jesus to restore us to who we were created to be!)

Mark 1:16–20 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

<sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

c.) He is the Savior, and we are to serve Him! (**Follow me**) (Become **fishers of men.**)

d.) Notice **how they immediately obeyed and followed?**

e.) Mark 1:21–22 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.

<sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

- He astonished them with authority. (He **taught with conviction and truth, as only God Himself could.**) We preach today with the truth, which is the authoritative Word of God!
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Mark 1:23–28 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

<sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”

<sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

<sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

<sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- Here we see that His very presence demonstrated that He is God. (**Who but God is control of everything, including the spiritual realm?**)
- This was a very fallen world, demonic even. (And it still is- **politics, murders, crazy people walking around, uncaring, children leaving their faith, sexual deviancy, etc.**)
- Jesus is the One to take you away from it, all of us, and this world. (Quite an introduction Mark gives!)
- He spoke with authority and demonstrated authority. (God authority. And yet here He is serving.)
- What is this new teaching with authority? (It is the gospel of Jesus Christ restoring His Kingdom to His rulership)
- We know it was with love, all the way to the cross.
- But when He returns, it will be in power and majesty.