

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

SERVANTHOOD & SACRIFICE IN A SELFIE WORLD

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Sermon Notes

The Kingdom Has Come! | Mark 1:9-20
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1. _____ is open (v. 9-11)

2. _____ is doomed (v. 12-13)

3. The _____ of God is among us (v. 14-15)

4. _____ net is cast (v. 16-20)

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QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What is the most amazing natural occurrence you have witnessed?

1. What do you learn about Jesus' identity and mission from His baptism in Mark 1:9-11? Consult also Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 3:13-17; and John 1:32-34.
2. What do you think was the purpose of Jesus' wilderness temptation experience, and what did it reveal about Him [Mark 1:12-13]? Consider also Deuteronomy 8:1-6; Matthew 4:1-11; and Luke 4:1-13.
3. As Mark 1 unfolds, notice the subtle ominous mood, with the driving of Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan, the wild animals, and then John's arrest. What message was being conveyed to the early persecuted Christians reading this book [cf. 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 2:18; Hebrews 4:15; and Revelation 2:13]?
4. According to Mark 1:14-15, what is the content of the gospel, and what must be the response to it [cf. Luke 24:46-49; Acts 20:21; and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11]?
5. As Jesus began to call his first followers, what principles of discipleship do you observe in Mark 1:17? How do these impact how you are following Jesus today [cf. Matthew 10:24-25; Luke 14:26-27; and John 1:35-51]?
6. Following Jesus meant leaving other things behind [Mark 1:18-20]. What might you need to leave behind in order to fully follow Jesus [cf. Mark 10:28-31; Luke 9:23-27; and Ephesians 5:6-21]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"One way to define spiritual life is getting so tired and fed up with yourself you go on to something better, which is following Jesus." (Eugene H. Peterson)