

The Gospel According to Mark

Jesus Begins to Preach

Mark 1:14-20



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Introduction:

I. JESUS' MESSAGE (vs. 14-15)

A. When? (vs. 14a)

"Now after John had been taken into custody"

B. Where? (vs. 14b)

"Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God"

C. What? (vs. 15)

"and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand...' " (Gal. 4:4; Heb. 1:2)

" 'repent and believe in the gospel.' "

"This is that old sermon which all the faithful witnesses of God have continually preached, from the very beginning of the world. From Noah down to the present day the burden of their sermon has always been the same: 'Repent and believe.' " – J.C. Ryle

II. JESUS' MEN (vs. 16-20)

A. Simon and Andrew (vs. 16-18)

"As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee"

"He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen."

John 1:35-42

"And Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.' "

Jeremiah 16:16; Ezekiel 38:4; Amos 4:2; Habakkuk. 1:14-15

"Immediately they left their nets and followed Him."

B. James and John (vs. 19-20)

“Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets.”

Matthew 27:56; John 19:25; Mark 15:40

Luke 5:7, 10

“Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants...”

“and went away to follow Him.”

The Gospels present Jesus “calling” disciples on four separate occasions:

- 1) In Jerusalem, Jesus invited Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael to “come” and “follow” Him (Jn. 1:35-51).
- 2) By the Sea of Galilee, Jesus called Andrew, Simon (Peter), James, and John to “follow” him (Matt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20; Lk. 5:1-11).
- 3) By the seashore near Capernaum, Jesus called Levi (Matthew) to “follow” him (Matt. 9:9; Mk. 2:13-14; Lk. 5:27-28).
- 4) On “the mountain” in Galilee, Jesus “appointed” the Twelve to be “apostles” (Mk. 3:13-19; Lk. 6:12-16; c.f. Matt. 10:1-4).

Conclusion: “Preach the gospel to yourself.”

- 1) See and own your sin. Confess it!
- 2) Identify the idols of your heart that get in the way of full submission to the Lord.
- 3) View repentance as a gift from God.
- 4) Acknowledge Jesus as the only Savior and the One who has a claim over you.
- 5) Embrace the gospel as your motivation for living.