



3/7/21 Sermon Notes

“Follow Me” Mark 1:1-20

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Mark 1:1-20 (CSB) - ¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. ³A voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight! ⁴John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶John wore a camel-hair garment with a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “One who is more powerful than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. ¹⁰As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.” ¹²Immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him. ¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: ¹⁵“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” ¹⁶As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon’s brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Follow me,” Jesus told them, “and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat putting their nets in order. ²⁰Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (v. 1)

Gospel, in its simplest form, means good news. For Mark, the good news is that Jesus, the savior prophesied of throughout the Old Testament, has arrived.

Isaiah 40:3 (vv.2-3)

John the Baptist (vv. 4-7)

John's role, according to the prophecy in Isaiah, was to prepare the way for Jesus.

John's message – Repentance for the forgiveness of sins and to be baptized as they confessed.

Baptism of Jesus (vv. 9-11)

“Mark leaves no doubt for his readers as to who Jesus is: God’s voice declares that Jesus is his messianic Son.” - Schnabel, E. J. *Mark: An Introduction and Commentary*

Temptation of Jesus (vv. 12-13)

Repent and Believe (vv. 14-15)

Turn from your sin and give your life to Jesus, trusting in the only One who can save you.

Follow Me (vv. 16-20)

“Both pairs of brothers found that obedience to the call of Jesus was costly; it meant abandonment of all that they held dear, and all earthly security, in simple committal to Jesus... Both left all that they had; that is always the minimum requirement for the Christian.” - Alan Cole

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16