

The Beginning of the Gospel

Mark Chapter 1

Synoptic Gospels = Matthew Mark & Luke

Matthew to Jews	Mark to Roman	Luke to Greek	John to Church
Matthew - Kingship	key phrase is "Fulfilled" 38x Genealogy begins with Abraham	99 OT reference	
Mark - Servant	key phrase "Straight way or Immediately" 42x no genealogy because servants genealogies are not kept		
Luke - The Man	key phrase "It came to pass" 40x Genealogy goes all the way back to Adam (to portray Christ the man)		
John - God	key phrase "Son of God" Genealogy goes all the way back to the beginning " <i>In the beginning was the word..</i> "		

- Mark was a young man when the things of the Gospels were happening (Mark 14:51-52)
- His Hebrew name was John (Acts 13:5) but his Roman name was Mark (Acts 15:39)
- Mark was the cousin of Barnabus (Col 4:10)
- There had been a church meeting in his mother's house (Acts 12:12)
- Peter had lead him to the Lord (1 Peter 5:13)
- Went on 1st missionary journey w/ Paul and Barnabus (Acts 12-13) but turned back
- Contention between Paul and Barnabus over him (Acts 14:31)
- Restored to Ministry in Paul's opinion (Col 4:10 Philemon 1:24 2 Tim 4:11)
- Later is with Peter in Babylon (1 Peter 5:13)
- He ministered w/ Timothy in Ephesus (2 Tim 4:11)
- He then disappears from the scene

The Gospel of Mark is fast paced. It is a quick snapshot of events and not given to much detail. While he was a witness to some of the events, most of the accounts were relayed to him by Peter. Therefore the details are not noted as they are in the first had accounts by Matthew or John.

Mar 1:1

1) In The Jordan vs 1-20

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- *Mark doesn't waste any time*
 - *How fast do we in our conversations bring up Jesus Christ.*
 - *Doing this changes how people look at you.*
 - *Doing this changes how people treat you*
 - *Doing this changes the potential of what God will do*
- Here we see Mark commits himself to the truth that Jesus is the Christ The Son of God*

- Mar 1:2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY;
- *Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."*
- Mar 1:3 THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.' "
- *Isaiah 40:3 "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*
 - *In Isaiah, Lord is Jehovah = "the existing One" Mark = Kyrios or master*
1) the proper name of the one true God
 - *Our job is very similar to this voice in the wilderness.*
 - *We have our wilderness this world*
 - *We Should Cry out Make it Known!*
 - *We make ready the way of the Lord (sometimes our message is tilling up the hard soil)*
 - *We make the paths straight. A clear presentation of the Gospel. We need to remove the obstacles of false teaching, New Age deception, or an apathetic heart. A Clear Simple presentation of the gospel is needed to give the lost a straight path to the Lord.*
 - *Clear Presentation Our Sin Creates Need, God's Provision, Repentance, Reception of Jesus*
- Mar 1:4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- *"metanoia" to change ones mind, this embraces a recognition and sorrow for sin and a determination for a better course of life.*
 - *John the Baptist message was not a message of Love, Joy, Peace, Prosperity, and Lasting Happiness. It was a message of man's sin and their need to repent and a coming forgiveness found in the coming Messiah.*
 - *What is our message in the wilderness God has us in.*
- Mar 1:5 And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.
- *Scholars believe John the Baptist baptized 300 to 500 thousand people.*
- Mar 1:6 John was clothed with camel's hair and {wore} a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.
- *Camels hair was a course weave of the hair of a camel not the wild skin with hair*
 - *Locusts were bugs not chocolate 4 x in NT a bug*
 - *Lev 11:22 "[Even] these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind."*
 - *Book of Joel has much about plagues of locust in judgment. (This is talking about chocolate?)*
- Mar 1:7 And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.
- *See the attitude of this minister Very Humble. There is a better one.*
 - *It was the slave who would unlatch the sandals of the master and guest as they came in the house.*
- Mar 1:8 "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- *Again, the proper humble perspective. Someone who is greater will baptize you with a greater baptism. (Luke 3:16 & Matt 3:13 and with fire)*
- Mar 1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
- *Matt 3:14 + 15 "But John forbid him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer [it to be so] now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him."*
 - *Jesus didn't need to repent. Yet he was baptized to fulfill righteousness and to identify with us. Isaiah 53 tells us that it was for many or the transgressors that he suffered. That was me.*

- Mar 1:10 **Immediately** coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;
- Mar 1:11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."
 - Here we see the triune God. The Son is baptized, The Spirit is descending, The Father is speaking.
 - The Father is well pleased. Why? He hasn't done anything yet.
- Mar 1:12 **Immediately** the Spirit *impelled Him {to} {go} out into the wilderness.
- Mar 1:13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.
 - After the wonderful event of the baptism, the affirmation from the Father temptation comes. It is interesting that the Spirit directed Him into this temptation. This was part of the plan of God.
 - You will see that a trial was next for John the Baptist as well (see vs 14)
 - You and I will experience trial or temptation after a wonderful victory. This may be a God thing.
 - Reasons we experience trial or temptation after a victory
 - To realize the war isn't over yet. We just had victory in Battle.
 - To keep us engaged in the warfare.
 - To keep us humble. So we don't get the Big Head.
 - To keep us looking to Jesus who is our victory
 - To show us our weakness so we can be strengthened in that area
 - To show us we have need of other brothers and sisters around us
 - After this wilderness experience Jesus chose the disciples
- Mar 1:14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,
 - (KJV) "preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God"
- Mar 1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
 - Jesus preached Repentance
 - Jesus preached Believing the Gospel (Good News)
- Mar 1:16 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.
- Mar 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
 - **What following Him isn't:**
 - Matt 19; Mark 10; Luke 18
 - Rich young ruler "What good thing must I do"
 - ...Keep Commandments ... Then Follow me
 - So "Following Him isn't Doing Good Things.
 - Mark 1:18; (Simon & Andrew) Mark 1:20; (James & John) Mark 2:14; (Levi)
 - Matt 9:9 (Matthew) John 1 (Philip)
 - Jesus asked each one of these to follow Him. Straight way they arose and followed. They each did not discuss or analyze the request. They did not reason the pros and cons.
 - So "Following Him" isn't Reasonable.
 - John 21:20-22
 - Jesus told Peter how he will follow and die. Peter seeing John following asked about John. Jesus said what does it matter to you? You follow me.
 - So Following Him" isn't Ordinary.- **What following Him is:**
 - Matt 16; Mark 8; Luke 9
 - Denying One's Self, Taking up his own cross.
 - "Following Him" is Surrender.

Luke 9: 59 + 61

Jesus asked 2 to Follow and one wanted to bury his father and the other wanted to bid family goodbye.

"Following Him" is Responsive. (immediately)

John 10:27

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:"

"Following Him" is Being Known.

John 12:26

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father honour."

"Following Him" is an Honorable Service.

- How to become a Fisher of Men. "Follow Jesus" not learn some method of sharing, while that is a good thing, not learn the 4 Spiritual Laws, while that is a good thing, not get out there and preach, while that is a good thing, it's very simple but more demanding, just "Follow Jesus"
- Not 1st encounter John 1:35-42 Andrew was following John the Baptist and heard John say Jesus was the Lamb of God. And they followed him and Jesus turned and asked them "What seek ye?" and they ended up spending a day with Him.

Mar 1:18 **Immediately** they left their nets and followed Him.

Mar 1:19 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.

Mar 1:20 **Immediately** He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.

- "Immediately" they followed them Immediately speaks of response time.
- The question becomes how responsive are you to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Mar 1:21 **2) In The Synagogue** vs 21-28

They *went into Capernaum; and **immediately** on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and {began} to teach.

- "Immediately" they were engaged into the world around them to present Jesus. It wasn't getting away for 4-8 years to get a degree in the study of God. They were face to face right away. "Immediately"

Mar 1:22 They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as {one} having authority, and not as the scribes.

- What was the synagogue like? It was a building that held 150 - 200 people and there were 3 main people. **The Ruler** - the guy that locked or unlocked and swept the synagogue. He was not the teacher or pastor or priest. **The Treasurer** - the official that handled and tracked the monies of the synagogue. **The Hazzan** (cantor) - was in charge of the songs of prayer and the scrolls.
- Occasionally a rabbi would be regularly available to the synagogue and at times one would be traveling through to teach. In comes Jesus to teach.
- Jesus did not teach as the scribes, quoting this rabbi or that rabbi, but he taught with authority saying, "You've heard it said, XXXXXX But I say to you YYYYYYYY." (Ex. Matt 5:21, 27, 31,33, 38, 43)
- He was THE WORD OF GOD teaching THE WORD OF GOD.
- How to teach w/ Authority
 - Be Called of God
 - Know the Word
 - Believe the Word
 - Live the Word

- Mar 1:23 Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
- Mar 1:24 saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"
- Mar 1:25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"
- Mar 1:26 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him.
- Mar 1:27 They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."
- *Service that day began like every other service. Then Jesus spoke and wow! What authority! But then something happens that demonstraighted Jesus' authority*
 - *The devil that was in that place spoke to defend his territory.*
 - *Jesus commanded the devil to shut up and leave.*
 - *It did and the people were now amazed at the authority of His Word and the Realm of His authority.*
 - *Are you amazed/moved at His Word and Realm in your life?*
 - *We will also see that their initial amazement will turn to an offense.*
- Mar 1:28 **Immediately** the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.
- *Popularity beginning to grow He is becoming known.*

- Mar 1:29 **3) In The Community** (Simon's House, City, Synagogue) vs 29-45
- And **immediately** after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- Mar 1:30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and **immediately** they *spoke to Jesus about her.
- *There was a need in that Simon's mother-in-law was sick and they could have all left the house quietly. They could have all talked among themselves about the sickness that was affecting the community and the children in the schools.*
 - *No they "spoke to Jesus about her." They prayed.*
 - *"Immediately" they prayed. We need to be people who hear the need and QUICKLY pray. If someone says to you, "Will you pray for XXXXXXXX" Don't do it later. (You'll forget) Do It Immediately!!*
- Mar 1:31 And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them.
- Mar 1:32 When evening came, after the sun had set, they {began} bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed.
- Mar 1:33 And the whole city had gathered at the door.
- *Popularity is happening. People are being drawn.*
- Mar 1:34 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.
- Mar 1:35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left {the house,} and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

- Jesus life was an example for us. Here we see that Jesus had need of a private time of prayer. Here we see it was early in the morning, away from other by Himself and it was a matter of prayer.
- A teaching on Early in the Morning:
 - Abraham rose up early in the morning (Gen 19:27; Gen 21:14; Gen 22:3)
 - Jacob rose up early in the morning (Gen 28:18)
 - The Lord told Moses to rise up early in the morning (Ex 8:20; Ex 9:13)
 - So, Moses rose up early in the morning (Ex 24:4; Ex 34:4)
 - Those seeking repentance before Moses rose up early in the morning (Num 14:40)
 - Joshua rose up early in the morning (Jos 3:1; Jos 6:12; Jos 7:16; Jos 8:18)
 - Hannah rose up early in the morning (1 Sam 1:19) -- Samuel's Mom
 - David rose up early in the morning (1 Sam 17:20; 1 Sam 29:11)
 - Jehosaphat rose up early in the morning (2 Chron 20:20)
 - Job rose up early in the morning (Job 1:5)
 - Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who rose up early in the morning (Matt 20:1)
 - Jesus rose up early in the morning (Mk 1:35; Jn 8:2)
 - Those who come to hear Him rose early in the morning (Lk 21:38)

- Mar 1:36 Simon and his companions searched for Him;
- Mar 1:37 they found Him, and *said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."
- Mar 1:38 He *said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for."
- What did He come here for "To Preach the Kingdom of God and The Gospel"
 - What did YOU come here for? Do you know?
- Mar 1:39 And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons.
- Mar 1:40 And a leper *came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."
- This is all mankind's question. We all wonder if God will. Many are afraid to hear the answer for the enemy has deceived their heart that God Will Not!
 - The Leper's question is more than just healing, it is one of cleansing
 - Study of Leprosy (Lev 13)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works from the inside of a man to the outside - Can lay dormant for 20 years than surface - Under the skin - Effect the Nervous system 	<p><u>Like Sin:</u> Inside Out Effects lay Dormant Root is in Heart Damages Sensitivity</p>
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- Mar 1:41 Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and *said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."
- Mar 1:42 **Immediately** the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.
- Mar 1:43 And He sternly warned him and **immediately** sent him away,
- Mar 1:44 and He *said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."
- Jesus was very stern with him telling him to tell nobody
 - Jesus knew that this news would create an unwanted popularity
- Mar 1:45 But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.
- Popularity is out of control. It is hindering to Jesus. He could no longer go into a city with out sneaking in.

- *Your popularity will hinder you. Your churches popularity will hinder effectiveness in some areas. Fellowship, Intimacy, warmth. Some preachers for fear of losing the church or crowd will cater to the crowd and change the message. The will become cute or cleaver. Our message should be about the gospel*
 - *G God created us in His image for His glory to have a relationship w/ Him*
 - *O Our sin separates us from God. The wages of sin is death. (eternity in Lake of fire)*
 - *S Sin is breaking God's Laws. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*
 - *P Price was Paid by Jesus who was Pure and fulfilled all Prophecies concerning this substitutionary sacrifice*
 - *E Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord, repents of their sin and believes in Jesus shall be saved. They shall have Eternal life and Enter heaven.*
 - *L Love was demonstrated by God through Jesus' sacrifice for you. This loving God wants to give you a new Life one that is found in a relationship with Him*

- *It isn't a popular message but it is the message we are to preach. Jesus didn't go to where the crowds were. He went to the unpopulated areas .IT ISN'T ABOUT THE CROWDS IT IS ABOUT THE MESSAGE.*

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