

THE GOSPEL *of*

MARK



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Gospel of Mark

- written by John Mark
- accounts from Peter inspired with intention

3 Big Chunks

Galilee – encountering Jesus, who is this

Jerusalem – disciples struggling to understand

Journey to Jerusalem – how Jesus will fulfill the role of Messiah King

- Mark is cryptic, big picture with carefully chosen stories and details introducing you to Gospel

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Today 3 Pictures

Baptism of Jesus

Temptation of Jesus

Ministry Launch & Calling Disciples

- ask for open eyes and ears
 - see God's plan unfolding
 - see Jesus and respond
 - courage to know the steps

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1. Baptism of Jesus – Mark 1:9-11

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

- see also Luke 3, Matthew 3, John 1

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a) Came to be baptized

- Matt. 3:14-15 “John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.”

- moment of identification, I am the one you have been proclaiming

b) Divine Display

- heaven's opened, spirit descending, voice from heaven

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c) Confirmation of the Father

- 'you are my son in whom I am well pleased'
- God confirming Jesus identity and mission

2. Temptation of Jesus 12-13 "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 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."

- see Matthew 4, Luke 4

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a) driven by the Spirit

- other accounts led by the Spirit
- filled with Spirit now following leading

b) Solitude – 40 days in the wilderness

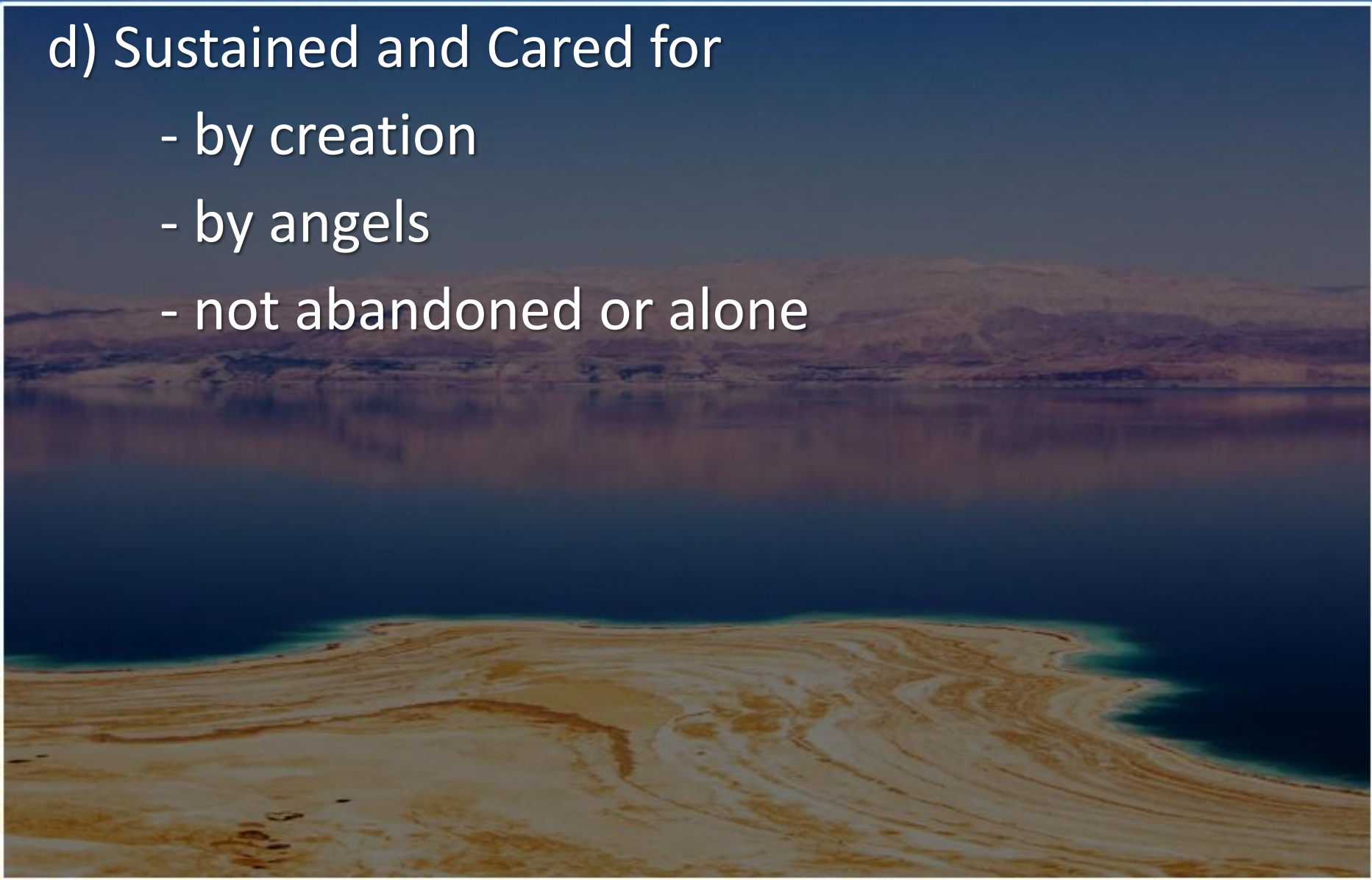
- not instantly to doing, being with the Father
- pattern of Jesus – retreat and filling

c) Tempted by the Enemy

- spiritual encounters often followed by opposition and attack
- opportunity to choose another way

d) Sustained and Cared for

- by creation
- by angels
- not abandoned or alone



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3. Ministry & Calling Disciples 16-20 (Mt 4, Luke 5)

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” 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. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

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And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.”

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a) John Arrested

- Luke 3:18-20 “So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.”

- messenger is locked up

b) Jesus Proclaims

- time is here, redemption at hand

- repent, believe, follow

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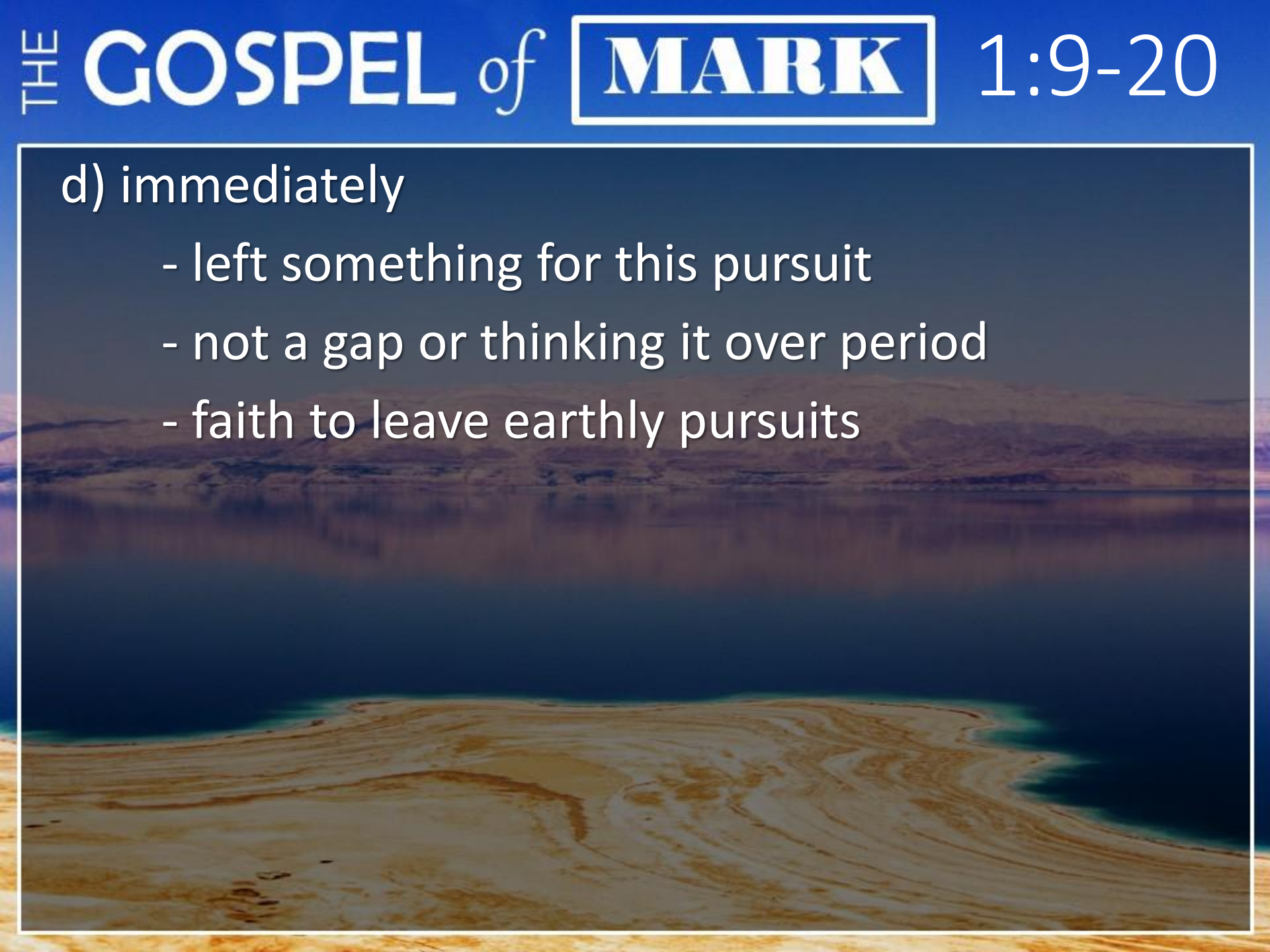
c) Invitation to Follow

- follow me
 - been identified and proclaimed
 - privilege of following a rabbi
- make you fishers of men
 - authority to make it happen
 - purpose and value
 - didn't know all details, come and see

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d) immediately

- left something for this pursuit
- not a gap or thinking it over period
- faith to leave earthly pursuits



So What?

1. Invitation to Baptism

- Example of Jesus
- Command – Repent and be Baptized
- Spiritual significance and identification

2. Clear who Jesus was

- invitation to respond

3. Understand there Will be Temptation

- spiritual announcement brings opposition

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- responding with obedience brings target
- understand – offer will often be this can happen another way, surely you don't have to.....
- don't miss God's sustaining hand

3. This Message for Today

- Kingdom of God is at hand
 - repent and believe
- Come and Follow me – kingdom purpose
 - will you respond?