

THE GOSPEL *of*

MARK



Gospel of Mark

- written by John Mark on accounts from Peter

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 the Gospel.

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Mark 6:1-13

Mark 6:1-6 *“He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”*”

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And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.”

1. Jesus Preaches at Home

- interesting there would be some ‘buzz’ around it
- toughest place in the world to speak – family
- similar accounts in Luke 4, Matt. 13
- check out the response

a) Astonishment

- crazy insight and wisdom
- where did this guy get such brilliance?
- did you hear what he does?

b) Wait – We Know You.....

- are you not the carpenter here till recently?
- Mary's boy – we know your siblings
- we have heard some rumors and claims
- your siblings are right there

c) Response - Take Offense

- don't fit who we have been expecting
- can't explain the wisdom and works but....
- pretty sure you are not the 'promised one'

d) Jesus Surprised at their Unbelief

- did only a few healings there
- suspect – Jesus disappointed
 - wedding miracle, loved community
 - they looked past evidence, concluded

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Mark 6:7-13 *“And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.”*”

See also – Luke 9, Matthew 10

2. Jesus Sends the Twelve

- called them, modeled, taught, sent with clarity

a) Jesus Confers Authority

- takes what He has – gives it to them
- able to use what Jesus had – entrusted
- over the spiritual – unclean spirits

b) Jesus Sends them Out

- love the teams vs. individual approach
- clear – there will be a response to you

- when accepted, stay and serve
- when rejected, shake the dust and move on
 - not plead, argue, discuss....
 - implication – they will answer to God

c) Take Only What You Have On You

- go in faith – I am sending you
- tough – no food, blanket, cash – dependant
- no clear promise won't have a hard time

d) Results are amazing

- cast out demons (they left)
- healed the sick (anointing & prayer)

e) sneak peak – Mark 6:30

- return exhausted – poured out
- Jesus suggests a pulling back – rest
- love seasons & rhythms in Scripture

So What

1. We Can Miss the Message – see the messenger
 - clear – there are false teachers, no fruit lives
 - not listening to Holy Spirit – hearing them
 - letting religion & perception color our view
 - pride & offense – who do they think they are
2. Connection between Faith & Fruit
 - pattern in Scripture, believe, have faith, fruit
 - believe in heart, confess with mouth, action

- believe the scripture, ask, receive from God
- your absence of faith affects the fruit

3. Some will take Offense & Reject

- question, rationalize, reject obvious truth
- Rom. 1:32 *“Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”*
- possible those you love most have difficult time seeing truth through you

4. Jesus Sends Disciples Out

- called lights, ambassadors, witnesses
- prepared works for you to participate in
- Matt. 28:18 – Great commission mandate

5. Jesus Confers Authority

- ‘all authority in heaven and on earth’
- ‘bind in my name will be bound’
- wait for Holy Spirit – go in power

6. Sends in Faith

- not always easy or having everything arranged
- leaving response & result to God
- go where you are sent and serve, trusting

7. You Will Be Responded To

- some will reject, refuse, leave you in the cold
- some will welcome, receive and be touched
- free will and response to Jesus determines fruit
- faithful to go where sent, regardless