

MARK: THE JESUS YOU NEED TO KNOW PART 1
“THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS”
SCRIPTURE: MARK 1:1-15; 1 CORINTHIANS 6
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INTRODUCTION

- New series on the Gospel of Mark is about encountering the Jesus you need to know.
- Mark 1:1 ESV, “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
- Echoes Genesis 1:1 - Same God – doing something new.
- Mark is writing to people under pressure.
- Mark is asking if Jesus gets to rule.

I. THE GOOD NEWS

- Mark 1:1 NLT, “This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.”
- To 1st century listeners calling Jesus the *Messiah* was a declaration, it was tense.
- Israel expected a conquering king shaped by promises like 2 Samuel 7 and Daniel 7.
- Jesus is the King we need, but often not the one we want.
- Mark is declaring Jesus as a King to follow not an idea to admire.

II. PREPPING THE WAY

- Mark anchors Jesus’ arrival in the promises of the prophets.
- Mark 1: 2-3 NLT, “It began ²just as the prophet Isaiah had written: ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. ³He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the LORD’s coming! Clear the road for Him!’ ”
- John the Baptist prepares the way by calling people to repentance.
- Mark 1:4-5 NLT, “This messenger was John the Baptist ... ⁵All of Judea...went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them...⁷ John announced:

- “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am...⁸ I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”
- Mark 1:9-11 NLT, “One day Jesus came...John baptized Him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰As Jesus came up out of the water, He saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on Him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice from heaven said, “You are My dearly loved Son, and You bring Me great joy.”
- Jesus is not another teacher, not another healer, not another prophet. He is God.
- Jesus’ arrival was declaration that God is still with us. He hasn’t forgotten about us. It is still His story, and He is still in it.

III. THE NEARNESS OF THE KINGDOM

- Mark 1:12-13 NLT, “The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, ¹³where He was tempted by Satan for forty days...”
- Jesus is going to confront darkness and overcome it in the through surrender and obedience.
- Testing does not indicate God’s absence—often it confirms a calling.
- Mark 1:14-15 NLT, “...after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee...He announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”
- Jesus announces a new reality not a new religion.
- Jesus is declaring that God is reclaiming His rule.
- Repentance is not feeling bad; it is changing direction.
- Belief is not agreement; it is rearranging our lives around a new King.

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- The entirety of Mark’s message hinges on one question: Is He your King?
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “...you must honor God with your body.”
- The Good news is not just that sin can be forgiven...
- The Good news is Jesus invites us to live well by following Him now. Have you surrendered to the King?