

GOSPEL OF MARK
JESUS CHRIST, SERVANT OF GOD

1. A PICTURE OF THE PAST

- A. MARK 1:1-4 THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD. [2] IT IS WRITTEN IN ISAIAH THE PROPHET: "I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY"-- [3] "A VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE DESERT, 'PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM.' "[4] AND SO JOHN CAME, BAPTIZING IN THE DESERT REGION AND PREACHING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
 - I. THE PROMISE OF THE COMING MESSIAH, ..THE FIRST PROPHECY FULFILLED. ONE WOULD PROCEED HIM.
 - II. TO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST, ONE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT ALL STARTED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

2. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE MESSENGER

- A. MARK 1:4-8 AND SO JOHN CAME, BAPTIZING IN THE DESERT REGION AND PREACHING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. [5] THE WHOLE JUDEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM WENT OUT TO HIM. CONFESSING THEIR SINS, THEY WERE BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER. [6] JOHN WORE CLOTHING MADE OF CAMEL'S HAIR, WITH A LEATHER BELT AROUND HIS WAIST, AND HE ATE LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. [7] AND THIS WAS HIS MESSAGE: "AFTER ME WILL COME ONE MORE POWERFUL THAN I, THE THONGS OF WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO STOOP DOWN AND UNTIE. [8] I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."
 - I. JOHN'S PRESENCE
 - (1) WAS IT HIS DRESS?
 - (2) MAYBE IT WAS HIS LIFE STYLE
 - II. WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE? IS THIS MESSAGE THE MESSAGE OF MOST CHURCHES TODAY?
 - (1) BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
 - (2) AFTER ME WILL COME ONE MORE POWERFUL THAT I ... HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT [THE FIRST PROPHECY OF THE N.T.]
 - III. THE WHOLE JUDEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM
 - (1) A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN JUDEA
 - (2) ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL CLIMATE CHANGED.

3. WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE READY, WHO COMES ON THE SCENE, & WHAT IS THE RESULT?

- A. MARK 1:9-13 AT THAT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. [10] AS JESUS WAS COMING UP OUT OF THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND THE SPIRIT DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. [11] AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN: "YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED." [12] AT ONCE THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE DESERT, [13] AND HE WAS IN THE DESERT FORTY DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY SATAN. HE WAS WITH THE WILD ANIMALS, AND ANGELS ATTENDED HIM.
 - I. YOU ARE SEEING A PICTURE, THE PEOPLE ARE READY. [[THE BOOK OF MARK IS A BOOK OF WORD PICTURES]]
 - II. JESUS COMES ON THE SCENE.
 - (1) WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?
 - (2) WHAT HAS HE BEEN DOING?
 - (3) DOES HE SHOW GREAT POWER AND AUTHORITY?
 - III. GOD THE FATHER ACKNOWLEDGES HIS SON

- (1) HOW DOES GOD THE FATHER ACKNOWLEDGE HIS CHILDREN TODAY?
- IV. WHEN THE FATHER ACKNOWLEDGES HIS SON, WHAT IS THE RESULT?
 - (1) 40 DAYS = 40 USED WITH A TIME IS THE NUMBER OF JUDGMENT OR TESTING
 - (2) THE WAR IS ON, THE BATTLE IS ENGAGED.
 - (A) WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF CHRIST NOT GIVING INTO TEMPTATION?
 - (B) WHO TAKES ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TAKING CARE OF HIM?
4. THREE PICTURES TO SHOW THE POWER OF JESUS
 - A. JESUS HAS POWER OVER MAN?
 - I. MARK 1:14-20 AFTER JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON, JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. [15] "THE TIME HAS COME," HE SAID. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!" [16] AS JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE, HE SAW SIMON AND HIS BROTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN. [17] "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN." [18] AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM. [19] WHEN HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS. [20] WITHOUT DELAY HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER ZEBEDEE IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.
 - (1) WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF JESUS?
 - (2) WHEN JESUS SEES SIMON AND ANDREW WHAT DOES HE DO?
 - (A) WHAT IS THEIR RESPONSE?
 - (B) EVERY ONE HAS LOOKED AT SIMON AND ANDREW, WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT JESUS?
 - (C) WHEN JESUS CALLS JAMES AND JOHN, WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT THE POWER OF JESUS?
 - (1) WHAT IS THE POWER OF JESUS REGARDING MAN?
 - (3) HOW DOES THE COMMAND "FOLLOW ME" SUMMARIZE THE ESSENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP?
 - (4) WE ALL LIVE WITH AUTHORITY, HOW IT IS USED DEPENDS ON HOW WE FEEL, HOW WE VIEW IT DEPENDS ON HOW WE FEEL, EITHER PUT UPON, TRAPPED, USED, OR WE FEEL SECURE, FREE AND USEFUL.
 - (5) DID THE PEOPLE SEE JESUS AS ONE OF THE SCRIBES? WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?
 - (A) MATTHEW 7:29 BECAUSE HE TAUGHT AS ONE WHO HAD AUTHORITY, AND NOT AS THEIR TEACHERS OF THE LAW.
 - (6) WHAT ILLUSTRATION DOES THE BIBLE GIVE US OF AUTHORITY?
 - (A) MATTHEW 8:9 FOR I MYSELF AM A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY, WITH SOLDIERS UNDER ME. I TELL THIS ONE, 'GO,' AND HE GOES; AND THAT ONE, 'COME,' AND HE COMES. I SAY TO MY SERVANT, 'DO THIS,' AND HE DOES IT."
 - B. JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER SPIRITUAL POWERS
 - I. MARK 1:21-27 THEY WENT TO CAPERNAUM, AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. [22] THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE WHO HAD AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. [23] JUST THEN A MAN IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE WHO WAS POSSESSED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT CRIED OUT, [24] "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, JESUS OF NAZARETH? HAVE YOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW WHO YOU ARE--THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!" [25] "BE QUIET!" SAID JESUS STERNLY. "COME OUT OF HIM!" [26] THE EVIL SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM WITH A SHRIEK. [27] THE PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER, "WHAT IS THIS? A NEW TEACHING--AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN GIVES ORDERS TO EVIL SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM."
 - (1) WHERE WAS JESUS'S TEACHING?

- (2) WHAT DID THE PEOPLE THINK OF JESUS'S TEACHING?
 - (3) WHEN THE EVIL SPIRIT CONFRONTED JESUS, WHAT WAS HE AFRAID OF?
 - (A) DO YOU THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT JESUS WAS IN THE PRESENCE OF A DEMON, WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?
 - (I) EXACTLY, WHAT DID JESUS DO?
 - (II) WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT HIS POWER OVER THE KINGDOM OF SATAN AND ITS INHABITANTS?
 - (III) WHAT WAS THE RESULT ON THE PEOPLE?
 - (IV) HOW ARE WE TO MINISTER TODAY, AND WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT?
- C. JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER DECEASE?
- I. Mark 1:29-34 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. [30] Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. [31] So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. [32] That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. [33] The whole town gathered at the door, [34] and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.
 - (1) JESUS IN THE HOME OF SIMON AND ANDREW.
 - (A) WHY DID HE GO THERE?
 - (2) WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FEVER?
 - (3) WHEN THE WHOLE TOWN GATHERED AT THE DOOR, WHAT DID JESUS DO?
 - (A) WHAT TIME WAS IT, WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?
 - (4) AND WHAT ABOUT THE DEMONS?
 - (A) WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT JESUS'S AUTHORITY OVER SICKNESS?
 - (5) WHAT IMPRESSION DO YOU GET HERE OF JESUS?
 - (6) HOW ARE THE PEOPLE RESPONDING TO HIM? ARE THEY WORRIED ABOUT WHO IS WORTHY? IS ANYTHING HARD FOR HIM TO DO? IS ANYTHING TO EASY, NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BRING TO HIM?
 - (7) THUS FAR WE HAVE LOOKED AT THREE PORTRAITS OF JESUS. WHAT ASPECT OF JESUS' CHARACTER DO WE SEE IN THEM?
 - (8) WHICH ASPECT OF JESUS' CHARACTER IS MOST PROMINENT IN THESE THREE INCIDENTS?
 - (A) AUTHORITY EMPHASIZED BY SUCH PHRASES AS "AT ONCE" AND WITHOUT DELAY. HIS AUTHORITY EXTENDS TO ALL THE AREAS OF LIFE; TEACHING, DEMONS, DISEASE AND PEOPLE.
 - (9) HOW DO THESE ACCOUNTS OF JESUS' ACTIVITY RELATE TO HIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN VERSE 15?
 - (10) HOW DOES JESUS EXERCISE HIS AUTHORITY DIFFERENTLY FROM KINGS AND DICTATORS AND OTHER HUMAN AUTHORISED.
 - (11) WHAT PRACTICAL DIFFERENCES CAN KNOW THIS MAKE IN OUR OWN RESPONSE TO JESUS' AUTHORITY?
5. HOW DOES JESUS SPEND HIS TIME?
- A. MARK 1:35 VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, JESUS GOT UP, LEFT THE HOUSE AND WENT OFF TO A SOLITARY PLACE, WHERE HE PRAYED.
 - I. WE SEE MANY PICTURES OF JESUS, HOW OFTEN DO WE SEE THIS PICTURE?
 - II. DOES THIS TELL US WHERE HE GETS HIS DIRECTIONS.
 - III. WHAT DID HE DO THE EVENING BEFORE?
 - IV. DID HE HAVE A FULL NIGHTS REST?
 - V. WHY DOESN'T HE ASK FOR PEOPLE TO BE HEALED, DEMONS TO BE DRIVEN OUT, WHAT DOES

- JESUS KNOW?
- (1) WHEN ASKED TO TEACH US HOW TO PRAY, HE SAID, THY KINGDOM COME, THEY WILL BE DONE!
- VI. WHY DOES THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE SHOW ABOUT JESUS' PRIORITIES? WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET IN LINE WITH THEM?
- (1) WORSHIP, TEACHING, HEALING, WHAT DES IT SHOW?
6. LOOK AT SERVICE!
- A. MARK 1:36-39 SIMON AND HIS COMPANIONS WENT TO LOOK FOR HIM, [37] AND WHEN THEY FOUND HIM, THEY EXCLAIMED: "EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU!" [38] JESUS REPLIED, "LET US GO SOMEWHERE ELSE--TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES--SO I CAN PREACH THERE ALSO. THAT IS WHY I HAVE COME." [39] SO HE TRAVELED THROUGHOUT GALILEE, PREACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES AND DRIVING OUT DEMONS.
- I. WHAT IS A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY?
- II. WHERE WAS HIS PREFERENCE IN HIS PLACE OF PREACHING?
7. FOCUS - WHO IS THE CHURCH FOR?
- A. MARK 1:39-45 SO HE TRAVELED THROUGHOUT GALILEE, PREACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES AND DRIVING OUT DEMONS. [40] A MAN WITH LEPROSY CAME TO HIM AND BEGGED HIM ON HIS KNEES, "IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN." [41] FILLED WITH COMPASSION, JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOUCHED THE MAN. "I AM WILLING," HE SAID. "BE CLEAN!" [42] IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CURED. [43] JESUS SENT HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A STRONG WARNING: [44] "SEE THAT YOU DON'T TELL THIS TO ANYONE. BUT GO, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST AND OFFER THE SACRIFICES THAT MOSES COMMANDED FOR YOUR CLEANSING, AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM." [45] INSTEAD HE WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO TALK FREELY, SPREADING THE NEWS. AS A RESULT, JESUS COULD NO LONGER ENTER A TOWN OPENLY BUT STAYED OUTSIDE IN LONELY PLACES. YET THE PEOPLE STILL CAME TO HIM FROM EVERYWHERE
- I. TO START THIS PICTURE, WE SEE JESUS TEACHING AND HEALING HUNDREDS. BUT THOSE HUNDREDS ARE ALL INDIVIDUALS. NOW WE WILL TAKE TIME TO LOOK AT THE INDIVIDUALS.
- II. WHAT TYPE OF PERSON IN OUR SOCIETY WOULD YOU FEEL MOST UNCOMFORTABLE ASSOCIATING WITH? EXPLAIN WHY?
- (1) LEVITICUS 13:45-46 "THE PERSON WITH SUCH AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE MUST WEAR TORN CLOTHES, LET HIS HAIR BE UNKEMPT, COVER THE LOWER PART OF HIS FACE AND CRY OUT, 'UNCLEAN! UNCLEAN!' [46] AS LONG AS HE HAS THE INFECTION HE REMAINS UNCLEAN. HE MUST LIVE ALONE; HE MUST LIVE OUTSIDE THE CAMP.
- (2) WOULD THIS HAVE AFFECTED THE MAN PSYCHOLOGICALLY, RELIGIOUSLY AND SOCIALLY?
- III. WHAT RISKS DID THE LEPER TAKE IN COMING TO JESUS?
- (1) DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE THOSE TODAY, AFRAID TO COME TO JESUS [THE CHURCH]?
- IV. WHAT RISKS DID JESUS TAKE IN RESPONDING TO HIM AS HE DID?
- V. THIS MAN ASKS ONE OF THE UNIVERSAL QUESTIONS, "YOU CAN MAKE ME WHOLE, WILL YOU?"
- (1) JESUS WHO IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS, FOREVER ANSWERS THE QUESTION, "I WILL!"
- VI. THIS MAN SEES JESUS AS SAVIOR, NOT AS LORD!
- (1) THIS BEING THE CASE, THE MAN IS NOT THE POWER OF THE HEALING.