

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: The Gospel According to Mark – Message 4

2015 VISION: *Redeem the Time!*

Scriptures for Today: **Mark 1:14-20** (*pause on 12-13 until next week*)

Title of Today's Easter Message: **What did Jesus SAY? (WDJS)**

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw the **entrance** of the Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Mark and His willingness as God and also as a man to be our great example of an obedient servant as He yielded in submission to the will of His Father in heaven – who declared that He was well pleased with His beloved Son after He was baptized. Today, we will look at the **first WORDS** of Jesus in the book of Mark. And, we will be reminded of **the most important things** that should be preached by preachers on **Easter Sunday** and **the most important actions** to be taken by the hearers on **Easter Sunday!**

PREACHING NOTES

1. The very **first words recorded** in the gospel of Mark of Jesus were, **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and BELIEVE the gospel.”** 1:14-15

- ✓ **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand...**
Acts 17:30-31; Hebrews 3:7, 15, 14:7; Galatians 4:4; Eph 1:10; Luke 10:9-11; 17:20-21 (“within you”)
- ✓ **Repent YE, and believe the gospel...**
Acts 17:30-31; 20:21 (“repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ”); 26:18; 1 Thess 1:9-10 (“how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God”)
- **Repent** Defined as: *Turning from your sinful and rebellious way to God by faith, believing His Word*
- **Believe** Defined as: *Repentance to the acknowledgment of the truth by surrender to Christ as Lord*
- **The gospel** Defined as: *The death, burial, and resurrection of God the Son (as payment for your sins)*

2. The **second recorded words** of Jesus were, **“COME ye after me, and *I will make you to become fishers of men.*”** 1:16-20

- ✓ **Come ye after me...**
Matt 2:8 (“come and worship him”); 4:16-22 (“Follow me”); Luke 9:23; 57-62 (excuses); Rev 22:17-21
- Simon and Andrew straightway (IMMEDIATELY) forsook their nets, and **followed him!**
- James and John straightway left their father and hired servants, and **went after him!**
- ✓ **I will make you to become fishers of men...**
Matthew 4:19; Luke 5:10, 11; 1 Corinthians 9:20-22; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; 2 Tim 4:5
- ❖ **Personal Application**
 - Today, Jesus is calling **you** to come – to repent, and believe the gospel. **Will you FOLLOW Him?**

A TIME OF DECISION

There are no coincidences with God. You were here today to hear a message **from God...**

❖ **Unbeliever**, listen to the voice of your conscience **right now.**

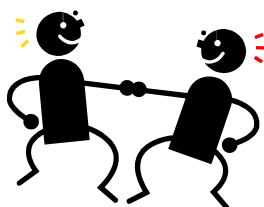
* The Bible says you must **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead.** You must turn to God and trust Christ alone to save you from God's wrath to come.

GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY!

God's Message:

[John 16:8]

1. Sin
2. Righteousness
3. Judgment



Enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season



Their conscience also bearing witness



Fear of death



The Certainty of Judgment



The Reality of Hell

Definitions:

1. **Sin** – breaking God's Law (1 John 3:4, a.k.a. Ten Commandments)
2. **Righteousness** – requirement for heaven (not guilty of 1 crime)
3. **Judgment to come** – immediate after death with lawbreakers going to God's eternal prison called hell and lake of fire

John 1:9 – And that was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Romans 2:15 – Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness...

John 8:9 – And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went one by one...

Hebrews 2:15 – And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 9:27 – And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Acts 17:31 – Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness...

Luke 16:23 – And in hell he lift us his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus...

Matt 10:28 – Fear not them which kill the body...fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.