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Sermon Series: Learning to Follow

Sermon Title: "Message, Ministry, Life"

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Scripture: Mark 1:1-8



God sent Jesus into the world.

Mark 1:1 ESV

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:14 ESV

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God.

Mark 1:1–8 ESV

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’ ”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Because God sent Jesus, proclaim the _____.

What does the text tell us about proclaiming the gospel?

1. Proclaim the great news.

Mark 1:2–3 ESV

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,
“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’ ”

Malachi 3:1 ESV

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

Isaiah 40:3 ESV

A voice cries:
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Talk about Him everywhere you go...with whomever you encounter...do it like He’s your greatest treasure.

Who do you need to go tell?

2. Proclaim the _____.

Mark 1:4–5 ESV

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Mark 1:7 ESV

And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

Repentance is confession & turning in faith.

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God’s forgiveness is conditional. Only those who repent through confession & faith are saved.

Romans 10:9–10 ESV

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Forgiveness leads to a reconciled relationship.

“To release from legal or moral obligation or consequence.”

Romans 3:28 ESV

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Romans 5:1 ESV

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**God's forgiveness is inextricably linked to reconciliation.
No one is forgiven without also being reconciled to God.**

Baptism is the sign & seal of Jesus' great work.

Matthew 28:19 ESV

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

3. Proclaim the _____ .

Mark 1:6–8 ESV

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

John 1:1 ESV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 ESV

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Philippians 2:6 ESV

who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Colossians 1:15–19 ESV

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

Colossians 2:9 ESV

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

Jesus is the perfect message.

He's the perfect ministry.

He's the perfect life.

He's fully God & fully Man...He's the Great God Man!

Proclaim Him! Tell anyone & everyone you see about Him! You won't regret it.