

# The Journey

## Series 04: Christ

### Week 34: The Deliverer Begins

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#### Review (Where We Have Been)

##### **Where we are in God's BIG Story...**

- **John prepares the way for the Deliverer (promised in Genesis 3:15)**
  - ✓ Calls people to believe and repent (truth about Deliverer; turn away from sin)
  - ✓ Calls people to be baptized (as a symbol of belief and cleansing of sin)
- **Jesus prepares for ministry**
  - ✓ Entered the world to save people from sin (Matthew 1:21)
  - ✓ Baptized to live in full obedience to God and identify Himself with man
  - ✓ Tempted to live in full obedience to God and identify Himself with man

NOW, we will begin looking at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus...

#### BIG Idea

**God demonstrates His authority.** Our world is full of prideful people with knowledge not according to God's Word.

They proclaim the way to freedom is through their self-help "remedies." God, on the other hand, knows exactly what man's problem is and how to free him.

**That's why Jesus (knowing His own credentials) could speak authoritatively, to the point that even demons trembled.**

#### Information (What We Need to Know)

##### **Ministry Transition from John to Jesus...**

**Mark 1:14 (ESV)** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

- **John's ministry was coming to an end**
  - ✓ **Faithfully taught God's message to prepare the Jews to trust in the Deliverer**  
*"Many realized that they sinned against God and needed rescue. They began to look for the arrival of the Deliverer. Some repented but others (religious leaders) were self-righteous and thought they were good enough." - FF*
  - ✓ **Ultimately put to death for standing up for what's right**  
*"John rebuked Herod for his sin so he was imprisoned and beheaded." – FF*

■ Jesus began His teaching ministry

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✓ **Called people to repent** (same message preached by John)

*“Jesus told them to change their attitude concerning their sin and acknowledge that they were helpless sinners. But Jesus had more to say than John did. He also told them to believe the good news that He had come to tell them.” - FF*

✓ **Called people to believe**

*“God accepted Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and many others because they believed God. The only way to be accepted by God is by believing Him.” - FF*

✓ **Told people that His work on earth had begun** (kingdom of God)

- Satan became ruler of earth when sin entered (all born under Satan’s rule)
- Those who would repent and believe would move from being under Satan’s rule to being a member of the kingdom of God

*“The kingdom of God is a spiritual rule over the hearts/lives of those who submit to God’s authority. Those who refuse Him aren’t part of the kingdom of God. Jesus preached that repentance is necessary to be part of the kingdom of God. It must be entered into by being born again.” – Got Questions*

■ Jesus chose men to help Him carry out (eventually carry on) His ministry

**Mark 1:16 (ESV)** Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **17** And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19** And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. **20** And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

✓ They would be trained up and sent out to tell others the message of God’s offer to deliver those who would repent and put their faith in Him

✓ Becoming a *fisher of men* meant they would bring people to God by teaching them the good news about the Savior

■ Jesus taught with authority

**Mark 1:21 (ESV)** And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. **22** And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

✓ People were astonished at the way Jesus taught the Old Testament Scriptures

“Jesus was authoritative because He knew God and understood His Word perfectly.” - FF

- ✓ The teaching of Jesus was in great contrast to the teaching of the scribes  
“Though the scribes spent much of their time memorizing and making new copies of the Scriptures, most of them did not really understand what the Scripture meant. When teaching, they were merely relaying their own ideas and opinions held traditionally and passed down by former scribes.” - FF

- Jesus displayed power

- ✓ Power over the spirit realm

**Mark 1:23 (ESV)** And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, **24** “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

- Unclean spirits (demons) can rule over those who don’t belong to God
    - Unclean spirits have knowledge that Jesus is Savior and can destroy them

- ✓ Power over the physical realm

**Mark 1:34 (ESV)** And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

- Jesus made time for the sick and demon possessed
    - Jesus silenced demons because only He had the authority to reveal Himself

### Application (What We Need to Do)

**Mark 1:40 (ESV)** And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” **41** Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” **42** And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

- Jews were afraid of leprosy (contagious, no cure, isolation from society)
- This leper realized only Jesus could help him (pleaded for mercy and help)
- Moved by compassion, Jesus healed this leper

“A leper was helpless, unable to rid himself of his disease or the death it would inevitably bring. Similarly, because we are sinners, we are helpless, unable to save ourselves from sin or the death it will inevitably bring.” - FF