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## **SURPRISED BY A SAVIOR**

A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

### **SURPRISED IN SCRIPTURE:**

*astonished, amazed, filled with wonder, stunned, shocked*

### **WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?**

*the good and abundant life found only in Christ*

### ***The Urgency of the Gospel***

“And they went into Capernaum, and **immediately** on the Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching.”  
Mark 1:21 ESV

“And **immediately** they left their nets and followed him.”  
Mark 1:18 ESV

How does following Christ align with your priorities?

<b><u>Urgent/Important</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Urgent/Important</u></b>
<b><u>Urgent/Non-Important</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Urgent/Non-Important</u></b>

### ***The Relevancy of the Gospel***

“Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”  
Mark 1:15 ESV

Where is Christ asking you to repent, believe or follow him?

*Repent: a change of mind, attitude, and behavior*

*Believe: confidence, trust, assurance, and faith*

*Follow: come after, enter a relationship with, learn from*

***To repent, believe and follow Christ is more than a one-time event - it is an ongoing process of following Christ 24/7.***

### ***The Authority of the Gospel***

“And they were astonished/surprised at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had **authority**.”  
Mark 1:22 ESV

“What is this? A new teaching with **authority**!”  
Mark 1:27 ESV

### **Jesus displayed authority over...**

*The Wilderness (Mark 1:12)  
Temptation (1:13)  
Career Choices (1:16-20)  
Unclean Spirits (1:23)  
Sickness (1:29-2:12)  
Leprosy (1:40-45)*

### ***CAPERNAUM: My Aha Surprise...***

Jesus proclaimed a **BIG GOSPEL** for **Little Places** and **Forgotten People**.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

1. **Prioritize Your Life**

2. Drop Your Nets and Follow Christ
3. Submit to His Authority in Your Life

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the most urgent/important priority in your life?
2. When was the last time you repented? Of what?
3. What issue/crisis do you need to give up control of?
4. What does following Christ look like for you at work, school, play and home?