INOMING THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Gospel of Mark

2-13-22

Mark 1:1-8

Text questions to:

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1. God communicates thoroughly – vv.2,3

Even ahead of time so we know what to look for

Amos 3:7

"Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets."

Isaiah 40

3 A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, ...

Isaiah 40 the rugged places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Malachi 3:1

"I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

2. There is some preparation needed in our hearts so we don't miss Him.

A. Humility – "fear of the Lord"

B. Repentance – vv. 4 & 5

If you're looking for a Savior/Messiah of your own creation, you'll miss the One and Only.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Acts 20:21 "I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus."

Matthew 11:11

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

John 3:30 "He must become greater; I must become less."

2 Kings 1:8

They replied, "He had a garment of hair and had a leather belt around his waist."

The king said, "That was Elijah the Tishbite."

Malachi 4:5

"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes."

What do your clothing and diet decisions say?

3. Baptism = ceremonial washing – the outward sign of a repentant heart

Repentance to the point of an outward confession (v. 5)

Romans 10:9,10 "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

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