

# The Gospel According To MARK

## Chapter 1

### “FISHERS OF MEN!”

(v1-8) John the Baptist is **“THE VOICE!”** He calls sinners to **“repentance for the remission of sins.”** He points everyone to the MESSIAH to come, the LORD **JESUS CHRIST** whose blood will wash away our sins and He will fill us with the power of the **HOLY SPIRIT!**

(v9-11) Jesus is baptized and God the Father speaks, **“You are My beloved Son”**; Jesus is the Son of God, meaning: He is the manifestation of God in flesh **John 1:1-14**. Jesus was the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, but His glory was veiled by His humanity, we read this in **Hebrews chapter 1** (FYI - Jesus was not an angel). On the Mount of Transfiguration, the glory of the Son was truly manifested to three disciples (**Matthew 17:1-9**). But one day all of mankind will see the Son of God coming in power and glory and every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus, the Son of God, is Lord (**Philippians 2:10-11**).”

(v12-13) Here we have the temptation of Jesus by Satan (“adversary), (for details see **Matthew ch. 4:1-11**):

> How is the devil trying to tempt you today: \_\_\_\_\_

> How can you have victory? What is written in the Scriptures for you? \_\_\_\_\_

(v14-15) What is the first message of our Lord Jesus? Four keys:

- Key #1 – Prophecy of the first coming of Christ is **“FULFILLED!”**

- Key #2 – **“The Kingdom of God is at hand”** (Not a kingdom of this world, God’s Kingdom will rule in the believer’s heart!

- Key #3 – **“REPENT!”** – What is REPENTANCE? Simply put, Jesus' preaching of the kingdom of God is seeing the truth that **repentance and faith** are two sides of the same coin: by **repentance**, one turns away from sin; by **faith**, one turns toward God in accepting the Lord Jesus Christ. Such a twofold turning, or conversion, is necessary for entrance into the kingdom (**Matt 18:3**). In Luke 13:3,5, *“Unless you repent,”* said Jesus, *“you will all likewise perish.”* This is the negative, or judgmental, side of Jesus' message. The positive, or merciful, side is seen in these words: *“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents”* (**Luke 15:10**).

- Key #4 - **“BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!”** - The gospel is the saving work of God in His Son Jesus Christ and a call to faith in Him (**Rom 1:16-17** - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*). Jesus is more than a messenger of the gospel; He is the gospel. The good news of God was present in His life, teaching, and atoning death. Therefore, the gospel is both a historical event and a personal relationship.

(v16-20) Jesus school of fishing, Jesus’ first disciples – Listen to His command, **“FOLLOW ME!”**

> **“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”**

> Simon means “God has heard”; Andrew means “Manliness”; James means “Supplanter”; John means “Jehovah has been gracious”.

(v21-28) Observations: (1) The demon possessed man was amongst the congregation, he was in the synagogue; (2) Demons know who Jesus is. **“THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!”** (3) Jesus casts out demons, when battle demons you must battle in the name of **JESUS CHRIST!**

(v29-31) Jesus heals and Peter was married, Paul writes about Peter being married in **1 Cor. 9:5**.

Beware of the false doctrine detailed in **1 Tim 4:1-4** - *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

(v32-39) Observe the life of **CHRIST** – He **WORKS** (healing, casting out demons), for renewal of strength He **PRAYS** in the morning; and He **PREACHES** in the next towns, healing and casting out demons!

(v40-45) Jesus heals a man with leprosy and all **HEAVEN BROKE LOOSE!** **“FOLLOW JESUS!”**