

the gospel Jesus' **good news** for all

noun | Greek εὐαγγέλιον (euangelion)

Mark 1¹ The beginning of the **good news** about Jesus the Messiah,^{1a} the Son of God ...

So ... what is the good news??

Mark 1:14-20 - When we repent from living as if the Kingdom of God is far away, He comes near!

Mark 1:21-30 - Jesus heals

Mark 1:32-39 - Like Jesus, we can have an intimate relationship with God. But we have to make space for it.

Mark 1:40-45 - Jesus loved outcasts and pursued justice on their behalf even at great personal cost.

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⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?" ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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"Mark measures faith not by its orthodoxy, but by its determination courage and persistence"

(R. Alan Culpepper)

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*know that Jesus is for you
come to Him
let us pray with you today*

friend

*you know someone
who's paralyzed and
needs help.*

*commit to praying regularly
ask God what to do
get others to help you*

the religious

*you've been judgmental
and hard-hearted
towards someone who
needs compassion*

*repent and ask God to
soften your heart*

Who are you most like today?