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Who is Jesus – Mark, part 1 – The GOOD NEWS

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Today's Passages: Mark 1:14-15, 2 Cor. 6:2, Matt. 6:10, Psalm 127:1

Key human question: Does life have good news?

The summary of the GOOD NEWS that Jesus preached and lived is:
"...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."
Mark 1:14-15

Excavating the key words...

"Time" = (*Kairos*) = an opportune time, a moment pregnant with possibility and _____, an appointed time.

What if every day is filled with divine potential of encountering God?
It is!! That's *Kairos*!

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
2 Corinthians 6:2

"The Kingdom of God"

The shortest definition Jesus gives is found in how he taught the disciples to pray: **"Your Kingdom come, your will be done, as it is in heaven, so also on earth."**
Matthew 6:10

The Kingdom of God is: _____, so also on earth!

This is incredibly broad. God's will is that ALL of life on earth, is transformed by ALL of the goodness of heaven.
But that's the point, God wants to transform every aspect of our lives!

"at hand" = within _____

That just adds to the sense of possibility and potential of the Kairos moment, The time is now, the Kingdom of God is within reach!

How do we "grab hold" of this Kingdom of God that is "at hand"?

"Turn" (*metanoia*) = turn to, repent, change your _____.

Following Jesus is a lifetime journey of "renewing our mind" (Romans 12:1-2), replacing old ways of thinking with God's way of heavenly thinking.

In other words, don't get stuck in the status quo because God has better for you - more of heaven for you!

Are you willing to hear Jesus say about something that you've built, "tear it down. Let's rebuild it together. This time, let's build it with the blueprint of heaven."

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Psalm 127:1

"Trust" (*pisteuo*) = to believe, to trust something so much you _____ upon it.

True faith is not simply a mental assent. It's a trust that produces action.

As followers of Jesus, we can encounter more of the Kingdom of God regularly, if we live all of life asking God 2 primary questions:

What are you _____ to me?

What do you want me to _____ about it?

These are a disciple's daily, lifetime questions...

Responding to God...

Of the key words in Jesus's Gospel - "Time", "Kingdom of God", "at hand", "Turn", "Trust", which stands out to you most today and why?

Write a summary of the gospel, in your own words.

How is this new or different from a past understanding of "The Gospel?"