



THE  
GOSPEL  
OF  
MARK



“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus  
Christ, the Son of God.”

Mark 1:1



# Mark 1:9-20

“<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'

<sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.'<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther,

he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.”







Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Birmingham jail.  
1963



”In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was the thermostat that transformed the mores of society.”

Letter from Birmingham Jail, Martin Luther King Jr.



Jesus calls us to His compelling gospel.

- Gospel Power
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## 1) Gospel Power

“And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Vs 11









## 2) Gospel Message

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." vs 14,15



“...repentance means changing one’s mind so that one’s views, values, goals, and ways are changed and one’s whole life is lived differently. The change is radical, both inwardly and outwardly; mind and judgment, will and affections, behavior and life-style, motives and purposes, are all involved. Repenting means starting to live a new life.”

J I Packer



“We please God by repentance but we do not satisfy him by it. To trust in our repentance is to make it a savior. Though repentance helps to purge out the filth of sin, yet it is Christ’s blood that washes away the guilt of sin. Therefore do not idolize repentance. Do not rest upon this, that your heart has been wounded for sin, but rather that your Savior is been wounded for sin. When you have wept, say with him: Lord Jesus, wash my tears in thy blood.”

Thomas Watson





### 3) Gospel Calling

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

And immediately they left their nets and followed him." vs 17,18



When Jesus gave the Great Commission to His disciples He was giving a Declaration of war. This was the announcement of Christ's sovereign conquest of the whole earth. He expresses here His intention to claim every inch of it for the glory of God. And Jesus as the triumphant Commander in Chief calls the whole church to abandon our civilian, passive status and engage in the battle for lost people—to Go and make disciples.

George Whitfield



Why is it so important that you are with God and God alone on the mountain top? It's important because it's the place in which you can listen to the voice of the One who calls you the beloved. To pray is to listen to the One who calls you "my beloved daughter," "my beloved son," "my beloved child." To pray is to let that voice speak to the center of your being, to your guts, and let that voice resound in your whole being."

Henri Nouwen





















