

“The Kingdom of God has Come Near”

Mark 1:14-45

“‘The time has come” He said, “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!’ ”
(1:15)

Mark starts off announcing Jesus’ primary message – that the Kingdom of God has come near. Jesus knows this because He is God’s Son. We know he knows this because Mark shows us what the Son of God can do and why He can announce with authority that the kingdom is near. If this is true than it has huge implications for Jesus’ audience, Mark’s original audience and anyone who has ever read this – like you and me right now!

God’s Son Announces God’s Kingdom is Near

(1:14-20)

How does Mark validate Jesus as God’s Son?

- 1:2 _____ the prophet (Old Testament)
- 1:4 _____ the Baptist
- 1:10 the Holy _____ descending on Him
- 1:11 the _____ of God speaking

What are Jesus’ first words recorded by Mark?

1:15 the _____ has come, the _____ of God is near

A) When the Jews heard ‘Kingdom of God is near’ what would they have expected? Read these passages

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah 2:12-18

Isaiah 11:1-5

After Jesus rose from the dead and prior to His ascension the disciples were still looking for something to happen:

Acts 1:6-8 “So when they met together they asked Him, ‘Lord are You at _____ time going to _____ the kingdom to _____?’” “He said ‘It is not for you to know the _____ or _____ the Father has _____ by His own authority.

“But you will receive power when the _____ comes upon you and you will be My _____ in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

B) When the Romans heard ‘Kingdom of God’ what did they expect?

John 11:47-48 “Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many _____ signs. If we let Him go on like this, _____ will believe in Him and then the _____ will come and take away both our _____ and our _____.”

What two things did Jesus command the people to do in light of the dawning of the Kingdom?

1:15 “... _____ and _____ the good news.”

What does Jesus do next (vv. 16-20)?

1:16-17 “... He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake for they were fishermen. “Come, _____ Me and I will make you fishers of _____.”

1:18 “At _____ they left their nets and followed Him.”

1:19 “When he had gone a little farther, He saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a _____ preparing their nets. Without _____ He called them and they left their father Zebedee _____ the boat with the hired men and followed Him.”

***What does their leaving their nets to follow Jesus indicate what they believe?**

God’s Son Establishes His Authority (1:21-45)

What was different about Jesus’ teaching?

1:22 “He taught them as one who had _____ not as the _____ of the Law.”

How else did the people notice Jesus’ authority?

1:27 “He even gives order to _____ and they _____ Him!”

What does Jesus do next in vv. 29-34?

1:31 **He** healed _____ mother-in-law

1:34 He healed _____ who had various diseases He also drove out many _____.

Jesus spent time in prayer and then made a significant decision. What was it?

1:38 “Let us go somewhere _____ - to the nearby _____ - so I can _____ there also. That is why I have come.”

*** This implies Jesus didn’t stay and heal everyone since all kinds of people were still looking for Him. Why didn’t He heal everyone? What implications can we draw from here for today?**

And yet, what does Jesus do next – heals a leper! Note the lepers' statement to Jesus. What does he believe Jesus can do?

1:40 Jesus can make him _____ if He is _____ [cf. 1 John 5:14-15]

What amazing thing did Jesus do to the man with leprosy?

1:41 "Filled with _____ He reached out His hand and _____ the man. 'I am willing be clean!'"

What did Jesus command the man not to do and then what did He command him to do?

1:44 "See that you don't _____ this to anyone. But go, show Yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that _____ Commanded for your cleansing as a _____ To them.

What happened as a result of the man's telling 'everyone'?

1:45 Jesus could no longer enter a town _____

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