

Mark 1:1-15 A New King inviting into a New Kingdom

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| <p>*Vs. 1 : // The Beginning</p> <p>**Definition: gospel?</p> <p>Mention of God: Jesus Christ, son of God</p> <p>v3. OT ref. Mal. 3:1 and Isa 40:3</p> <p>v4. Character: John (camel hair, eats locusts, wilderness, baptizing)</p> <p>v5. Contrast: forgiveness in wilderness not temple</p> <p>v7. Dialogue: John proclaiming someone mightier than him to come</p> <p>v.9 Event: John baptizes Jesus</p> <p>v.10 Event: heavens torn open, dove, voice from heaven</p> <p>v.11. Dialogue: God says "you are my son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased."</p> <p>v.12 Event: Jesus driven into wilderness</p> <p>Mention of Time: 40 days</p> <p>Characters: angels ministering</p> <p>v. 14. Event: John arrested</p> <p>**Dialogue: Jesus proclaiming Kingdom of God (what is the Kingdom of God?)</p> <p>v.15. Command: Repent and Believe</p> | <p>*// What would the Original Reader understand by Mark's use of so many parallels to Genesis and the old Testament? The beginning, prophets, dove, voice of God, wilderness, being "driven out to wilderness." (They should understand that this is a New Creation. God is continuing his plan of old by doing a New thing)</p> <p>** What did the OR understand by the word "gospel?" What is the "gospel" that Mark is telling? (Gospel was a familiar word used by New Kings to announce new kingdom agendas. Mark is saying Jesus is a new king, THE new king Messiah promised by the prophets. He is bringing a new kingdom - contrasted to the kingdom of Rome. In order to be a part of this kingdom, it seems people need to repent (turn from the old kingdom?) and Believe that Jesus is the Christ-Messiah, son of God.</p> | <p>Jesus comes as a new king with a new kingdom agenda that is different than the kingdoms of this world. AND HE is a different king than human kings. He's a humble King! Mightier yet making himself lesser. He's calling me to turn from the kingdoms and power structures of humankind and turn TO His spiritual kingdom. Somehow to follow Jesus will look completely different than what I might think. I have so many expectations - expectations of comfort, immunization from pain and suffering, "the good life." And yet he himself suffered all kinds of temptation, and it looks like his kingdom subjects are not immune to pain and suffering too. This sounds hard. Is His kingdom worth it to me? Am I prepared for this? What do I need to be so devoted to him that I am willing to live this alternate kingdom and all it entails? I might need to repent of losing sight of him as KING. And spend this study really focusing on WHO JESUS IS to grow my belief in him and awe of him.</p> |