

“The Real Jesus”

Mark 1:1-8

Why is knowing the real Jesus so important? A Jesus of your own making can't challenge, contradict or ultimately change your life. If you want a Jesus who can really help you, change you, transform you, you've got to get the real Jesus. (John 14:6; 8:31-32)

Author: John Mark: Came from a wealthy family, his mother Mary owned a large home in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). He accompanied his cousin Barnabas and Paul on their 1st missionary journey, but turned back (Acts 13:5, 13) causing trouble between Barnabas and Paul (Acts 15:36-41). But, later reconciled with Paul and proved to be useful to him in ministry (2 Tim. 4:11). Also accompanied Peter who called him his son in the Lord (1 Pet. 5:13) who most likely supplied Mark with most of his information for writing this Gospel. Because only Mark's Gospel records the story of the young man who fled away naked, many believe that it is a reference to Mark himself (14:51-52).

Audience: Roman Believers who were experiencing increased persecution. Few O.T. references, Jewish customs are explained and Aramaic expressions are translated into Greek.

Agenda: To present a clear concise compelling picture of the Real Jesus. First one written and the shortest of all the Gospels. All but 31 verses are quoted in the other gospels leading many to conclude that Matthew and Luke based their gospels on Mark. It is a fast pace, action packed account of Jesus Christ. Over 40 times Mark uses the word “straightway” or “immediately”.

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Who is Jesus? V1 “Christ” = Messiah (anointed one) Signifies His office as ruler of God's coming Kingdom. “Son of God” = Affirmation of Jesus' deity, stressing His unique relationship to the Father. (3:11; 5:7; 13:32; 15:39) V3 “Lord” = Personal name for God (Yahweh).

1) Jesus is God in human flesh (Doctrine of the Incarnation).

2) If I believe this truth...

- ✓ It is the end of philosophy. (1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 2:3)
- ✓ It is the beginning of a new motivation for life. (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20)
- ✓ It is an amazing supply in suffering. (Heb. 4:15-16)
- ✓ It is a revelation that God is concerned with not only our soul and spirit but also our body. (1 Thess. 5:23; 1 Cor. 15; Rev. 21:1)

Why Did Jesus Come?

Key Verse: Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

1) The King came to die on a Cross.

2) His Kingdom is not oppressive but liberating.

V8 “...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
(Rom. 14:17; 2 Cor. 3:17; John 10:10)

Where do I meet Jesus?

1) In the Desert! (v3)

It is a general theme in the Bible.
It cannot sustain life.

It is a place of thorns, thirst, hunger and loneliness.
It is when something you have looked to for hope runs out or you find it inadequate.

2) Through Repentance (turning from sin to God).

(vv4, 5) (Rom. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:9; 2 Cor. 7:9-12)

Jesus experienced the infinite desert (The Cross) and lost God so that when we go into our finite desert we can find God.

January 11

“Ultimate Reality”

Mark 1:9-13

January 18

“Following Christ”

Mark 1:14-20

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“Spiritual Warfare”

Mark 1:21-34

February 1

“Jesus' M.O.”

Mark 1:35-45



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1) The Gospel according to Mark is no doubt the best cut-to-the-chase, fast paced, action packed account of the Real Jesus. What warnings does Paul give us in 2 Cor. 11:3-4? Why is knowing the real Jesus so important? (John 14:6; 8:31-32)

2) From your sermon notes read through John Mark's bio. What stands out to you about John Mark? Who is the audience and what was Mark's agenda in writing this Gospel account?

3) Read Mark 1:1-8. Who does Mark say Jesus is? How will believing the truth that Jesus is God in human flesh (Doctrine of Incarnation) change your life?

4) Why did Jesus come to this earth based on Mark 10:45? The King came to die on a cross. Why is that such a paradoxical statement? How do you think most people see the Christian life: Oppressive or Liberating? Explain. (Rom. 14:17; 2 Cor. 3:17; John 10:10)

5) Jesus experienced the ultimate desert (Cross) and lost God so that when we go into our little desert we can find God. What does it mean that I meet Jesus in the desert through repentance? Make it your prayer.