

Series: Following Jesus, Fishing for People

A Soul Café verse by verse teaching through the Gospel of Mark

Message One Intro:

I) Mark: The P _____

Mark is a book of action. The word “**immediately**” is used 42 times, 9 times in the first chapter.

What we know about John Mark is: **Acts 12: 11-17**

- He was the son of a lady named Mary who lived in Jerusalem.
- John is his Hebrew name and Mark is his Roman name.
- Peter rushed to his house after being released from prison and found the people praying for him to be freed from jail.
- His home may have been the location of the Upper Room mentioned in *Acts 1: 13-14* and Jesus may have had His last supper with his disciples there.
- He was Barnabas’s cousin *Col. 4:10*
- He went on missionary journeys with Paul and Barnabas: *Acts 12: 25*
- During one of those journeys Mark seems to have gotten homesick or unable to stand the rigors of the travel and left the party: *Acts 13:13*; Barnabas wanted to give him a second chance (*Acts 15: 36-38*) but Paul refused.
- The rift with Paul was later healed (*Col. 4: 10-11*) and near the end of his life, secluded in prison he asks Mark to come to him (*2 Tim. 4: 11*)
- Peter refers to Mark as his son: 1 Peter 5: 13. Mark is with Peter in Rome around 63 A.D.
- Mark is the earliest of the four gospels to be written.

Tradition says that Mark was sent by Peter on a mission to Egypt and that he founded the church at Alexandria and became its first bishop and that he was martyred there in 68 A.D.

The key verse is Mark 10:45: Christ the Servant

II) Mark: The P _____ - OUTLINE OF MARK

- A. The S _____ of the Servant: *Mark 1:1-20*
- B. The S _____ of the Servant *Mark 1: 21-10:52*
- C. The S _____ of the Servant *Mark 11-16*

III) Mark: The P _____: **Mark 1: 1-20**

- A. John the Baptist: *Mark 1: 1-8*

1: 1:

The word gospel = G _____ N _____

1: 2-3:

Mark quotes the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi (3:1) tells of the One who is to come as J_____ and is followed by a quote from Isaiah (40:3) which reveals the One who is to come as D_____.

1: 3:

“The way of the Lord” is a statement used in part to describe a m_____ of a Roman general whose way was prepared ahead.

1: 4-5:

He preaches a baptism of repentance= baptism refers to a c_____ from pollution from being in the world.

1:6:

John lived a life free from s_____-i_____.

B. The emergence of Jesus

1: 9-11:

Three things happen at the baptism of Jesus:

- * Heavens o_____
- * Spirit d_____
- * Voice of God a_____

Jesus was baptized, even though he had never sinned:

- to identify with the sins of mankind without participating in them (*Isa. 53: 12*)
- to fulfill righteousness *Matthew 3: 15*
- to initiate His public ministry
- to show that sin's stain on Him which He would one day take on would be removed

1: 12-13:

Tempting is a pull downward, away from one's calling to promote e_____.

Testing is a pull into ones calling to insure e_____.

1: 14-15:

He gives two commands: r_____ and b_____ in the gospel

C. The Calling of His followers

1: 16-20:

F_____ and F_____ are the two core components of the spiritual walk.

SMALL GROUP LESSON

LOOK BACK:

Describe what you think of Jesus.

LOOK UP:

One: What does it really mean to fully follow Jesus with everything you have and are?

Two: What holds people back from 100% surrender to following Christ?

Three: What action steps do you need to take to completely follow Jesus first in everything in your life?

Four: How do you fish for people in your own life?

Five: Why is it so important to be baptized as a Christ follower? Describe what you felt when you were baptized.

LOOK FORWARD:

Who in your life needs Jesus as their

Savior: _____

When will you meet with them to share your Christ story with them and The Three Circles? _____

