

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Mark 1:1-15

I. Introduction – Public Reading of Mark 1:1-15

1The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY;

3THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT."

4John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5**And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. **6**John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey. **7**And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. **8**"I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10**Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; **11**and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." **12**Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness. **13**And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

14Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, **15**and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

II. What is "Gospel"? 1Cor 15:1-4; Romans 16:25

a. 5 ways we have confused the gospel in our generation:

- i. _____ or hypocrisy
- ii. The "_____ News Gospel"
- iii. The "_____ Gospel"
- iv. Misrepresentations of _____ and _____ on social media. (Scary Mary)
- v. We've lost the _____ meaning of the word "gospel".
 1. To the Jew – Isaiah 40:1-9; 52:6, 7

2. To the Gentile – The Priene Calendar Inscription

b. Key components to the gospel –

c. 3 Prerequisites Mark Gives for Christ to be the Savior/King

- i. Jesus had a faithful _____ - Mark 1:4-8
- ii. Jesus had His Father _____ Him – Mark 1:9-11
- iii. Jesus had the Spirit _____ Him – Mark 1:12-13