

Mark 1:1-15

All Saints

Adult Sunday School Week 1

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“안녕하세요”
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‘Hello’ in Korean

Introducing Mark..

- John Mark, a friend of the apostle Peter

- 140 A.D. Papias:

“Mark having become the interpreter of Peter, wrote down accurately all that he remember of the things said and done by our Lord, but not, however, in order.”

- “The Gospel according to Peter”

- The word Gospel means “news”, not “teaching” or “record”
- There is an inscription of a royal “evangel”:
‘The beginning of the gospel of Caesar Augustus’
- Emperors sent heralds to announce the good news about their kingdom’s strength or inauguration

- Christians chose “evangelion” (gospel) to express the essence of their faith. Instead of:
 - Illumination (photismos)
 - Knowledge (gnosis)
 - Teaching (didache)
 - Wisdom (sophia)

Communicates:

- 1. News about what God has already done for you (and me) rather than instruction and advice about what we are to do for God.

2. The gospel has a public character

William Brownson:

“It identifies Christian faith as news that has significance for all people, indeed for the whole world, not merely as esoteric understanding or insight.”

If Jesus is not alive right now, Christianity too, is “dead”

What a gospel is not:

- Not instruction
- Not biography
- Although historical, not history
- Not legend or myth

Mark is the earliest of the four gospels (Matthew, Luke, John)

Written about 25-30 years before 70 A.D.

- *Implication 1: Mark had abundant sources for producing an accurate account instead of relying on legends handed down or unverifiable*
- *Implication 2: Very difficult for Mark to fabricate accounts.*

My aunt gifted me
a new journal in
1998:



Mark 1:1-15 ESV

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴ **John appeared**, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming 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.”

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. **And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,** for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Mark 1:1-4

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What is repentance? (WSC Question 87)

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Mark 1:5-8

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WED.
Oct 21, 1998

Dear Journal,

Today was fine and fun.
I went to school and wrote a
"Get Well card to Christy"
She removed her tonsils out.
Then, I went to math. After
that, our class went to
Computer Lab. I finished my
1st chapter. Then, we ate
lunch and did recess. Our
soccer team won cause of
Alex^{Bokm}, Lydel, and Aaron^{Krow}. Last,
we did science. We had a full
sheet. It was fun. When I went
home I watched "Doug" and
then Batman, Superman Adventures.
I ate chicken, mashed potatoes,
and this Korean food. Then,
I started my home work while
eating yogurt and drinking one
calorie Pepsi. Oh! I forgot!
Before math, we went to P.E.

We did some exercise. Then,
we took a picture with Miss
Chaconas because she was
leaving to High School to be
a P.E. teacher. Then, I got
an auto graph from her!

~~Chaconas~~ Okay, now back
to where we left
off. Then, I ate
dinner. After 30 min. Mom
came. Then, I did piano. Mr.
Goldberger called.

Mark 1:9-13

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** 12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

John 1:12-13 ESV

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave **the right to become children of God,** ¹³ **who were born,** not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God.**

WSC, Q. 31 “What is effectual calling?”

Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Mark 1:12-13

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Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming 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.”