

Jesus Begins His Ministry

Mark 1:14-20



Jesus Preached Good News

- The foundation of Jesus' ministry was preaching.
- Preaching is intended to change the direction of people's lives to follow God.
- Jesus preached that the time is fulfilled.
- The kingdom of God was thought of by the Jews as a geographical kingdom.
- Jesus was telling the people that it was time to repent.
- Jesus' preaching was so persuasive that John's disciples complained that He was winning more disciples than John.

Jesus Assembled A Ministry Team

- People were flocked to Jesus.
- Simon, Andrew, James, and John believed the kingdom of God was imminent.
- Simon, Andrew, James, and John also believe that Jesus was the Messiah.
- Simon, Andrew, James, and John were part of the early church and were used by God to grow Christianity from an obscure Jewish sect to a worldwide movement.
- Knowing Christ improves us, enlarges us, enriches us, and deepens us.
- Why did Jesus choose the 12 Apostles?
 - First, they were to be witnesses to the acts that authenticated Jesus as the Son of God.
 - Second, they were to carry out the Great Commission.

Conclusion

- If you have not turned from sin, self-righteousness, religion, or ritual to trust in Jesus Christ alone, you do not know what you are missing!
- If you are a believer, you are a fisher of men.
- Mark is designed to focus our attention on the Son of God, His power, His love, His judgment and His hatred of sin.
- Keep Jesus as the focal point and center of your life.