

Repent and Believe

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Mark 1:14-20

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Review: A Quick Start

- John the Baptist announced Messiah
- Jesus came to John to be baptized: identifying w/ sinners
- Heavens torn open, spirit descends, Father speaks
- Spirit drives Jesus to wilderness to be tempted

Jesus Began Preaching

- Jesus preaches new truth unlike previous prophets
- Jesus is declaring Good News as prophesied^{Isa40:3-11}
- God coming in the flesh^{Jn1:14} is Good News!
- Jesus declares God's Kingdom is near, at hand

The Kingdom

- Kingdom: describes an activity of God's reign over his people and the world
- Kingdom is what OT declared: God would come again and dwell with His people
- Now Mark shows us that this Jesus is the King & God's reign among men is found only in Jesus who calls men to repent & believe

Repent and Believe

- John is arrested – his ministry is coming to an end
- REPENT – turn away from your sinful life & self-sufficiency
- BELIEVE – in the Good News of the Gospel-God's provision
- Good News – God has provided what we need and can't earn by sending Jesus. Abandon YOUR efforts to save yourself and have faith in Jesus' work^{Col1:21-22}.

Repent and Believe Illustrated by Mark

- Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James, and John to repent & believe: now he shows us what that looks like...

4G's of Gospel Living:

- You no longer have to be in control of your life and those around you because when you repent and believe the Gospel you realize that **God is Great** and HE will direct your paths...^{Pr 3:6}
- You no longer have to fear others or fear that you won't meet God's standards because when you repent and believe the Gospel you realize that **God is Glorious** and if you have faith in His provision for your salvation - Jesus then^{Eph 1:6}
- You no longer have to keep looking for satisfaction and peace because when you repent and believe the Gospel you realize that **God is Good** and you can rest in His provision for you:^{Ps 145:9}
- You no longer have to keep trying to prove yourself because when you repent and believe the Gospel you realize that **God is Gracious**^{Ps 145:8}
- Jesus is proof in that HE came to be sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God^{2Cor5:21}

Is Fishing Evangelism?

- Disciples called to be fishers of men?
- Is fishing for men an evangelistic concept?
- OT shows fishing is a judgment motif^{Jer16:16; Amos4:2}
- God is the judge who comes like a fisherman with a net or hook to catch those who fall under His just judgment.
- Disciples are called to preach a message which calls men to repent – men are caught like fish
- Salvation is not a take it or leave it offer
- All those who hear the Good News can't escape God's judgment... those 'caught' by this Good News either:
 - DIE to themselves so they live unto God (salvation)
 - try to live for self & DIE under judgment of God