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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



Worthy to be Followed Mark 1:14-45

I. Repent and Believe the Gospel, the Kingdom of God is at hand

- Jesus comes preaching “Repent and believe the Gospel, the Kingdom of God is at hand”
- Gospel is that Satan will be crushed (Gen. 2.15), Glory of the Lord revealed & sin pardoned (Is. 40), and God will take up residence within us (Jer. 31.31)
 - Part of Gospel is the ushering in of the New Covenant and that New Covenant is a Kingdom, the Kingdom of God
 - It has a King from the line of David (2 Sam. 7.12)
- Jesus preaching this Gospel and telling of this Kingdom explains to us that the time is “fulfilled” in the coming of Christ
- We can become residents of that Kingdom and know that King by repenting of our sin and believing in the good news, that the King died for us (our sin) that we can know him and enjoy him forever

A. II. Follower of Christ you must die to yourself

- A. Jesus calls disciples to himself and they put their nets down, leave their family and follow JESUS
- B. Jesus says that He is going to have them be “fishers of men” (focus is on people)
- C. Jesus chooses simple people to change the world...fishermen
 - 1. These people need only be committed

III. Know the Authority of Him who brings Restoration

- A. Jesus teaches as one who has authority
 - 1. Prophets would say “follow God”
 - 2. Jesus speaks for God and says to follow Him (He is the Lord)
- B. Commands demons to come out and those demons obey
 - 1. Demons recognize Him as the Holy One of the Lord
- C. Jesus commands sickness to come out of Peter’s Mother in Law and others and sickness does
- D. Jesus takes time for prayer and solitude in the midst of
- E. Jesus commands sickness to come out of Leper and heals the man by touching Him
- F. Jesus has authority!

Summary

Jesus has authority to call disciples to follow Him, authority to command demons, authority to heal sickness and it was this Jesus that commands us to repent and believe that HE, that same Jesus came to make a way for sinners, that they can know the joy of their salvation...Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the greater King and the greater Kingdom

Questions

1. Why is repentance rarely spoken of and hardly confessed or practiced? Why would Jesus have this to be the very thing that He preaches?
2. Believing the Gospel...what is the Gospel? What is the Kingdom of God? What does repenting and believing the Gospel have to do with the Kingdom of God?
3. When we consider the price paid by the disciples to be followers of Christ...how does it translate to our lives? What does it mean to "follow Jesus" in the day-to-day like it did in the context of this passage?
4. Why does Jesus focus on people?
5. Why does Jesus choose "simple" people and not the cultural elites in order to usher in the Kingdom?
6. How can we more faithfully explain and live underneath, Jesus the one who has all authority?
7. Why don't we pray more often, more fervently? Why is this the discipline that seems to drag?
8. How does it humble you and move you to think that it was THIS Jesus, the one with all authority that died knowing your individual sin?