

The Saviour's Call to the Kingdom of God*

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I. The Saviour's Person – Mark 1:1

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;”

II. The Saviour's Forerunner & Proclaimer – Mark 1:2-9

“As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

III. The Saviour's Blessing – Mark 1:10, 11

IV. The Saviour's Preparatory Trial – Mark 1:12, 13

“And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.”

V. The Saviour's Proclamation – Mark 1:14

“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,”

VI. The Saviour's Message – Mark 1:15

“And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”

VII. A. The Saviour's Event – “the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand”

1. His Timing – “the time is fulfilled”

a. “Time” is translated from the Greek word, “καιρός” (kai-ros) which means, “1) due measure 2) a measure of time, a larger or smaller portion of time, hence: 2a) a fixed and definite time, the time when things are brought to crisis, the decisive epoch waited for 2b) opportune or seasonable time 2c) the right time 2d) a limited period of time 2e) to what time brings, the state of the times, the things and events of time”

b. Daniel 9:26, prophesied of this time that would come, saying, “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

- i. The time was filled full for Messiah, Christ, to fulfill Daniel 9:26
- ii. Christ had already been born and had already lived 30 years
- iii. Christ's ministry was beginning
- iv. Christ's sacrifice on the cross would be soon (3 ½ years from that point)

2. His Place –“the kingdom of God is at hand”

- a. The Kingdom of God is seen and entered by being born again

John 3:3, 5, “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- b. The Kingdom of God is salvation by faith in Christ

John 3:14-16, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

B. The Saviour's Call – “repent ye and believe the gospel”

1. His Way – “repent”

John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

2. His Means – “believe”

Ephesians 2:8, 9, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

3. His Truth – “the gospel”

I Corinthians 15:1-4, “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

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