

Mark: The Good News of the Son of God Sunday: 01/07-24 – Michael Greenwood – Mark 1:-15

“Repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God who ushered in God’s saving reign, and proclaim the gospel to others.”

Overview

This week Pastor Lenard opened up a new series on the Gospel according to Mark. As Pastor Lenard opened his sermon, he spoke of the difficulty for some believers to answer the question “What is the Gospel?” Part of the difficulty of the question reveals a problem we all face, the love of self. This focus on self is at the core of the ideologies of our day, Pastor described this as the religion of our day. We must respect that that Gospel is not a story with us at the center but that the Gospel is about Jesus, both who he is and what he has done. As we open up Mark we see five aspects to put us on track to see Jesus and the Gospel correctly.

“You must agree with God that your sin is sin.”

Outline

1. **The identity of Jesus (v1)**
2. **The witness to Jesus (v2-8)**
3. **The uniqueness of Jesus (v9-11)**
 - a. **He is the infinitely worthy one**
 - b. **He is filled and empowered by the Spirit of God. Mightier than all others**
 - c. **He is the One True Son**
4. **The testing of Jesus (v12-13)**
5. **The message of Jesus (v14-15)**

Corroborating Texts

Exodus 23:20, Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 40:3, Isaiah 11:1-3, Psalm 2:7, Genesis 22:2, Isaiah 42:1, Hebrews 4:15

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Lenard spoke about the difficulty for some to articulate the Gospel. Can you think back to the time when the Gospel message became clear to you?
 - a. Can you clearly articulate the Gospel?
 - b. What are ways that the Gospel is presented and viewed in a wrong way?
2. Pastor Lenard stated that the good news is only good news when you understand your need for a savior.
 - a. How did the message of John the Baptist reflect the need for a savior?
 - b. How is the call of Jesus to repent tied to confession and faith?
3. Jesus didn’t come to help you feel a little better about yourself, reinvent yourself, or express yourself. Jesus called you to repent of your allegiance to self.
 - a. In what ways has the world called you to focus on self?
 - b. What areas of your life do you need to repent self and turn over in faith to Jesus?
4. Was there anything else that stuck out in the sermon?