

“Behold, I Send My Messenger”
Mark 1:1-11
1/21/24
Message 1

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Behold, I Send My Messenger”

- **Introduction Of The Gospel of Mark**

- **1st Date**

- **The Date of Mark is Debated**

- Yes - Even by Conservative - Bible-believing scholars
 - No date can be fixed with certainty
 - And Actually - Attempting to date most books of the Bible can be a bit challenging
 - What many believe
 - All the Books of the New Testament were written before AD 70
 - All prior to the destruction of Jerusalem
 - If any book was written after the destruction, they would have written about it!

- **There is also debate as to which Gospel was written first**

- Matthew or Mark
 - Depends on who you ask
 - There are several scholars that believe that Mark was the first

- And that Matthew and Luke barrowed from Mark
- Some Believe without a doubt Matthew was written first
- In my studies
 - I believe a strong case can be made that the Gospels are in chronological order
 - Matthew – Mark – Luke – John
- So – Dates for Mark
 - Somewhere from 50–60 seems is the range that we see most
- **2nd Location - Audience**
 - Location
 - Most believe - Written from Rome
 - Audience
 - To a Roman (Gentile) mind set
 - Mark uses More Latin words than any of the other Gospels!
 - *“There are also more Latin phrases and idioms like centurio (15:39), quadrans (12:42), flagellare (15:15), speculator (6:27), census (12:14), sextarius (7:4), praetorium (15:6), than in the other Gospels.”*
 - Also NOTE
 - A very important note

- Mark is the most translated book in the entire world!
- Reasons
 - One reason may be because it is the shortest Gospel
 - But the other reason is that this Gospel was written for people unfamiliar with first century Judaism!
- **3rd Background and Theme**
 - **1st Mark is the shortest of the 4 Gospels**
 - It's only 16 chapters.
 - **2nd Mark is the “Go Gospel”**
 - There's a “Hurriedness” to his style.
 - Mark's style is rapid, energetic, and concise.
 - JUST the FACTS MA'AM
 - Examples
 - Temptation of Jesus
 - Just 2 verses!
 - The other Gospels Writers spend much more time
 - Emphasizes the Deeds of the Lord more than His words!
 - Evidenced by the fact that he records 19 miracles
 - But only 4 parables.

- **3rd Peter's Ministry**

- Many Bible Scholars believe that his gospel is a record of Peter's reports of the ministry of Christ.
 - Justin Martyr (100-165) referred to Mark's gospel as the "Memoirs of Peter."
- 1 Peter 5:13 Suggests he was converted through Peter's ministry.
 - Peter calls him, Mark my son
 - So this would make since

- **4th The Major Theme**

- To present Jesus as the Servant of God!
 - God's Perfect Servant, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- Everything Jesus DID was in Perfect OBEDIENCE to His FATHER'S WILL
- His WHOLE life was ALL ABOUT OTHERS
- Application
 - Let this mind be in you... (Phil. 2:1-11)
- **4th Why Four Gospels**
 - **The Question comes up "Why Four Gospels?"**
 - Short Answer

- A Complete Picture
- Reaching Different Peoples

▪ **Matthew's Gospel**

- Was writing to a Hebrew audience
- Matthew shows
 - The Jesus' genealogy
 - The Fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies
 - That Jesus is the long-expected Messiah
 - Matthew's emphasis is that Jesus is the promised King, the "Son of David," who would forever sit upon the throne of Israel (Matthew 9:27; 21:9)
 - In hope that Jewish people would come to know Jesus!

▪ **Mark's Gospel**

- Mark wrote for a Gentile Audience
- Illustrated By
 - The Language used
 - He did not include
 - Genealogies
 - Christ's controversies with Jewish leaders of His day
 - Nor frequent references to the Old Testament
- Mark Emphasizes

- Christ as the suffering Servant, the One who came not to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

▪ **Luke's Gospel**

- Written to for Theophilus (Lover of God)
 - A Gentile of some stature
 - So his gospel was composed with a Gentile audience in mind!
- Luke underscores
 - Christian's faith is based upon historically reliable and verifiable events.
- Luke often refers to Christ as the "Son of Man,"
 - Emphasizing His humanity
 - He shares many details that are not found in the other gospel accounts.

▪ **John's Gospel**

- Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the "Synoptic Gospels"
 - Because of their similar styles and content
 - Because they give a synopsis of the life of Christ.
- The gospel of John begins not with Jesus' birth or earthly ministry
 - But with the

- Activity and characteristics of the Son of God before He became man (John 1:14)
- John emphasizes the deity of Christ
 - Jesus also affirms His deity with several “I AM” statements
- John also emphasizes the fact of Jesus’ humanity
 - Desiring prove the Gnostics wrong - who did not believe in Christ’s humanity.
- **5th Author**
 - **John Mark**
 - His full name was John (Hebrew) Mark (Latin)
 - **A Few Things to know about John Mark**
 - **1st He was the Cousin of Barnabas (Col.4:10)**

Colossians 4:10 (NKJV)

10 *Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),*

- **2nd He was the son of Mary**
 - A leading woman in the Jerusalem Church (Turn to Acts 12:12)
 - Remember when Peter was released by the angel from prison & he went & knocked on a door
 - That was Mark’s mom –
 - Indication - Mary, probably wealthy, big house “many” inside praying
- **3rd Mark was NOT one of the 12 disciples.**

- As a youth, he perhaps was part of the larger group that followed Jesus
- Perhaps the only mention of him in the Gospel is a shadowy reference in Mark 14:51-52

Mark 14:51–52 (NKJV)

51 Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him,
52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

- 4th He “MAY” Have been the Rich Young Ruler

Mark 10:17–22 (NKJV)

17 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

18 So Jesus said to him, “*Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.*”

19 *You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”*

20 And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

21 Then Jesus, **looking at him, loved him**, and said to him, “*One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.*”

22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

- The only Gospel writer to include this statement
- Leading some to believe that he was the RYR
- Steadman supports this possibility as well as others

▪ **Mark and his first Mission Trip**

- Mark accompanied Paul and Barnabas on Paul’s first missionary journey (Acts 12:25; 13:5).

Acts 12:25 (NKJV)

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

Acts 13:1–5 (NKJV)

- 1** Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- 2** As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
- 3** Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.
- 4** So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
- 5** And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. **They also had John as their assistant.**

- **But for SOME REASON Mark Departed**

Acts 13:13 (NKJV)

13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

- **This Created a Problem**

- When Barnabas wanted Paul to take John Mark on the Second missionary journey
- Paul refused.
- The friction which resulted between Paul and Barnabas led to their separation (Acts 15:36–40)

Acts 15:36–41 (NKJV)

- 36** Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.”
- 37** Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark.
- 38** But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.

*39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another.
And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;
40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the
grace of God.
41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.*

- **John Mark came back**

2 Timothy 4:11 (NKJV)

11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

- The Question Comes UP
 - Who was right Paul or Barnabus?
 - I say both right and wrong
 - BUT God used it all for His glory

Now this Morning 3 Powerful Truth About the Messenger of God

- The Calling Of the Messenger vs. 1-3
- The Message & Character Of The Messenger vs. 4-8
- The Confirmation Of The Messenger vs. 9-11

The Calling Of the Messenger vs. 1-3

First: The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ v. 1

- **1st The Beginnings v. 1a**

Mark 1:1 (NKJV)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- The historical record of the gospel message began with John the Baptist
 - NOT a genealogy
 - BUT with the Messenger sent by God

- Shows us that he was interested in reach Gentiles
- **2nd Of The Gospel of Jesus Christ – the Son of God v. 1b**

Mark 1:1 (NKJV)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- What is the Gospel
- **1st The Word Gospel means**
 - Good NEWS
- **2nd Can't have Good News until you know the BAD NEWS**
 - We are All sinner
 - Explain sin – An archery term to miss the mark
 - Born Into Sin – Adam & Eve
- **3rd So what is this Good NEWS**

1 Corinthians 15:1–4 (NKJV)

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

- A - Amit
- B - Believe
- C – Commit / Confess

• Second: As it is written in the Prophets v. 2

- 1st Prophesied hundreds of years before JTB came v. 2a

Mark 1:2 (NKJV)

2 As it is written in the Prophets: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”

- The ministry of John the Baptist is that it was prophesied in the Old Testament (Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3).

Malachi 3:1 (NKJV)

1 “Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 40:3 (NKJV)

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.

- So much in the OT
 - Over 300 prophecies in the OT about Jesus
 - Jesus fulfilled everyone of them
 - Illustration Wednesday Night
 - Zechariah 11 – 30 pieces of Silver

- 2nd My Messenger v. 2b

Mark 1:2 (NKJV)

2 As it is written in the Prophets: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”

- **1st The Messenger - John The Baptist (JTB)**
 - His Father and Mother
 - Zacharias & Elizabeth

- Review Account (Luke 1:5-38)

- Pick up at Luke 1:39

Luke 1:39–45 (NKJV)

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah,

40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

- Jesus Said he was the greatest to be born

Matthew 11:11 (NKJV)

11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

- QUESTION: “What makes a person great?”

- In the world’s eyes...

- Being
- Wealthy
- Famous or Powerful
- Famous Athlete
- Famous Actor or Actress
- Famous Musician or Painter
- A Politician...(well no...not that!)

- But Think about it...

- By those standards
 - Jesus Christ Wasn't Great
 - John the Baptist Wasn't Great
 - Apostle Paul Wasn't Great
- Yet Jesus called John the greatest man who had ever lived
 - He was greater than
 - Any of the kings, emperors, philosophers, or military leaders of history...
 - John was greater than...
 - Noah
 - Abraham
 - Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Joseph
 - Moses
 - Elijah
 - David
 - I find that interesting...
 - What Makes him Great?...
 - His humility
 - And yet Jesus said –
 - “But he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”
- **2nd His Mission**

- JTB Ended 400 Years of God being Silent
 - When JTB came on the scene it broke a 400 year silence from the Lord
 - It produced a Tremendous Response from the people
 - The drought of God's prophetic Word had COME TO AN END
- To prepare the YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU
 - You KING is Coming
 - Context
 - In those days before a King would visit a city, he would send a Messenger out letting the people know the king is coming so get ready
 - Fix the roads paint the houses clean the... GET READY
 - This is What John was doing
 - Get your hearts ready for HOPE is coming GOD is Coming

• **Third: Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight v. 3**

Mark 1:3 (NKJV)

3 *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' "*

- **1st The passage Mark quoted from (Isaiah 40:3)**
 - It had in mind the building up of a great road for the arrival of a majestic king.

- The idea was to fill in the holes and to knock down the hills that are in the way.
- The idea of preparing the way of the Lord is a word picture
 - Because the real preparation must take place in our hearts.
 - Get Right with GOD

The Message & Character Of The Messenger vs. 4-8

• First: John came baptizing in the wilderness v. 4

○ 1st The Preparation - He came baptizing v. 4a

Mark 1:4 (NKJV)

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

- Baptism
 - Baptism – Greek: baptisma –
 - Means: immersion, submersion
 - John was called the “Baptist” because he baptized people.
 - The practice of baptism
 - Involved FULL Immersing the entire person in water.
 - It was NOT a foreign idea to Jews
 - It was used when Gentiles would convert to Judaism
 - Mikvah

- Is a ritual bath designed for the Jewish rite of purification.
 - The practice was about a ritual “washing”, not for physical cleanliness, but for spiritual cleansing
- *Guzik; “For a Jew in John’s day to submit to baptism was essentially to say, “I confess that I am as far away from God as a Gentile and I need to get right with Him. This was a real work of the Holy Spirit.”*
- Baptism For the Church
 - The 2 ordinances given to the church to continue
 - Baptism – Communion
 - Baptism
 - Symbolic - Death – Burial – Resurrection
 - DOES NOT SAVE
 - That you are following Christ
 - Public declaration
 - A command from God
 - Jesus demonstrated how important it is - by being baptized
- In the Wilderness
 - Jordan River
 - Not much of a river really

- Some believe it was around the same place the Children of Israel crossed over
- Wilderness
 - A Desolation = A state of complete emptiness or destruction.
 - How fitting – all of us lived in this place before receiving Christ
- 2nd Preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. v. 4b

Mark 1:4 (NKJV)

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

- **Preaching a Baptism of Repentance**

- This is LOOKING FORWARD to the CROSS

- **Repentance**

Matthew 3:2 (NKJV)

2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

- **John’s Message...REPENT**

- It was his calling
- It was reinforced by the Scriptures in verses 4-5

- **Jesus’ Message... REPENT**

Mark 1:15 (NKJV)

15 and saying, “*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.*”

- **Repent Means: CHANGE OF MIND**

- Repent - Greek: Metanoia –
- Means:
 - To Change My mind about
 - My life
 - My sin in my life
 - The paths that I'm on
 - To get off that path and turn to the Lord and walk on His path
 - His path that leads me into a deep, meaningful relationship with Him
 - CHANGE OF DIRECTION
 - That means a change in my conduct & lifestyle
 - That means a change in my emotions and how I respond
- Genuine Followers of Jesus will NEVER be perfect ON EARTH
 - BUT there will be a lifestyle change
 - A Turning from the Old to The New
 - A desire to be like Jesus
 - Not just add Jesus to your life BUT allow Jesus to transform your life – Day by Day
- **What kind of Change are we talking about?**
 - What happens when a person truly repents?

- You change your mind about several things...

- **1st About God & His Word**

- You believe that God is who He says He is
- That the Bible is His Word
 - Inspired
 - Infallible
- You don't TRY and Change the Bible to fit your life
 - You ALLOW the Bible to Change your life
- *"Were at a point in Christianity where people don't care if you can back it up with the Bible, their feeling desire and emotion override what scripture says, They don't follow Christ they follow self"*

2 Timothy 4:3 (NKJV)

3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;*

- We ARE in THIS DAY!!!

- **2nd About Sin**

- You realize that what God said is SIN, is SIN
 - It never changes
 - We don't make up what we think sin is
 - People don't make up the rules
 - Illustration - Fornication

- Is SIN
- Will always be SIN
- We truly understand that we're sinners
 - That we need forgiveness – that we need a Savior
 - We CAN'T save ourselves we need help from someone else (GOD)
- **3rd About My Lifestyle**
 - There must be repentance
 - MEANS MY LIFE HAS CHANGED
 - Have you ever changed your mind about your sin, about God, about the Bible?
 - Is your conduct different?
 - Have you truly have repented before God?
 - There are a lot of people who say they're Christians
 - BUT MAY not be
 - Because they've never repented of their sins
 - They have just tried to add a little Jesus in their lives
- **For The Remission of Sins**
 - Remission – Greek: Aphesis
 - Means:

- Release from bondage or imprisonment; forgiveness or pardon, of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), letting go of the penalty
- John's message was about repentance and forgiveness.
 - His message was that if you would turn from your sins, you would find forgiveness.
- Looking forward to the Cross
 - The Blood that would wipe away our sin
 - The Exchange – He Took my SINS gave me His righteousness

• **Second: Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem v. 5**

Mark 1:5 (NKJV)

5 *Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.*

- **1st John's ministry met with a big response**
 - The imperfect tense of the Greek verbs
 - Portrays in motion-picture fashion the continual procession of people who kept going out to hear John's preaching and to be baptized by him.
 - There were many people who REPENTED

• **Third: Clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt v. 6**

Mark 1:6 (NKJV)

6 *Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.*

- **1st JTB Clothes and Diet**

- **Patterned after the bold Elijah (2 Kings 1:8)**

- Who fearlessly called Israel to repentance

- **Clothes**

- Camel's Hair = Is not SOFT
- Leather Belt = Simple

- **Diet**

- Locusts (dried insects) and wild honey were the common diet in desert regions. Locusts are listed in Leviticus 11:22 among the "clean" foods.

- *MacDonald; His clothing, like Elijah's was the coarsest and the simplest. His food was sufficient to maintain life and strength, but was scarcely luxurious. He was a man who subordinated all these things to the glorious task of making Christ known. Perhaps he could have been rich, but he chose to be poor. He thus became a fitting herald of Him who had nowhere to lay His head. We learn here that simplicity should characterize all who are servants of the Lord.*

- **Application**

- Simple LIVE
- Choosing to LIVE for God NOT this world
- We so want to be comfortable

- **Fourth: There comes One after me who is mightier than I v. 7**

Mark 1:7 (NKJV)

7 And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

○ **1st The Message of JTB**

- John preached Jesus,
 - NOT himself.
 - John pointed to Jesus, not to himself!
 - Shows Humility
 - Untying another person's sandal was something only a servant would stoop to do.
 - John didn't see himself as even being worthy of doing that for the Messiah.
- Application
 - Humility and Ministry.
 - John had his head on straight.
 - He had crowds listening to him
 - But he knew that he wasn't the one to be following.
 - He knew that his purpose was to point people to Jesus.
 - Later on when Jesus would begin to gain in popularity, some of the people asked John if he was bothered by it.

John 3:26–30 (NKJV)

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!”

27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'

29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

- Keep your motives in the right place.
 - He must increase. We must decrease.

• Fifth: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit v. 8

Mark 1:8 (NKJV)

8 I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

- **1st Baptized with the HOLY SPIRIT**
 - Just as John was immersing people in the Jordan River
 - Jesus would one day immerse His disciples in the Holy Spirit
 - On the day of Pentecost Jesus baptized His disciples with the Holy Ghost

Acts 2:1–4 (NKJV)

- 1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*
- 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.*
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

The Confirmation Of The Messenger vs. 9-11

• First: Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee v. 9

Mark 1:9 (NKJV)

9 *It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

○ **1st Why was Jesus Baptized**

- 1st He Wasn't baptized because
 - He needed to repent from His sins.
- 2nd Three reasons suggested
 - 1st It was an act of obedience
 - Showing that Jesus was in full agreement with God's overall plan and the role of John's baptism in it –
 - To “fulfill all righteousness (Matt. 3:15)
 - As an EXAMPLE
 - 2nd It was an act of self-identification with the nation of Israel whose heritage and sinful predicament He shared (Isa. 53:12)
 - 3rd It was an act of self-dedication to His messianic mission, signifying His official acceptance and entrance into it.

• **Second: Immediately v. 10**

Mark 1:10 (NKJV)

10 *And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.*

○ **A Great SIGN of Approval from God the Father and the Holy Spirit**

- Like a Dove

▪ **CC Dove – Show Pic**

- **Third: You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased v. 11**

Mark 1:11 (NKJV)

11 Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

- **1st You Are MY Beloved Son**

- Affirm Jesus’ unique sonship with the Father

Psalm 2:7 (NKJV)

7 “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’

- Displayed a humble beginning:

- **3rd In whom I am well pleased**

- The Verb Greek: Eudokēsa is in the past tense (“I was well pleased”).
- Means:
 - It is rendered in English in the present tense to indicate that God is pleased with His Son at all times.
 - God’s delight never had a beginning and will never end.

Closing

- May we LIVE a LIFE that is WELL Pleasing to the LORD