

“Follow Jesus”
Mark 1:9-20
1/28/24
Message 2

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Follow Jesus”

- **Review: John Mark**

- **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)
 - 2nd He was the son of Mary
 - A leading woman in the Jerusalem Church (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
 - Most likely came to Christ through Peter’s Ministry
 - 1 Peter 5:13 Suggests he was converted through Peter’s ministry.
 - Mark may be a recap of Peter’s Ministry when writing this Gospel

- 4th He “MAY” Have been the Rich Young Ruler
- 5th Mark and his first Mission Trip
 - Did not end well
- 6th Mark’s Gospel
 - Mark is the shortest of the 4 Gospels
 - It’s only 16 chapters.
 - The “Go Gospel”
 - There’s a “Hurriedness” to his style.
 - Mark’s style is rapid, energetic, and concise.
 - JUST the FACTS MA’AM
 - 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.”

• **Review: JTB**

- **The Person**
 - John The Baptist
 - His Father and Mother
 - Zacharias & Elizabeth
 - Elizebth and Mary

- John leaped in the womb
- **The Ministry**
 - His Ministry was prophesied
 - The ministry of John the Baptist is that it was prophesied in the Old Testament (Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3).
 - JTB Ended 400 Years of God being Silent
 - Behold, I send My messenger
 - The For runner for Christ
 - Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight
 - Preaching a baptism of Repentance for the Remission of sins.
 - Baptized Jesus

• **Now This Morning 4 Powerful Truth in Following Jesus**

- In His Act Of Baptism vs. 9-11
- In The Attempt Of Satan to Hinder Him vs. 12-13
- In His Allegiance In Preaching The Gospel vs. 14-15
- In Answering His Call To Be Fishers of Men vs. 16-20

In His Act Of Baptism 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 The Reasons for His Baptism
 - 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 –
 - Approval Of JTB Ministry
 - 2nd Identifying Himself with sinners.
 - To "Fulfill All Righteousness (Matt. 3:15)
 - He will ultimately bear our sins
 - His perfect righteousness will be imputed to US (2 Cor. 5:21).
 - This act of baptism was a necessary part of the righteousness He secured for sinners.
 - Christ was here identifying Himself with sinners
 - As an EXAMPLE
 - Christ was Baptized – SO SHOULD WE
 - 3rd It pictured His Death and Resurrection (Luke 12:50)
 - 4th It was a public affirmation from Heaven of His Messiahship
 - The Fathers Approval of Jesus

- **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.

- **Approval from God the Father and the Holy Spirit**

- **Immediately**

- Greek: Euthys
- Means: Straight, immediate. Immediately, instantly, straightway, forthwith
- This is the 1st of the 42 times Mark will use this word in his Gospel
- Points to Mark's style of writing – sense of urgency

- **He saw heaven Parting (being torn open)**

- Greek: Schízō
- Means: To split, rend, divide with violence
- The forceful verb, “being torn open”
 - Reflects a metaphor for God's breaking into human experience to deliver His people (Ps. 18:9, 16–19; 144:5–8; Isa. 64:1–5).
 - **God has a Passion to deliver lost sinners**

- **The Spirit Descending on Him LIKE a DOVE**

- Like a Dove

- **CC Dove – Show Pic**

- Anointing
 - In Old Testament times the Spirit came on certain people to empower them for service (Ex. 31:3; Jud. 3:10; 11:29; 1 Sam. 19:20, 23)
 - Jesus' empowerment for ministry (Is. 61:1)

▪ **NOTE –**

- We should not conclude that He was NOT filled with the Holy Spirit before.
 - Only that He was now filled with the Holy Spirit in an unusual and public way
 - Fully God / Yet Fully Man!
- For the most part, and perhaps entirely
 - Jesus lived His life and performed His ministry as a “Spirit-Filled man
 - Choosing NOT to rely on the resources of His divine Nature
 - But willingly “limiting” Himself to what could be done by the guidance of God the Father and the empowering of God the Holy Spirit.
 - TO BE An example to us!!!
 - How we can rely UPON His Spirit for everything in life

• **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
 - His unqualified approval of Jesus
- Similar to
 - Genesis 22:2

Genesis 22:2 (NKJV)

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

- Isaiah 42:1

Isaiah 42:1 (NKJV)

1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles."

- Psalm 2:7
 - Where God addressed the anointed King as His Son.

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.'

- "Begotten SON"
 - Greek: Mo-nogen-es – Mono-gay-ous
 - 2 primary definitions.
 - 1st Pertaining to being the only one of its kind within a specific relationship.
 - This is its meaning in Hebrews 11:17

- When the writer refers to Isaac as Abraham's "only begotten son"
- Abraham had more than one son,
 - But Isaac was the only son he had by Sarah and the only son of the covenant.
 - Therefore, it is the uniqueness of Isaac among the other sons that allows for the use of monogenes in that context.
- 2nd Pertaining to being the only one of its kind or class, unique in kind.
 - This is the meaning that is implied in
 - John 3:16 (see also John 1:14, 18; 3:18; 1 John 4:9).
 - John was primarily concerned with demonstrating that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:31)
 - *He uses monogenes to highlight Jesus as uniquely God's Son—sharing the same divine nature as God—as opposed to believers who are God's sons and daughters by adoption (Ephesians 1:5).*
 - Jesus is God's "one and only" Son.
- **3rd In whom I am well pleased**
 - The Verb Greek: Eudokēsa is in the Past Tense
 - Means: I WAS well pleased
 - This verb is in the aorist tense

- Which in the indicative mode speaks of a past action.
- Regards the Father as always having been pleased with the Son and as always being pleased with him.
- It is a delight that never had a beginning, and will never have an end.
- Wuest, K. S. (1997)

In The Attempt Of Satan to Hinder Him vs. 12-13

• First: Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness v. 12

Mark 1:12 (NKJV)

12 Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

- **1st Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness:**
 - After the baptism
 - The Spirit lead Him – Rather, to drive Him into the wilderness.
 - Mark has used a strange word.
 - The Spirit driveth Him forth'
 - Quite literally, 'the Spirit casteth Him forth.'
 - It is the very work afterward employed of the casting out of demons by Christ.
 - Wuest; Stronger than Matthew's anagō (ἀναγῶ), "was led up," and Luke's agō (ἀγῶ), "was led;" literally, "to throw out from within, to cast out, to drive out."

- **2nd He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan:**

Mark 1:13 (NKJV)

13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

- **Context to Mark**

- Jesus Identified

- Jesus was identified with sinners in His baptism.
- Jesus identified with sinners in their temptations.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- Application

- He Knows what were going through

- The Number 40

- A number that often shows a time of testing or judgment.
- In Noah's flood, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights.
- Israel was in the wilderness 40 years.
- Moses kept sheep in the wilderness for 40 years.
- This CLEARLY is Jesus' time of testing.

- **Was with the wild beasts:**

- NOTE - Matthew and Luke make NO mention of Wild Beasts

- 2 Views
 - 1st The presence of wild animals stresses the hostile character of the desert region as Satan's domain
 - “The wilderness” was the place of God's curse—a place of desolation, loneliness, and danger where frightening, ravenous animals lived (cf. Isa. 13:20–22; 34:8–15; Pss. 22:11–21; 91:11–13)
 - 2nd Emphasis On “WITH”
 - In the ancient Greek grammar, the emphasis is on with.
 - In other words,
 - Jesus was at peace with the wild beasts.
 - This shows two things:
 - Jesus is the Second Adam, and like unfallen Adam, He enjoys a peaceful relationship with all the animals.
 - Jesus remains the unfallen, sinless one despite all the temptation, with authority over the wild beasts.
- **And the angels ministered to Him:**
 - The angels ministered to Him at the end of this time of intense temptation.
 - This shows Jesus' authority over the angels.
 - They are His servants.

- **Second: More Detail From Luke's Gospel**

- Turn to Luke 4 – More Detail on Temptation

- **1st The Bible warns us to not be ignorant concerning Satan's Temptation**

- We have an Adversary - Be Smart

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand **against the wiles of the devil.**

- Know his play book

1 John 2:16 (NKJV)

16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

- All the TEMPTATION Jesus Went thru and we go thru have these 3 involved
 - Lust of the Flesh
 - Lust of the Eyes
 - Pride of Life
- That is WHY We Put HIS ARMOR on

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11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand **against the wiles of the devil.**

Ephesians 6:10–12 (NKJV)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

○ **Note 5 of Satan's Tactics**

○ **1st The Devil Approaches Often In Times Of Weakness v. 1-2**

Luke 4:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

○ **1st BEING Tempted for 40 days**

- NOTE We Often we think Jesus was
 - ONLY 3 times temptations
 - And at the end of the 40 days...
- But the text says otherwise
 - All 40 days, the devil is working Him over...he kept coming at Jesus
 - Satan just kept coming at Him – Especially when we are weak

○ **2nd Lesson**

- We Learn...
 - 1st The devil will continue to work on us
 - The devil doesn't just come once and attempt to tempt you it will be constant
 - 2nd When we're WEAK

- He came at Jesus when He was hungry...when He was weak
- Info on Fasting
 - For the first few days super hungry
 - Hunger goes away
 - Hunger returns at 40 days if you don't eat you die

○ **2nd The Devil Appeals To Our Basic Desires v. 3**

Luke 4:3 (NKJV)

3 And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

- **1st His simple need for FOOD**
 - Lust of the Flesh if you will
 - Often Satan will take basic human needs and tempt us to make them idols
 - NEEDS that in of themselves they are not bad
 - Sex is not bad
 - But when you are not trusting God to bring you a spouse and you step out on your own that now becomes sin
- **2nd Satan is Tempting Jesus to NOT TRUST God plan and Provision and Take care of Himself!!!**
 - **Notice the word “IF”**
 - In the Greek there are different understandings

- There's "if" and 'maybe it's true and maybe it's not'
 - There's "if" and 'I wish it were true
 - There's "if" and 'I know it is true' – that is the one here
- Here it is translated SINCE
- "Since You are the Son of God..."
 - You see, he knew He could do it
 - That's very important to understand in this temptation
 - This is a temptation
 - **To get Him do something apart from the will & plan of His heavenly Father**
 - It's as if the enemy was saying to Jesus, since You are the Son of God, then why are You hungry?
 - When is God going to release You from this fast?
 - Since You are the Son of God why is this happening?
- **3rd Application**
 - He often times whispers the same lies in our ears
 - Since you are a child of God where is the Father's provision?
 - Since you are a child of God why are the bills piling up?

- Since God is with you why are these things happening to you?

○ **3rd The Devil Wants us To Compromise And Weaken Our Commitment To The Lord Himself vs. 5-8**

Luke 4:5–8 (NKJV)

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”

*8 And Jesus answered and said to him, “**Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’**”*

▪ **1st It’s a Temptation to AVOID The Cross**

- The devil wants Him to get the crown
 - But without going thru all that suffering and death
 - Take a SHORT CUT
 - Jesus Knows NO CROSS = No Salvation
- Application
 - Do NOT take Short Cut compromise our standards and moral ethics

○ **4th The Devil Attempts To Keep Us From Simple Faith in God’s Word v. 9-11**

Luke 4:9–11 (NKJV)

9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

10 For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’

11 and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

▪ **1st Now the devil partially quotes from Psalm 91**

- You see, the devil knows the Bible...probably better than some of us
 - The devil can take the Word of God and he can use it...against us
 - In this CASE satan TWISTED God's Word
 - Psalm 91:11-12 were falsely quoted, because the devil left out the words to keep you in all your ways.
 - The devil can twist people's minds and they come up with crazy views and teachings...that really aren't the Word of God

▪ **2nd Now what is the devil doing here?**

- Temptation to tempt God rather than trust God
 - DOUBT PROTECTION

▪ **3rd Application**

- The devil's tactic is to get us away from the simplicity of God's Word...to twist it
- And he even used the scriptures to do it

2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

- Stay in GOD'S WORD
- Beware of Teachers that sound like they are preaching the Word but will add to it human philosophy or focus on priorities that are not the main priorities

○ **5th The Devil Attacks Us At Opportune Times v. 13**

Luke 4:13 (NKJV)

13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

▪ **The devil will be BACK**

- Great you endured Temptation
- Don't think it ENDS there
- He will be BACK
- He's not going to quit
- Temptation ENDS when we die!!!

○ **Respond With Faith In God's Word Vs. 4,8,12**

Luke 4:4 (NKJV)

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' "*

Luke 4:8 (NKJV)

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, *"Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "*

Luke 4:12 (NKJV)

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, *"It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' "*

▪ **Every time Jesus responded with Scripture**

- All of His quotes were from Deuteronomy
 - Which is the place of the wilderness wanderings of the Jews

▪ **How Do we Fight**

- FAITH IN GOD'S WORD
- THE WORD OF GOD...IT WILL DRIVE HIM AWAY

In His Allegiance In Preaching The Gospel vs. 14-15

• First: Now after John was put in prison v. 14a

Mark 1:14 (NKJV)

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

- **JTB was imprisoned for rebuking Herod Antipas**
 - Over his incestuous marriage to his niece, Herodias
 - Would later be beheaded
 - Standing for RIGHTEOUSNESS in the Public arena cost him his life
 - Maybe that why so many pulpits and churches are silent in the FACE OF EVIL in our world

• Second: What Jesus did in His ministry vs. 14b-15

○ **1st Jesus came to Galilee v. 14b**

Mark 1:14 (NKJV)

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- **Jesus Came to Galilee**
 - Mark, Matthew and Luke,
 - Passes directly from the temptation
 - To the beginning of the Galilean ministry

- They Skipped Jesus' ministry in Judea
 - Which ONLY John covers (John 2:13–4:4).
- Location - In northern part of Israel
- NOTE - A lot of ministry takes place here
 - Sermon on the Mount
 - Bread of life discourse
 - 25 out of 37 recorded miracles happened in the Galilee region.
 - Jesus is Busy Teaching and Doing Miracles
- **Preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God**
 - He brought the message of God's rule on earth, though not in the manner that was popularly expected or desired.
 - Most people wanted a political kingdom that would replace the oppressive occupation of the Romans.
- **2nd Saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" v. 15**

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, and believe in the gospel**
 - Same Message as JTB
 - 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

▪ **True Repentance is Seen in**

- 1st 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
- 2nd How we See SIN
 - You realize that what God said is SIN, is SIN
- 3rd In Mourning Over SIN
 - Psalm 51
 - A DEEP Mourning that leads to TRUE Repentance – which then leads to Great service for God
- 4th In Lifestyle
 - There will be a changes in our lives

In Answering His Call To Be Fishers of Men vs. 16-20

• First: The CALL vs. 16-20

Mark 1:16–20 (NKJV)

16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 Then Jesus said to them, *“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”*

18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets.

20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

- **1st The Calling**

- NOTE - This was NOT the first time Jesus had met this group of men
- Different Callings from Matthew & Mark and Luke
 - Now at first glance this appears to be the same Account
 - We have in Matthew's and Mark's gospels
 - BUT it "MAY" be Another Calling?!
 - Now Bible Scholars don't agree
 - 4 People see an accident –
 - All will highlight different aspects of that accident
 - But I feel there validity to it a different account

Matthew 4:18–22 (NKJV)

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, **casting a net into the sea;** for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, **"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21 **Going on from there,** He saw two other brothers, **James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,**

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

- Note the differences:
 - In Matthew and Mark
 - They are in the MIDDLE of fishing
 - In Luke

- They are FINISHED and Cleaning nets.
- In Luke
 - James and John with them
- In Matthew they are not.
 - “Going On From There”
- The Different Callings’
 - 1st John 1:35-51
 - Did not follow Jesus full time here
 - 2nd Matt. 4:18-22 & Mark 1:16-20
 - 2nd Calling
 - 3rd Luke 5:1-11
 - 3rd Calling –
 - This happen about a year after John 1
 - 4th In John 21:1-8
 - After the Cross
 - **2nd For they were Fishermen**
 - Meaning
 - These were common men
 - Without theological credentials or status in the world
 - Jesus met them as they labored as common men

- ***Second: More Detail From The Gospel of Luke 5***

- Luke 5:1–5 (NKJV)**

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that
He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,
2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from
them and were washing their nets.
3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put
out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the
boat.

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, *“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”*

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

- God needs Availability - NOT ability
- Our Understanding is NOT Crucial – TRUST IS
- Our Experience NOT Reliable
- Our Obedience is ESSENTIAL

○ **2nd REALIZE What God can do vs. 6-7**

Luke 5:6–7 (NKJV)

6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

- We serve a BIG GOD

○ **3rd RECOGNIZE The problem of unbelief vs. 8-10**

Luke 5:8–10 (NKJV)

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, *“Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.”*

- True Encounters with God leave us HUMBLE

○ **4th RECOMMIT Yourself to the Lord vs. 11**

Luke 5:11 (NKJV)

11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

- Immediately – Forsook ALL
- FOLLOWED

Closing

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