

## Declaring Good News about the King

Mark 1:12-20

- I. **The King Tested and Proven** to be holy and worthy (Mark 1:12-13)
  - A. Jesus was sent by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan (1:12, 13a; Matthew 4:1-11).
  - B. Jesus was protected and proven (1:13b).
    - Private testing precedes public ministry.
- II. **The King Presents the Good news** of the Kingdom (Mark 1:14-15)
  - A. **The Cost:** John the Baptist was imprisoned for proclaiming the Kingdom (1:14a).
  - B. **The Offer:** Jesus proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom (1:4b-15a).
    - 1. The Jews expected an earthly kingdom (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 20:20-21).
    - 2. Jesus offered the Jews His earthly kingdom (Matthew 10:5-7).
    - 3. Most Jews rejected Christ as King/Messiah (John 1:11-12).
    - 4. The Gospel now in this age is also for the Gentile (Romans 1:16).
    - 5. The Earthly Kingdom of Christ is delayed until later (The Millennium – Acts 1:3,6,7; Revelation 20:4-6).
  - C. **The Choice: Repent and Believe:** Jesus presented the choice of believing in Him or not (1:15b).
    - Have we turned (repented) from trusting in good works to believe in Christ for eternal life (John 3:16)?
- III. **The King Calls Kingdom Helpers** to help Him proclaim the good news (Mark 1:16-20)
  - A. **Following Jesus and Fishing for Men:** Jesus invited Simon and Andrew to care about the eternal destiny of people like He did (1:16-17).
    - Will we follow Christ and share the good news?
  - B. **Forsaking Something to Follow Jesus:** Simon, Andrew, James and John left fishing to follow Christ (18-20).
    - Will we forsake what hinders us from following Christ?