

Mark 1:14-20

3 Expectations Of Building God's Kingdom



Background/Context

- Follower of Jesus, Mark (John Mark) writing to Roman audience (AD 64-65); shows Jesus in action, going & doing
- Key Section: Jesus begins His Galilean Ministry; leaves region of Judea in South, travels to Galilee in North
- This region dominated by Sea of Galilee (Romans called Sea of Tiberius)
- In between verses 13 & 14, some extended time (possibly a year); Jesus traveling, teaching, and healing
- Jesus in Galilee spends extended time; calls special servants, Disciples, begins sharing foundation of Gospel and His kingdom

Knowing & Proclaiming The Redemptive Message

- (vv.14-15) Jesus fulfilling mission from the Father; accomplishing kingdom work and goals; explaining forgiveness of sins and eternal life
- John the Baptist put in prison by King Herod for proclaiming truth of God's word
- Jesus, "preaching the gospel" – "good news, glad tidings, God's plan for forgiveness of sins and eternal life, heaven"
- "Kingdom of God" – "wherever Jesus is obeyed and His authority is recognized, external in Creation and internal in soul of person, both visible and invisible"

- 2 Tim. 4:3-4, “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; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

- “I can, can a can of peas.”
- “The kiwi saw the kiwi eating the kiwi,”



Persevering Through The Process Of Discipleship

- (vv.16-17, & v.19) Jesus building God's kingdom through message, but also seeking everyday people
- Gospel transforms hearts/lives; great impact when one person shares with another, lives out this transformation
- Jesus purposely approaches 2 sets of brothers and offers invitation for them to partner in building God's kingdom
- "Disciple" – "learner, follower, pupil, student"
- "make you become" – "Discipleship is process, doesn't happen overnight; over time become more like Jesus"

- Matt. 16:24, “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’”
- Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...”



Pursuing The Right Master

- (vv.17-18 & v.20) All through verses, focus is on Jesus and His ministry
- Jesus calls brothers to special service, but He calls them to “Himself”; not church, denomination, religious system, etc.
- Jesus invites brothers to, “Follow Me..”; they to keep focus and eyes on Jesus, not circumstances or other people
- With invitation, Jesus inviting servants to put Him first and see Him as their authority; not just Savior, but also Lord
- Disciples were to imitate Jesus and keep focus on Him and lessons He would teach

- Jeremiah 10:6, “There is none like You, O Lord; You are great and Your name is great in might.”
- Ps. 145:3, “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.”

