

Sermon Outline

“JESUS PROCLAIMS GOOD NEWS” | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 1:1-15 (p.1424)

“Every church member wanting to read Mark’s gospel 1-2-1 evangelistically in 2025”

1. The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God (v1)

“good news” = “gospel”

“The birthday of the god Augustus was the beginning of the gospel for the world that came by reason of him” (Inscription at Priene, Turkey, accepting the Imperial Edict of 9BC)

i. the Messiah

“Messiah” (Hebrew) = “Christos” (Greek) = “Anointed One” or “King”

ii. the Son of God

2. This Jesus has been long-expected ... (vv2-8)

David	Elijah	Isaiah	Malachi	Jesus	>
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Mal 3:1 “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

Is 40:3 A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Mal 4:5 See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.

- contrast John’s baptism (with water) with Jesus’ baptism (with the Holy Spirit)

3. This Jesus meets (and exceeds) all expectations (vv9-13)

Q. Why does John baptize Jesus?!

i. (v10) the Spirit descends on Jesus like a dove

ii. (v11) the Father endorses Jesus from heaven

Mk 9:7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

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4. Jesus proclaims good news (vv14-15)

Jesus is not just good news (v1); Jesus proclaims good news (v14)

Jesus’ announcement:

i. the time has come

ii. the kingdom of God has come near

iii. repent and believe the good news

Jesus proclaims good news ... so we are to proclaim good news

All we have to do is make an introduction ...

Geoff’s Top Tip #1 for reading Mark 1-2-1: point people to what Jesus says (He can speak for Himself)

“Meet Jesus”	Mark
1. Jesus proclaims good news	1:1-15
2. Jesus changes lives	1:16-45
3. Jesus forgives sins	2:1-17
4. Jesus redefines religion	2:18-3:6
5. Jesus changes everything	3:7-35