

Sermon Outline

“JESUS CHANGES LIVES” | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 1:16-42 (p.1425)

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

“Meet Jesus” in Mark’s gospel	Passage
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

1. Jesus calls His first disciples (vv16-20)

Mk 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Insight #1: Jesus is compelling

2. Jesus teaches (with authority) (vv21-28)

Insight #2: Jesus has power and authority in the spiritual realm

3. Jesus heals the sick and demon-possessed (vv29-34)

Insight #3: Jesus has power and authority in the physical realm

“pie in the sky when you die” vs “steak on your plate while you wait”

4. Jesus prays in a solitary place (vv35-38)

Insight #4: Jesus has come to pray and preach

Jesus proclaimed good news ... so we are to proclaim good news!

=> Reading Mark’s gospel 1-2-1

=> Praying for 2 minutes for 2 people each day

5. Jesus heals a man with leprosy (vv40-45)

Mk 6:34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had *compassion* on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Mk 8:1 During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 2 “I have *compassion* for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.”

Mk 9:21 Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. 22 “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, *take pity on us* and help us.”

Insight #5: Jesus has compassion

For discussion: which episode about Jesus means the most to you? Why?

So what, for us?

1. Geoff’s Top Tip #2 for reading Mark 1-2-1: scripture is self-authenticating

Deep Dive (730pm, Thu 3 April) on “The Reliability of Scripture”

Evangelism = making an introduction to Jesus (who can speak for Himself!)

2. Get on board!

“When we are baptized, we (like the first disciples) jump on a moving train. As disciples, we do not so much accept a creed, or come to a clear sense of self-understanding by which we know this or that with utter certitude. We become part of journey that began long before we got here and shall continue long after we are gone.” (S Hauerwas & W Willimon, *Resident Aliens*)

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