

Sermon Outline

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE FIRST MUST BE THE VERY LAST | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 9:30-50 (p.1439)

"Every church member wanting to read Mark 1-2-1 evangelistically in 2025"

Mk 1:1 The beginning of **the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God** ...

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!**"

Part 1: What has Jesus come to do? (vv30-32)

Mk 9:28 After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

Mk 8:31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Mk 9:24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

- turn away from Jesus vs turn towards Jesus

Serving the Messiah (Part 1): Who is the greatest? (vv33-37)

Mk 10:41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. **Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**"

Confronting:

Comforting:

Serving the Messiah (Part 2): Who is with us? (vv38-41)

Q. What are the disciples worried about?

Confronting:

Comforting:

Deep Dive (730-9pm, Thu 30 Oct, "You lot can't agree: a deep dive on denominations")

Serving the Messiah (Part 3): How do I keep my reward? (vv42-50)

Confronting:

Comforting:

- "salt with fire" (v49) vs "good salt" (v50)

Sixty Seconds with ...