

41-01-07-The Beginning of Kingdom Rule  
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Mark 1:14-28

The King's arrival changes both personal and global history.

### INTRODUCTION:

–*Matthew, Luke & John* have introductions: a genealogy; a Nativity story, a theological poem. Mark 1:1 says, The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. *Immediately*, Mark launches into the *Good News* about Christ's *ministry, death & resurrection*.

–Mark saw this *Good News* spread *rapidly* through the Roman Empire. So, after brief words about John introducing Jesus, he *immediately* goes into how **HOM.idea**. In just 14 verses of the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, we see that when Jesus—the King of God's Kingdom—showed up, *His arrival changed minds, changed lives, changed the world. First...*

- I. The King Brings New Thinking— v. 14-15.** *After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"*
- A. John announced the coming of the Kingdom; Jesus the King came to establish that Kingdom. (After He arrives, John disappears from the scene, and the OT expectations change into NT experiences.)
- B. John said "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand," as preparation for the Kingdom; Jesus said the same thing for our participation in the Kingdom, (Only by repentance [*metanoia: a change of mind*] can we enter *into* what the King brought: "the kingdom of God.")

TRANS: Mark *quickly* moves us from OT thinking to a NT awareness, but shows us that *the King's arrival brings more than mental change...*

**II. The King Brings Kingdom Living— v. 16-20.** *As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.*

- A. Mark skips background material, because **he's in haste** to show us something: the King's arrival changes a person's history.

1. We all had various backgrounds of self-focus and self-fulfillment before "the King of kings and Lord of lords" came into our lives.
  2. The *kingdom of self* is dangerous territory, because the expert in self-determination is also *the rebellious ruler of darkness*.
- B. When the King comes, each earthly background meets the same bottom line: the choice between worldly living or Kingdom living.

TRANS: *Jesus the King didn't come to bring fame, fortune or a good time on earth. His Father sent Him to free us from self-rule and bring us into the new world of Kingdom living— Col 1:13 (ESV), He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. In fact, that level of deliverance from Satan changes everything...*

- III. The King Brings Global Change— v. 21-28.** *They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup>The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup>Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup>"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" <sup>25</sup>"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. <sup>27</sup>The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.*
- A. The King arrived with authority for global change: Darkness can now be undone by Kingdom light. [C. S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* shows how *freewill choices* in this earthly life divide *Heaven from Hell*] – 1 John 5:19. We know that **we are** children of God, and that **the whole world is** under the control of the evil one. (Human volition creates this division!)
- B. In His world-changing Commission to make disciples, Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (That *authority* can break Satan's hold on people, only if they submit to the King.)

### CONCLUSION:

–Repentance starts the change from *living a self-life to Kingdom living*. *Personal change begins global change*. At His Return, "the kingdoms of this world [will] become the kingdoms of our Lord." Until then, there's a way for people to be delivered immediately "from the domain of darkness" and to enter "the kingdom of his beloved Son." It's by acknowledging that *Jesus—the King—has arrived*, and by submitting to His Kingdom authority.

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