

Intro

- ~ We've all read biographies
- ~ I love Hudson Taylor, James Frasier (Both missionaries to China)
- ~ I made mention recently of a book by Warren Weirsbe, "50 People Every Christian Should Know."
- ~ A fun read is "The Journal of John Wesley."
- ~ But the most exciting life to read about is the life of Christ

The Gospels Compared

- ~ Matthew (To the Jews) He's the King of the Jews
- ~ Mark (To the Romans) He's a Servant
- ~ Luke (To the Greek – Theophilus) He's the Son of Man
- ~ John (to the World) He's the Son of God

Mark 1 Outline

- ~ The gospel of Mark is an action book. It moves from scene to scene. There's no wasted time in this gospel on the life of Christ. See verses 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 42, 43
- ~ Greek (eutheos 2112) directly, at once, soon, immediately, shortly, as soon as. The word appears in the forms of immediately = 15X, straightway = 19X, Forthwith = 3X, Soon = 2X and Anon = 1X. That 40 times total in 16 chapters
- ~ If you love an action story then you'll love the book of Mark
- ~ Christ is a servant in this book
- ~ Matt 20:28 The son of man came not to be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many
- ~ As a servant his prayer time was interrupted (Mk 1:35-37); He had no time to eat (Mk 3:20; 6:31; there was such a demand on his life from those who wanted his help and ministry that his friends tried to stop him and came to the conclusion he was crazy (Mk 3:20,21) and he was so busy serving he had no time to rest (Mk 6:31-34)
- ~ preach (2784 Kerusso) = 14 times in Mark
- ~ We have in the first chapter of Mark a sampling of the ministry of Christ
- ~ Mark wrote this book to the Romans. The Romans were the most powerful nation on the earth they would appreciate a gospel of action. The other 3 gospel have their appeal to particular audiences. Mark is for the Roman

Text

Servant Outline

- V1 = Jesus is the servant Son of God
- V1 The beginning of the gospel
- ~ This is the intro to the book, the prologue,
- ~ Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- ~ Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ~ Gospel = Good news
- ~ Good news about what? That salvation is provided for through Christ. That salvation from sin is provided for by Christ's sacrifice on the cross
- ~ John the Baptist was sent as a messenger to draw attention to Christ's arrival on the scene
- ~ This is what we should do as well – draw attention to Christ
- ~ Jesus is the servant Son of God

- V9-11 = The servant is baptized
- ~ This baptism serves as an introduction to Jesus' public ministry
- ~ In his baptism he was identifying with man
- ~ In this scene we have the trinity (the father speaks, the son is baptized and HS comes upon Christ)
- ~ The Father also speaks and makes a declaration about his son
- ~ Jesus the servant is baptized

V12,13 = The servant is tempted

- ~ Before Jesus started his public ministry he had to be baptized but also needed to be tempted
- ~ Christ set the example by overcoming the devils temptation and he did so with the word (Matt 4:4; Lk 4:4)
- ~ We overcome temptation by applying the Word of God
- ~ Jesus the servant is tempted

V14,15 = The servant and his work (from here we see the work of the servant)

- ~ We see Christ's first ministry work – Communicating the word
 - Matt 4:17 Jesus began to preach
 - Luke 4:15 – Jesus taught in the synagogue and the people glorified God
- ~ preach (Greek = 2784 Kerusso) = 14 times in Mark
- ~ What did Jesus preach and teach? The O.T. scriptures
- ~ The work of the servant Jesus was to preach

V16-20 = The servant calls his first disciples

- ~ Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee and sees Simon and Andrew and calls them to follow him
- ~ Jesus will make them fishers of men
- ~ Notice the irony of the scene as Jesus calls fishermen to follow him and Jesus will teach them to catch men just as they are accustomed to catching fish
- ~ They were fishing just as Jesus called them
- ~ Then Jesus finds James and his brother John and calls them. They were repairing their nets when called
- ~ Jesus calls us also to be fisher of men
- ~ Jesus the servant is calling others to be his servants also

V21-28 = The servant casts out demons

- ~ Lk 4:31-37 is the parallel passage
- ~ Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches
- ~ There's a man with a demon inside him
- ~ A demon is an evil spirit
- ~ An unclean spirit is Mark's standing name for what Matthew commonly calls δαίμων or δαιμόνιον.
- ~ Mark used the terms "demon" and "unclean spirit" interchangeably.
- ~ V23 perhaps this demon cried out in the service and interrupted it by crying out
- ~ V24 the demon recognized the power and authority of Jesus as the "Holy One of God."
- ~ When Jesus casts out the demon the people say, "Jesus even has power over evil spirits"
- ~ V28 His fame spread abroad
- ~ Jesus the servant is casting out demons

V29-31 = The servant heals Peter's mother-in-law

- ~ Jesus leaves the synagogue and goes to Simon Peter and Andrew's house and they find Peter's wife sick
- ~ Jesus heals her of the fever
- ~ V31 She gets healed and she ministers to them
- ~ The servant heals

V32-39 = The servant performs many miracles (healing and casting out demons)

- ~ Now that people have heard of the kind of power Jesus has they start bringing more people to him
- ~ V32 So they bring to him the diseased, demon possessed
- ~ V33 all the city is gathered to where Jesus is
- ~ V34 Jesus demonstrated his power again over the demons and he doesn't allow them to speak
- ~ V35 the previous day was busy so Jesus gets us early to go spend time with the Father and pray
- V36 The others followed Jesus and his prayer time is interrupted and they said everyone is looking for him
- ~ V37 All men seek for thee
- ~ V38,39 Jesus determines to go to the neighboring towns to preach because this is why he came. He preached in their synagogues and cast out devils

~ It's worth mentioning that there might have been more demonic activity during the earthly ministry of Christ because they would have served as distractions and to entice Jesus to sin

Demons

~ "We must acknowledge that nowhere in the Scriptures are demons directly said to be fallen angels, but the evidence just cited seems to point to the conclusion that they are." *Basic Theology*

~ "In considering demons and the service which they render Satan, it is important to distinguish between demon possession or control and demon influence. In the one case the body is entered and a dominating control gained, while in the other case a warfare from without is carried on by suggestion, temptation, and influence." *Chafer*

~ Where do demons come from?

~ Isaiah 14 and Ezek 28 tells us about the fall of Lucifer from heaven because he was captivated with his own beauty that God gave him. He seems to have been the highest ranking angel in heaven. He was the anointed Cherub that protected the throne of God.

~ Matt 12:24 Their prince is Satan

~ He was cast out of heaven (Is 14 and Ezek 28)

~ There's angels that sided with Lucifer in his rebellion against God and they along with Lucifer was kicked out of heaven (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6)

~ Of those angels that were kicked out of heaven some are confined in hell and some are loose. We see an example of this in the gospels

~ Eventually Satan and his demons find themselves forever bound in the hell (Matt 25:41)

~ The purpose of demon activity now is to harm God's creation which is men. Satan and demons want to separate God's creation (men) from God

~ We always find the demons possessing people and inflicting pain, harm and disease on men and women. Not all disease is the result of demon possession but this is what demons do

~ Demons in the bible were cast out in the name of Jesus (Acts 16:18 – where Paul cast a demon out of a girl)

~ But the important thing is demons know who Jesus is and they fear him and know him as the Holy Son of God

~ Matt 25:41 hell was prepared for the devil and his angels

~ Lk 10:17-20 Jesus saw Satan falling from Heaven as lightning

~ The servant has power of the demonic realm

V40-45 = The servant heals a leper

~ Leper = Faucett says, "Heat, drought, and toil amid dry powdery substances, tend to generate skin disease, especially in absence of nourishing diet and personal cleanliness."

~ V40 The leper came to Jesus asking, kneeling

~ V41 Jesus was moved with compassion

~ Jesus told the leprous man not to tell anyone about his healing because Jesus wanted to be able to preach and his time hadn't come yet for his passions

~ V45 Jesus' fame has spread abroad so much that Jesus couldn't enter into any of the cities without being notices so the people had to come to him

~ In this manner Jesus wasn't able to reach as many people effectively

Conclusion

Summary = Jesus as the Son of God

1 He's Perfectly Human – he was tempted by Satan but overcame by obedience to WOG

2 He's Perfectly Obedient – he did the work his heavenly Father desired. He's a beloved son with whom the Father was well pleased (v11)

3 He's Perfectly Powerful – his power was demonstrated by healing, casting out demons

~ We love to read and learn about people – Do we love and want to learn about Christ?

~ This is the life that matters most in history because of the fact He's God and He's accomplished redemption