

MARK 1:14-28 New International Version

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!”

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “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!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ 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 impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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¹⁴ Now after John [the Baptist] was arrested *and* taken into custody, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the good news of [the kingdom of] God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The [appointed period of] time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God’s purpose for your life] and believe [with a deep, abiding trust] in the good news [regarding salvation].”

¹⁶ As Jesus was walking by the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon [Peter] and Simon’s brother, Andrew, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me [as My disciples, accepting Me as your Master and Teacher and walking the same path of life that I walk], and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him [becoming His disciples, believing and trusting in Him and following His example]. ¹⁹ Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who were also in the boat mending *and* cleaning the nets. ²⁰ Immediately Jesus called to them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers, and went away to follow Him [becoming His disciples, believing and trusting in Him and following His example].

²¹ They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus went into the synagogue and *began* to teach. ²² They were completely amazed at His teaching; because He was teaching them as one having [God-given] authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out [terribly from the depths of his throat], ²⁴ saying, “What business do You have with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet (muzzled, silenced), and come out of him!” ²⁶ The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and screeching with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all so amazed that they debated *and* questioned each other, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits (demons), and they obey Him.” ²⁸ Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere throughout the district surrounding Galilee.

Pray

Tell God what you are worried about and distracted by. Ask Him to help you focus and to speak to you through the passage you are about to read

Read

Slowly & intentionally read the passage several times.

Analyze

Gain a deeper understanding by asking questions of the passage (Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?) How does this apply to my life? Why would God include this in the Bible? Make notes along the way.

Yield

Identify if there is a step of obedience God wants you to take. Yield to him by obeying him.