

Mark

The Gospel of the **Servant of God**

I. The *Service* of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

A. *His Preparation* for Ministry (1:1-20)

B. *His Powerful Ministry* (1:21-3:12)

1. *Power* over **Unclean** or **Demonic** Spirits (1:21-28)

²¹ They went into **Capernaum**; and *immediately* on the **Sabbath** **He (Jesus)** entered the **synagogue** and *began* to teach.

²² They (the people) were **amazed** at **His teaching**; for **He** was **teaching** them as *one* having authority, and **not** as the **scribes**.

²³ Just then there was a **man** in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he **cried out**, ²⁴ saying, "What **business** do we have with **each other**, **Jesus of Nazareth**? Have **You** come to **destroy us**?"

I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵ And **Jesus** rebuked him, saying, "**Be quiet**, and come out of him!"

²⁶ Throwing him into **convulsions**, the unclean spirit *cried out* with a **loud voice** and came out of him.

²⁷ They were **all amazed**, so that they **debated** among themselves, saying, "**What** is this? A **new teaching** with authority! **He commands** even the **unclean spirits**, and they obey Him."

²⁸ *Immediately* the **news** about **Him** **spread everywhere** into **all** the surrounding district of **Galilee**.

2. *Power* over Disease (1:29-34)

²⁹ And *immediately* after they came out of the **synagogue**, they came into the house of **Simon** and **Andrew**, with **James** and **John**.

³⁰ Now **Simon's mother-in-law** was lying **sick** with a **fever**; and *immediately* they *spoke to **Jesus** about her.

³¹ And **He** **came** to her and **raised her up**, taking her by **the hand**, and the **fever** left her, and she **waited on them**.

³² When **evening** came, after the **sun had set**, they *began bringing* to Him **all who were ill** and those who were **demon-possessed**.

³³ And the **whole city** had gathered at the **door**.

³⁴ And **He healed many** who were ill with **various diseases**, and **cast out many demons**; and **He was not permitting** the **demons** to **speak**, because **they *knew*** who **He was**.

3. *Prayer* in the **Early Morning** (1:35-39)

³⁵ In the **early morning**, while it was **still dark**, **Jesus got up**, left *the house*, and went away to a **secluded place**, and was **praying there**.

³⁶ **Simon** and his **companions** *searched* for Him;

³⁷ they found **Him**, and *said to **Him**, “*Everyone* is looking for **You**.”

³⁸ **He said** to them, “Let us go **somewhere else** to the towns nearby, so that I may **preach** there also; for that is what **I came for**.”

³⁹ And **He went** into their **synagogues** throughout all **Galilee**, **preaching** and **casting out** the **demons**.

4. *Power* over **Leprosy** (1:40-45)

⁴⁰ And a **leper** came to **Jesus**, **beseeking Him** and ***falling*** on his knees before Him, and saying, “**If *You* are willing, *You* can make me clean**.”

⁴¹ Moved with ***compassion***, **Jesus** stretched out **His hand** and **touched him**, and said to him, “***I am willing*; be cleansed**.”

⁴² **Immediately** the **leprosy** left him and he was **cleansed**.

⁴³ And **He sternly warned him** and ***immediately*** sent him away,

⁴⁴ and **He** said to him, “See that you ***say nothing*** to anyone; but go, **show yourself** to the **priest** and **offer** for your **cleansing** what **Moses commanded**, as a ***testimony*** to them.”

⁴⁵ But **he went out** and began to **proclaim it freely** and to **spread** the **news around**, to such an extent that **Jesus** could ***no longer*** **publicly** enter a city, but **stayed out** in unpopulated areas; and they were **coming to Him** from ***everywhere***.

Mark 1:1-45 → Prophetic Observations

The Preparation and Ministry of Jesus in Mark 1:1-45
***Fulfills* the Prophetic Predictions of the**
Servant of God (Messiah) in the book of Isaiah

- A. In the book of **Malachi** and **Isaiah** it declares that **the LORD** would be sending a messenger to “*clear the way*” before **Him**. A “**voice**” would be calling to **make smooth** a highway for our **God** (Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 40:3).

Fulfillment→In Mark’s gospel we read that these **prophetic texts** were ***fulfilled*** by the **appearance** and **ministry** of John the prophet:

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“BEHOLD, I SEND **MY MESSENGER** AHEAD OF YOU,
WHO WILL **PREPARE YOUR WAY**;

THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
‘**MAKE READY** THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS **STRAIGHT**.’”

John the **Baptist** appeared in the *wilderness*
preaching a **baptism of repentance** (Mark 1:2-4a)

- B. In the book of **Isaiah** we read these prophecies concerning **Messiah**, the **Servant of God**:

“Behold, **My Servant**, whom I uphold;
My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights.
I have put **My Spirit** upon Him;
He will bring forth **justice** to the **nations**. (Isaiah 42:1)

Then a **shoot** will **spring** from the **stem of Jesse**,
And a **branch** from **his roots** will **bear fruit**.

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him,
The **spirit** of **wisdom** and **understanding**,
The **spirit** of **counsel** and **strength**,
The **spirit** of **knowledge** and the **fear** of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:1-2)

Fulfillment→ In Mark’s gospel we read how **Jesus** was “**anointed**” by the Spirit of God when **He** began **His public ministry**.

In those days **Jesus** came from **Nazareth** in **Galilee**
and was **baptized** by **John** in the **Jordan**.

Immediately coming up out of the **water**, **He** saw the **heavens opening**,
and the Spirit like a **dove descending** upon Him;

and a **voice** came out of the **heavens**: “**You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.**” (Mark 1:9-11)

C. In the book of **Isaiah** we read that the **Servant of God** would bring a message of **good news** (the **gospel**):

The **Spirit of the Lord GOD** is upon me,
Because **the LORD** has ***anointed* me**
To bring **good news** to the **afflicted**;

He has **sent me** to **bind up** the ***brokenhearted***,
To proclaim **liberty** to ***captives*** and **freedom** to ***prisoners***;
To proclaim the **favorable year** of **the LORD**..(Isaiah 61:1-2a)

Fulfillment→ In the **gospel of Mark** we read:

Now after **John** (the prophet) had been taken into **custody**,
Jesus came into **Galilee**, **preaching** the **gospel of God**, and saying,

“The time is **fulfilled**, and the **kingdom of God** is at hand;
repent and **believe** in the **gospel**.” (Mark 1:14-15)

D. In the book of **Isaiah** we read that the **word** of **God’s Servant** (**Messiah**) would have **authority** and **power**:

He (the **LORD**) has made **My mouth** like a **sharp sword**,
In the **shadow** of **His hand** **He** has **concealed Me**; (Isaiah 49:2)

Fulfillment→ In the **gospel of Mark** we read:

They (**Messiah** and **His disciples**) *went into **Capernaum**;
and ***immediately*** on the **Sabbath** **He** entered the **synagogue** and ***began*** to **teach**.

They were ***amazed*** at **His teaching**; for **He** was **teaching them**
as ***one*** having **authority**, and ***not*** as the **scribes**...

They (the people) were **all *amazed***, so that they **debated** among themselves,
saying, “**What** is this? A **new teaching** with **authority**!
He commands even the **unclean spirits**, and they **obey Him**.” (Mark 1:21-22, 27)

E. In the book of **Isaiah** we read concerning the **suffering Servant** of **God** that:

Surely **our griefs** **He Himself bore**, and our **sorrows** **He carried**..(Isaiah 53:4a)

Fulfillment→ In the **gospels of Mark** and **Matthew** we read:

And **He (Messiah) healed many** who were **ill** with **various diseases**,
and **cast out many demons**;.. (Mark 1:34)

¹⁶ When evening came, they brought **to Him** many who were **demon-possessed**;
and **He cast out the spirits** with a **word**, and **healed all who were ill**.

*This was to **fulfill** what was spoken through **Isaiah the prophet**:*
"HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."
(Matthew 8:16-17)