

# 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** (1:21-2:12)
- C. **His Pointed Defense** of **His Ministry** (2:13-3:6)

### D. His *Progressing Ministry* (3:7-35)

#### 1. The *Accelerating Crowds* (3:7-12)

<sup>7</sup> **Jesus** withdrew to the **sea** with **His disciples**;  
and a **great multitude** from **Galilee** followed; and *also* from **Judea**,

<sup>8</sup> and from **Jerusalem**, and from **Idumea**, and **beyond** the **Jordan**,  
and the vicinity of **Tyre** and **Sidon**, a great number of **people**  
heard of all that **He** was **doing** and **came to Him**.

<sup>9</sup> And **He** told **His disciples** that a boat should stand **ready** for **Him**  
*because* of the crowd, so that they would not **crowd Him**;

<sup>10</sup> for **He** had **healed many**, with the **result** that **all** those who had **afflictions**  
*pressed* around **Him** in order to **touch Him**.

<sup>11</sup> Whenever the **unclean spirits** saw **Him**,  
they would **fall down** before **Him** and shout,  
“**You are the Son of God!**”

<sup>12</sup> And **He** earnestly **warned them not** to tell **who He was**.

#### 2. The *Appointment* of the Twelve (3:13-21)

<sup>13</sup> And **He went up** on the **mountain** and **summoned** those  
whom **He Himself wanted**, and they **came to Him**.

<sup>14</sup> And **He appointed twelve**, so that they would be **with Him**  
and that **He could send them out to preach**,

<sup>15</sup> and to have **authority** to **cast out** the **demons**.

<sup>16</sup> And He **appointed** the twelve:

Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter),

<sup>17</sup> and James, the son of **Zebedee**,

and John the brother of **James**

(to them He gave the name **Boanerges**, which means, “**Sons of Thunder**”);

<sup>18</sup> and Andrew,

and Philip,

and Bartholomew,

and Matthew,

and Thomas,

and James the son of **Alphaeus**,

and Thaddaeus,

and Simon the Zealot;

<sup>19</sup> and Judas Iscariot, who **betrayed** Him.

<sup>20</sup> And He **came home**, and the **crowd gathered** again,  
to such an extent that they could not even **eat a meal**.

<sup>21</sup> When **His own people** heard *of this*, they went out to **take custody** of Him;  
for they were saying, “**He has lost His senses**.”

## Personal Application

Like the “**Twelve**,”

*we too* have been a Called by the Lord

∴..but we (**Paul**) **preach Messiah crucified**,  
to the **Jews** a *stumbling block* and to the **Gentiles** *foolishness*,

but to those who are the called, both **Jews** and **Greeks**,  
**Messiah** the *power of God* and the *wisdom of God*...

For consider *your calling*, brethren,  
that there were not many *wise* according to the **flesh**,

**not** many *mighty*, **not** many *noble*;

but **God** has **chosen** the *foolish things* of the world to **shame** the *wise*,  
and **God** has **chosen** the *weak things* of the world  
to **shame** the things which are *strong*,..

But by **His doing** you are *in Messiah Jesus*,  
who became to **us wisdom** from **God**, and *righteousness*  
and *sanctification*, and *redemption*, so that, just as it is written,  
“LET HIM WHO **BOASTS**, **BOAST IN THE LORD.**”  
(I Corinthians 1:23-24, 26-27, 30-31)

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For *those* whom **He foreknew**, **He** also *predestined*  
*to become* **conformed** to the **image** of **His Son**,  
so that **He (Jesus)** would be the *firstborn* among **many brethren**;

and *these* whom **He predestined**, **He** also *called*;  
and *these* whom **He called**, **He** also *justified*;  
and *these* whom **He justified**, **He** also *glorified*.  
(Romans 8:29-30)

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But **you** are A **CHOSEN RACE**, A **royal PRIESTHOOD**, A **HOLY NATION**,  
A **PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that **you** may *proclaim* the **excellencies**  
of **Him** who has **called you out of darkness** into **His marvelous light**;

for **you** once were **NOT A PEOPLE**, but **now you** are **THE PEOPLE OF GOD**;  
**you** had **NOT RECEIVED MERCY**, but **now you** have **RECEIVED MERCY**.  
(I Peter 2:9-10)

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Therefore do **not** be **ashamed** of the **testimony** of **our Lord** or of **me His prisoner**,  
but **join** with *me* in **suffering** for the **gospel** according to the **power of God**,

who has **saved us** and **called us** with a **holy calling**,  
**not** according to **our works**, but according to **His own purpose** and **grace**  
which was **granted us** in **Messiah Jesus** from **all eternity**,..  
(II Timothy 1:8-9)

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*After* you have **suffered** for a **little while**, the **God of all grace**,  
who **called you** to **His eternal glory** in **Messiah**,  
will **Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you**.

To **Him** be **dominion** forever and ever. Amen. (I Peter 5:10-11)

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**God is faithful**, through whom **you were called** into **fellowship** with **His Son**,  
**Jesus the Messiah our Lord**.  
(I Corinthians 1:9)

**Grace** and **peace** be multiplied to you in the **knowledge of God**  
and of **Jesus our Lord**;

seeing that **His divine power** has granted **to us everything**  
pertaining to **life** and **godliness**, through the **true knowledge** of Him  
who **called us** by **His own glory** and **excellence**.

(II Peter 1:2-3)

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Brethren, I **do not** regard myself as having **laid hold** of *it* yet;  
but one thing *I do*: **forgetting** what **lies behind**  
and reaching **forward** to what **lies ahead**,

I **press on** toward the **goal** for the **prize**  
of the **upward call** of **God** in **Messiah Jesus**.

(Philippians 3:13-14)

## Closing Comments