

Date : 1 June 2025
Theme : Jesus the suffering Servant
Topic : The Deeds of the Servant
Key passage : Mark 1
Key verse : “Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Mark 1:17 (nkjv)

Introduction:

The genre of the 4 gospels was as news announcement and a biography of our Lord Jesus; each one highlighting a different aspect of Jesus.

What are these 4 gospel reports?

Each presents a different face of the Lord.

It gives 4 angles of seeing Jesus to give a complete picture of who Jesus is.

- Matthew presents Him as Lord and King — emphasizing discipleship to believers.
- Luke presents Him as Saviour — how to have faith for Gentile pre-believers.
- John presents Him as God the Son — for older believers to stay faithful to Jesus.
- Mark presents Him as the Son of Man — emphasizing His Servanthood, and to strengthen the faith of Roman believers.

We get to know the person of Jesus through what He did and what He said. Mark seeks to show what He did. *Isaiah 42:1 ...Behold my Servant....* A servant does things. Actions speak louder than words. Key word: Servanthood.

1) What is the message of Mark's Gospel?

To know Jesus as the Servant of God and the One who came to serve and sacrifice His life as ransom for our sin Mark 10:45. Although He is the Son of God *Mark 1:1* He chose to come and dwell amongst us as a Servant. In so doing He had to put aside His glory. He did not hold on to His high status and honour. He made the greatest sacrifice by dying for us, paying the penalty for sin and achieved for us the ultimate victory over mankind's greatest enemy — eternal death.

The church in Rome was suffering severe persecution under Emperor Nero 64 AD. Mark's Gospel is a call to servants of Jesus to be faithful *...whoever wants to be My disciples must...take up their cross and follow Me... Mark 8:24.*

2. What did He do?

In Mark 1, Jesus did 8 things.

① He preached the gospel. *Mark 1:14*

He announced the Kingdom of God is now

...The time has come, He said, the Kingdom of God is near.

Repent and believe the good news... Mark 1:15

My Application



- ② He called for followers. *Mark 1:17 & 20* ☐
He promptly called fishermen to be His disciples.
His immediate plan was to form a team of fellow servants.
- ③ He taught spiritual principles. *Mark 1:21-22* ☐
He taught with authority. Listeners were amazed.
- ④ He cast out demons. *Mark 1:24,34* ☐
Demons quaked with fear at Jesus' authority.
Demons obeyed His command.
- ⑤ He healed the sick ☐
Healed Simon's mother of fever ...*immediately the fever left her...*
Mark 1:29-31. He expanded His healing ministry to the
whole city after dark *Mark 1:32-35*. He was not tired of serving
the sick and demon-possessed.
- ⑥ He prayed. *Mark 1:35* ☐
Communion with the Father was His priority.
He prayed ...*a long while before dawn...**Mark 1:35*.
At a solitary place to avoid the crowd pursuing Him.
- ⑦ He purposed to preach the good news to many towns. ☐
Mark 1:38
- ⑧ He served willingly. ☐
Responded to the leper's plea. ...*If you are willing...* *Mark 1:40*