

Walking with Jesus: "Answering the Call"

Mark 1:14-20 {p. 26 or 27} 5/22/2011

Mark 1:15 *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

Theme: Will you and will I answer the call of Christ, so that the message of Jesus will be shared with those who need it?

Jesus came heralding a message. [Mark 1:14-15]

1. It is the _____ message.

A. It's the _____ of God.

- In the OT, the good news was connected with God's saving intervention to help His people. [Isa. 40:3-11; 52:7-10]

B. It's about the _____ of God.

- The Kingdom of God has a present reality & a future reality.

2. It is a _____ message.

A. *The time is fulfilled.*

B. *The kingdom of God is at hand.*

3. It requires a _____ response.

A. _____.

B. _____.

[David McKenna's commentary on Mark]

Belief "is an act that complements repentance. To repent is to reverse the direction in which we are going; to believe is to move with full speed and reckless abandon in the new direction."

Jesus looked for others to join Him in His work. [1:16-20]

1. He saw and called 4 men.

A. They were two sets of _____.

B. They were all _____.

2. He called them in the midst of _____.

3. He offered them a new _____, *Become fishers of men.*

A. One requirement – "_____ Me."

- Following means –
- Following Christ – Joseph Stowell; *"Followers are netless believers. A net is anything that inhibits or prohibits our non-negotiated commitment to follow Christ."*

1) _____ can be nets.

2) _____ can be nets.

3) Plans and _____ can be nets.

4) _____ can be a net.

5) Secret _____ can be nets.

B. One unified response – To immediately _____ Jesus.

Song – One Pure and Holy Passion

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Give me one glorious ambition for my life
To know and follow hard after You.

To know and follow hard after You.
To grow as Your disciple in Your truth.
This world is empty, pale and poor;
Compared to knowing You, my Lord.
Lead me on and I will run after You.