

Lesson 2 – Jesus Comes to the Earth – Mark 1-2

From the first glimpse of the “Seed of Woman” bruising the head of Satan to the coming of Christ is the Old Testament. Millions and millions of details of history could have been recorded but these 39 books are written with one thread running through them – Jesus is coming to save the world.

There is a 400 year gap between the last OT book, Malachi, and the coming of Jesus, recording in Matt, Mark, Luke and John.

OT Jesus is coming. 4 gospels – Jesus came. Rest of NT - what the coming of Jesus means.

I. Mark 1

- A. 1:1 – “gospel” means “good news”. We are sinners, Jesus is the Savior. He is here to save mankind.
 - 1. **key idea** - “Son of God” – Jesus is different than any other human being. He existed before His life on the earth as God. He was God on the earth. Born of a virgin.
- B. 1:2-3 – quotation from Malachi 3:1 – written 400 BC and Isa. 40:3 – written about 750 BC.
- C. 1:7-8 – John was great but Jesus was greater.
- D. 1:9-11 – Jesus was baptized. Voice verified/confirmed who Jesus was.
- E. 1:15 – Kingdom to be established. This was to be a spiritual kingdom. Jesus is the King. We follow His law. The church this kingdom.
- F. **key idea** - 1:22 – Jesus’ authority. He is not a man explaining God’s will. He is God revealing His own will. His teaching/law will judge us on the Judgment Day.
- G. 1:27-28, 31, 34, 39, 42 – Jesus’ miracles proved that He was the Son of God. He had power over the spirit world/demons.
 - 1. Notice the miracles happened “immediately” cure was complete, easily verifiable.
 - 2. 1:45 – This is the reason Jesus didn’t want the leper to tell everyone. The miracle was to prove His divinity but not just to heal.

II. Mark 2

- A. **key idea** - 2:2 (1:15, 22, 38) – Jesus came to preach. He has a message of truth. He has a way He wants us to live: principles, attitudes, actions.

- B. 2:5 – Jesus proved his authority by healing the paralytic.
- C. 2:14 (1:17) – Jesus chose 12 men from His disciples (learner, there are many of these, we can be) to be his apostles (ones sent with a message, only the 12 plus Mathias, Paul and Barnabas). Had a close relationship with Jesus so that, after He was gone. His words and actions could be accurately recorded with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- D. 2:19-22 – point of illustration – everything in its proper time. Things would change after Jesus' death.
- E. 2:23-28 – point of teaching – keep things in perspective of the purpose of the law.
 - 1. **key idea** - 2:10, 28 – “Son of Man” – Jesus was not only God but was a man. He experienced what we experience, tempted like we are yet without sin. This qualifies Him to be our Sacrifice and Mediator.

III. Please read Matthew 5-7 for next time.