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Introduction

The Gospel according to Mark begins with the statement that it is “the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God”.

Jesus is pictured as a man of action and authority. His authority is seen in his teaching, in his power over demons, and in forgiving people’s sins.

Jesus speaks of himself as the Son of Man, who came to give his life to set people free from sin.

Mark presents the story of Jesus in a straightforward, vigorous way, with emphasis on what Jesus did, rather than on his words and teachings.

After a brief prologue about John the Baptist and the baptism and temptation of Jesus, the writer immediately takes up Jesus’ ministry of healing and teaching.

As time goes on, the followers of Jesus come to

See also: 1.11: Genesis

A Man with an Evil Spirit

(Luke 4.31–37)

²¹ Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum, and on the next Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach.

²² The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority.

²³ Just then a man with an evil spirit in him came into the synagogue and screamed, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are — you are God's holy messenger!"

²⁵ Jesus ordered the spirit, "Be quiet, and come out of the man!"

²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they started saying to one another, "What is this? Is it some kind of new teaching? This man has authority to give orders to the evil spirits, and they obey him!"

²⁸ And so the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere in the province of Galilee.

See also: 1.22: Matthew 7.28–29

Jesus Heals Many People

(Matthew 8.14–17; Luke 4.38–41)

²⁹ Jesus and his disciples, including James and John, left the synagogue and went straight to the home of Simon and Andrew. ²⁹

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

(Luke 4.42–44)

³⁵ Very early the next morning, long before daylight, Jesus got up and left the house. He went out of the town to a lonely place, where he prayed.

³⁶ But Simon and his companions went out searching for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.”

³⁸ But Jesus answered, “We must go on to the other villages round here. I have to preach in them also, because that is why I came.”

³⁹ So he travelled all over Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and driving out demons.

Jesus Heals a Man

c *make me clean*: This disease was considered to make a person ritually unclean.

d *pity*; some manuscripts have *anger*.

See also: 1.39: Matthew 4.23; 9.35

⁴³ Then Jesus spoke sternly to him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ after saying to him, “Listen, don’t tell anyone about this. But go straight to the priest and let him examine you; then in order to prove to everyone that you are cured, offer the sacrifice that Moses ordered.”

⁴⁵ But the man went away and began to spread the news everywhere.

Indeed, he talked so much that Jesus could not go into a town publicly. Instead, he stayed out in lonely places, and people came to him from everywhere.

Chapter 2

Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man

(Matthew 9.1–8; Luke 5.17–26)

¹ A few days later Jesus went back to Capernaum, and the news spread that he was at home.

² So many people came together that there was no room left, not even out in front of the door.

Jesus was preaching the message to them ³ when four men arrived, carrying a paralysed man to Jesus.

See also: 1.44: Leviticus 14.1–32