

JESUS CAME . . . PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Enough introductions! Having quickly “set the table” in the first 13 verses, Mark is now ready to “serve the meal” as he plunges *immediately* into Jesus’ earliest hours of ministry. The Master emerges from the wilderness, having successfully withstood Satan’s direct efforts to dislodge Him from His God-given calling. He returns to the place of His earthly roots—Galilee, where He “came . . . preaching the gospel . . .” As we shall see, His first words were directed to the general public (1:14-15). We are told nothing here about the people’s response to His proclamation—only a one-sentence summary of His first sermon. With that, Mark then turns to Jesus’ more-focused ministry and His encounter with the first four men whom He called to be a part of His close followers. In this case, we learn about their reactions: each one not only understood His invitation, each one followed Him—*immediately*. The ultimate question is, “How will you and I respond when He calls us?”

I. The Passing of Time (vv.14-15)

- John: _____
- Jesus: _____
 - His method
 - His message

II. The Calling of Four Disciples (vv.16-20)

- Simon (Peter) and Andrew
 - Where they were
 - What He said
 - How they responded
- James and John
 - Where they were
 - What He said
 - How they responded

III. The Invitation of Jesus Today

- Where _____ ?
- What _____ ?
- How _____ ?