

Jesus is King | A Series through the Gospel of Mark

The Beginning of the Gospel

Text: Mark 1:1-8

Synopsis:

The Beginning of the Gospel (Mark 1:1)

Gospel as a phrase was not invented by Christians. It meant “joyful tidings” associated with the cult of the Emperor, his birthday, and ascension to power.¹ Since Augustus was proclaimed as divine, all his sons were referred to as the Son of God—a phrase commonly inscribed on coins (Tiberius, son of god). To Rome, the gospel was the good news that the Son of God (Caesar) was born and is in power. Imagine how Mark 1:1 hit!

The King is Coming!

The Gospel is an Ongoing Story (Mark 1:2-3)

The story of God and his Kingdom. *But where is the King?*

John the Baptist breaks this silence. (Mark 1:4-5)

The King Has Arrived! (Mark 1:7-8)

Jesus is the King.

God has come to earth to be crowned King in Jesus.

The Gospel of Mark is the story of that.

Application

Don't analyze, just allow yourself to get swept up in the story.

Everything Mark writes is to show you that Jesus is the promised King.

Do you know him?

Begin reading Mark every day.

¹ William L. Lane. *The Gospel of Mark*. (NICNT; Eerdmans, 1974). 42