



The Gospel of Mark

- Gospel: εὐαγγέλιον (euangelion); good news
- Also means a book about Jesus
- Its own genre: historical(ish), literary, theological
- Author is Mark, but which Mark?
- Smallest of the gospels
- The first gospel

The Gospel of Mark

- Date: 60s-70s CE
- Roman Empire
- Jewish War, 66-70 CE: Rome destroyed the temple
- Themes: hope of the Kingdom of God, Jesus as rabbi, Jesus as Son of God, etc
- Starts with grown-up Jesus

Mark 1:1-20

- Quick pace
- *euthys* - immediately
- “at once” (v.12), “as soon” (v.29), “immediately” (v.30)

Mark 1:1-13: Prologue

- V.1: “The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God...”
- Messiah: Christ, anointed one
- Anointed with oil: king or priest

Mark 1:1-13: Prologue

- Vv.2-3: quoting the OT
 - Exodus, Malachi, Isaiah - wilderness
 - Wilderness: a place of testing, trials, and transformation; Israel

Mark 1:1-13: Prologue

- vv.4-8: John the Baptist
 - “a self-denying prophet in the wilderness, outside the halls of power, proclaiming a baptism... ‘of repentance.’” -Kay Higuera Smith
- v.5: “the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him.”

Mark 1:1-13: Prologue

- vv.9-11: Jesus is baptized by John
 - the one coming after John will baptize with the Holy Spirit (v.8)
 - v.10: the Holy Spirit, as a dove, descends
 - God’s son (v.11)
 - Psalm 2 - coronation of the King; Isaiah 42 - suffering servant

Mark 1:1-13: Prologue

- vv.12-13: Jesus in the wilderness
- v.13: tempted by Satan, with wild animals, attended by angels
 1. Jesus is obedient and still in the wilderness
 2. 40 - period great transformation
 3. Wild animals and angels: shalom

Mark 1:14-20: Jesus Begins

- v.14: John is in prison
- Jesus starts in his homeland, Galilee
- v.15: "The time has come... The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"
- Time - *kairos* - something significant
- THE decisive event for God's plan of salvation

Mark 1:14-20: Jesus Begins

- vv.16-20: Jesus calls the first disciples
- "without delay" (v.20) Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John and they immediately (v.18, 20) leave their jobs to instead follow Jesus (v.17), to now become fishers of people instead of fishers of fish (v.17)

Themes

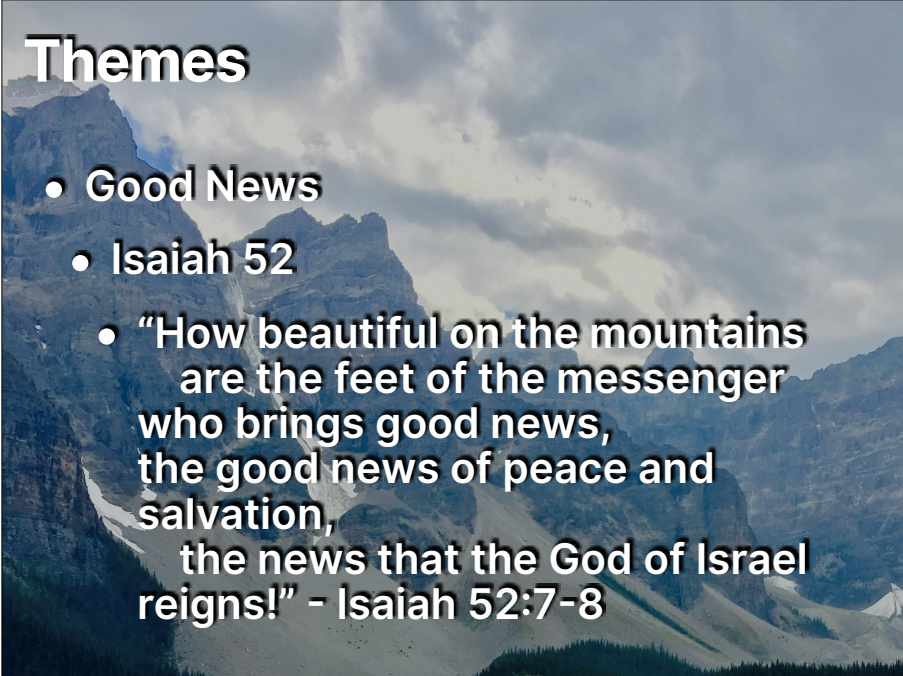
- Wilderness
 - Two significant wilderness times: Exodus and Exile
 - Moses in the wilderness for 40 years, Mount Sinai for 40 days
 - Abraham, Elijah, Jesus, etc
 - A difficult time
 - encounter God in a new way

Themes



- Wilderness
- Takeaway: consider the transformation and encounter with God that can happen

Themes



- Good News
- Isaiah 52
 - “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!” - Isaiah 52:7-8

Themes



- Good News
- The Kingdom has drawn near
- How beautiful are the feet of Jesus
- Feet that will be nailed to the cross
 - ultimate good news

Themes



- Good News
- Takeaway: hear and reflect on the good news of Jesus