THE GOSPEL OF MARK

THE GOOD NEWS OF SECRETS, SERVICE, AND SALVATION

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OUTLINE

- I. Prologue/Preparation for the Public Ministry (Mk. I: I-13)
- II. The Mystery of Jesus/Jesus Ministry in Galilee (Mk. 1:14-8:26)
- III. The Mystery begins to be revealed (Mk. 8:27-9:32)
 - a. Jesus' ministry on the way to Jerusalem (Mk. 8:31-9:50)
- IV. The Full Revelation of the Mystery (Mk. 9:33-16:8)
 - a. Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem (Mk. 11:1-16:8)
- V. Longer Ending (Mk. 16:9-20)



OVERALL THEMES

- I. Gospel
- 2. The Devil
- 3. Service
- 4. Marcan Secret
- 5. Special items of note



THEMES-GOSPEL AND THE DEVIL

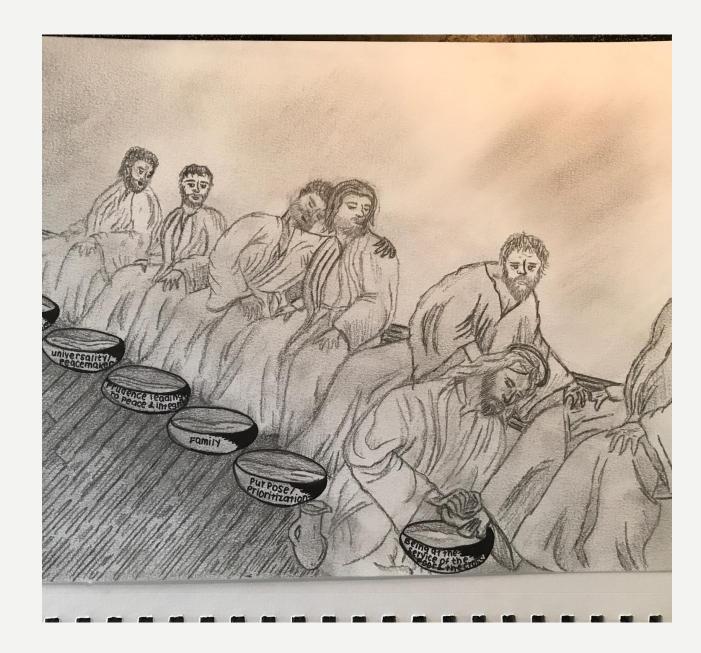
- Gospel-Mk. I:I
- Devil is consistently trying to stop the spread of the Gospel
 - Tempting of Jesus in the desert (Mk. 1:12-13)
 - Curing of man with unclean Spirit in synagogue at Capernaum (Mk. 1:21-28)
 - Note: Starts his cleansing in the synagogue (the teaching Magisterium)
 - Cleansing of unclean spirits in Galilee (Mk. 1:35-39;3:11-12)
 - He chose twelve to be with Him, to be sent out to preach, and to have authority to cast out demons (Mk. 3:15)
 - Scribes accuse Jesus of casting out demons by the power of Satan, then Jesus says, "No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods unless he first binds the strongman" (Mk. 3:27)
 - Three ways the devil works: Personally (possession), Oppression (actions on environments to make people go into despair), and temptations and disorders of the flesh (Mk. 7: 21-23)



Defeating the Devil at his own game is done only in Jesus' name.

THEMES-Service

- Good News is bound up with Service
 - Prepare the way of the Lord through Service (Mk. 1:2-4)
 - Teaching and learning the faith is mandatory in spreading the Gospel (Mk. 1:21-28; Mk. 3:1-6; 6:1-6;)
 - Service is bound up in prayer (Mk. 1:35-start of public ministry; midway through the ministry-Mk. 6:46; and finally in Gethsemane-Mk. 14:32).



THEMES-MARCAN SECRET

- Marcan Secret
 - We see from the outline that the Marcan Secret/the mystery is gradually revealed in the Gospel
 - Cured unclean spirits but told people not to tell (Mk. 3:11-12; 5:43; 7:35-37)
 - Cure of the Gerasene Demoniac (Mk. 5:1-20)-Note he told those in Gerasene to tell what was done (as opposed to the Marcan secret). Why?
 - Pagans need miracles to prepare them for faith, but God's chosen people must see Christ through the cross
 - Messiahship is tied up with the cross, not simply miracles and wonders or political gain/popularity



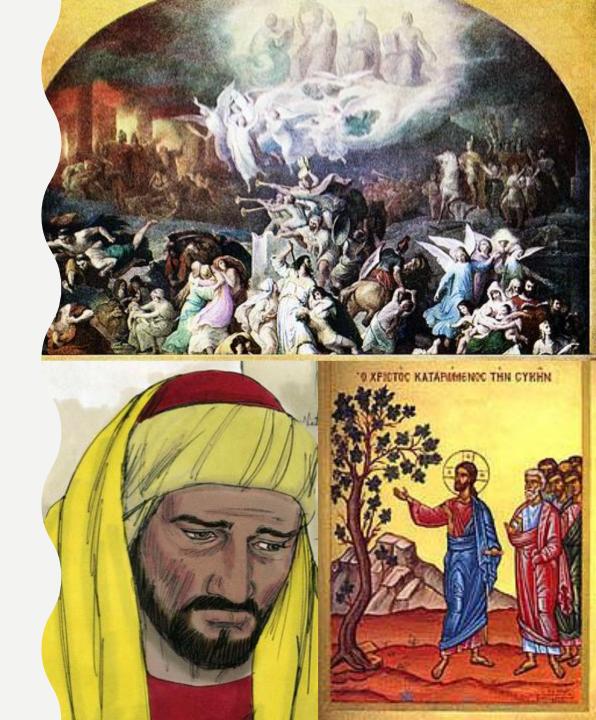


VERSES OF NOTE

- Mk. 2:27-28: The sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath
- Mk. 4:40: He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?"
 - Fear is the chief activator of our faults-Fr. Emmerich Vogt
- Mk. 5: I-20: Cure of the Gerasene Demoniac
- Mk. 5: 25-34: Woman with hemorrhage for 12 years
 - She was healed but then she came and fell down in fear and trembling and told him [Jesus] the whole truth (Mk. 5: 33).
 - Notice she did not have peace and complete healing until she was able to dwell in truth
- Mk. 6:53-56: Cures at Gennesaret
 - And where ever he came...they laid the sick in the market places and besought him that they may even touch the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.
 - Apostolate of presence-People need to come in contact with Christ to be made well (through Sacraments, His Word and Preaching, through presence)-garment clothes Christ

VERSES OF NOTE

- Mk. 10:17-31: The Rich Young Man and following the Commandments
 - He follows all the rules but still lacks the heart
 - Pope Francis calls this Neo-Gnosticism in Gaudete et Exultate#37 (note: I Cor. 13:1-3)
- Mk. 11:12-26: Expulsion of the Money Changers/ Barren Fig Tree
 - Cleansing temple prophecies (Mal. 3:1-5; Zech.
 14:21) in order for it to be a place of prayer (ls.
 56:7)
 - This is why the Barren Tree Follows-Examination of our Liturgical worship
- Mk. 13-Olivet Discourse/On the End Times
 - "What I say to all of you: Watch" (Mk. 13:37)



 Conclusion-Ps. 22/Mk. 15 				
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Mk. 15/Ps. 22			
Category	Mk. 15	Ps. 22	
Suffering will cause the Lord to be praised/mock -ery due to his reliance on God	Mk. 15:31- 32,36	Ps. 22:9-11	
Insults of the people	Mk. 15:29	Ps. 22:8	
Dividing up his clothes	Mk. 15:24	Ps. 22: 19	
Deliverance to an unknown people	Mk. I 5:38 (tearing of the Temple veil)	Ps. 22:3 I	
All nations shall believe in God	Mk. 15:39 (Centurion's act of faith)	Ps. 22:28-30	

CONCLUSION

- Gospel = Good News is Jesus Christ who is the Son of God/Son of Man
- Son of God
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 Son of Man
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- "The Son of God became the son of man so that the sons of men could become the sons of God"-St. Athanasius On the Incarnation 54, 3/CCC#460



