

Mark 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Mark is a Latin name – it comes from Mars, or man of war. His real name was John <gift of God>. He's called Mark John in some Books of the Bible) see Acts-12:12

(His mother was a Christian who held Bible studies in her home with the apostles. Mark was her teenage son. He wrote the first of the 4 Gospels. Because he was young, the Gospel that he penned moves quickly and vivaciously)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; (Gospel = covenant or contract <Greek>. This is the New Covenant that Jesus made with all Christians. It is a family covenant for all Christians with Jesus at its head. The term was later changed to Testament <in the Latin translations>)

(The Son of God = the begotten of God. God made Jesus in His image, just as we made our flesh bodies in our own image) see Genesis-1:26

NOTE: (Jesus is God, in the flesh; not His "son" – There is one God. HE has many offices – The Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Melchizedek, the Angel of the Lord, etc)

²As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. (This speaks of John the Baptist, who was sent to prepare the way for the coming of Messiah) Isaiah-40:3, Malachiah-3:1

³The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (John the Baptist called people to repent for their sins; and to be baptized into what would later become Christianity)

⁴John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

⁵And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. (There was a steady stream of people getting baptized by John)

(The Pharisees and Sadducees saw this as a threat to their power in the temple. By now the organized religion in the temples had become corrupt. It was all about collecting tithes; and teaching traditions of men; instead of the Word of God)

Luke-1:16-17 (John came in the spirit of Elijah – a true prophet of God – sent to turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers <plural>; Christians to God, Kenites to Satan)

(Elijah will return in the end times to finish his ministry; as one of the two witnesses against antichrist) see 2Kings-2:11-14, Matthew-17:3 and Revelation-11:3-13

⁶And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; (This was a prophet's clothes and his food) see 2Kings-1:8

⁷And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. (This would be Jesus – God with us, God in the flesh)

⁸I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. (Ghost = *neuma* <Greek> = spirit, not ghost – this is a bad translation into the English)

NOTE: (Baptism is symbolic for being reborn into a new life with God)

⁹And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. (Jesus taught us by example)

¹⁰And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: (The Holy Spirit of God; not another "member of a trinity")

(There is only one God. HE holds many offices. God did this to witness to the people that this was Messiah)

¹¹And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Son = Begotten <in the flesh> through Mary; Jesus is God) see Isaiah-7:14

NOTE: (Jesus IS God – born into the flesh through Mary. In a way, God was His own divine Father)

(These are not 2 separate Gods. Jesus is one office of God, the office of God in the flesh; just as the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the office of God's Spirit. There is only one God. HE holds many offices; such a when Abraham met Melchizedek which was another office of God; as was the Angel of the LORD, in many places in the Old Testament)

NOTE: (The Catholic Church invented the trinity in its early years. It is traditions of men, not the Word of God. Christians are monotheists, not polytheists)

¹² And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness. (Jesus began His ministry)

¹³ And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. (Jesus was teaching us how to resist Satan's temptations and lies)

(God also helps us, today, when we call on Him; if we obey His teachings and live Christian lives by His Ten Commandments)

¹⁴ Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, (John was not in prison for committing a criminal act. He was in prison for telling King Herod that he had sinned by taking his brother's wife for himself <adultery>. Herod was a vassal king under Caesar)

¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (The gospel = the good news) (Jesus came to establish His kingdom here on earth as Christianity. There will be no end to His kingdom)

NOTE: (Kingdom = the King and His dominion. Jesus has dominion in this world. HE can save whoever chooses to repent and follow Him. Satan <the prince of the air> has no power to stop Him)

¹⁶ Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

¹⁷ And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. (Jesus was recruiting His future Apostles. Jesus didn't ask them. HE knew these men from the First Age. They would later go out into the world to teach Christianity after Jesus' crucifixion)

¹⁸ And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. (Just as Jesus knew that they would do)

¹⁹ And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. (James = Jacob; Zebedee = my gift; John = gift of God)

²⁰ And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him. (There were no altar calls or convincing needed. They came voluntarily, as they were told to do; because they saw the truth immediately when Jesus spoke)

²¹ And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. (Jesus taught the true Word of God. That was His ministry; to bring people back to God in order to receive salvation and eternal life in Paradise)

²² And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. (Jesus is God with us. HE is the Living Word of God) see John-1:1

NOTE: (The scribes had already perverted and twisted the Word of God, down through the centuries. They taught traditions of men, like most preachers do today. Jesus taught truth, openly and honestly. And people recognized true teaching when they heard it)

²³ And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, (He was possessed)

²⁴ Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. (The evil spirit in this man recognized Jesus instantly)

²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. (Jesus didn't ask. HE ordered the evil spirit out of the man)

(The evil spirits have no choice but to obey God's commands. HE could have destroyed them with a single word)

(Jesus gave all Christians the same authority over evil spirits) see Luke-10:18

²⁶ And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. (Evil spirits have no choice when ordered by God. They have to obey Him or be destroyed)

²⁷ And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. (This wasn't a new doctrine. It was the true Word of God, unchanged; taught as it was meant to be taught)

²⁸ And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. (People knew that Jesus was the real thing)

See John-1 (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Jesus is the Living Word)

²⁹ And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰ But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. (Peter was married as were some of the other apostles)

(The vow of chastity that is forced on Catholic priests and nuns is one of man's traditions. It has nothing to do with the Word of God)

³¹ And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. (Only God has the power of life and death. She was instantly healed with one touch from Jesus)

³² And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

³³ And all the city was gathered together at the door. (Jesus cured the sick and drove out evil spirits from the possessed. HE did it in public, in order to teach the people that there is nothing greater than the power of God)

³⁴ And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. (Immanuel = God with us) Isaiah-7:14

(This is a great witness that Jesus is God with us. Even the enemy knew and acknowledged Him as God)

³⁵ And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. (This is a good example for us today. Prepare your day with guidance, prayer and meditation with God. HE can help you greatly, if you ask Him. But don't forget to thank Him when He does)

³⁶ And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. (These were His disciples)

³⁷ And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. (People were starving to learn God's true Word. Good people are naturally drawn to God and to the truth of His Word)

(With what was being taught in the synagogues then, and also in churches today; all they heard was traditions of men. Jesus was teaching them truth, and performing great miracles)

³⁸ And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. (Jesus came into the world to preach the true Word of God; to set things right on a spiritual level)

(That's going to make Him an enemy of the corrupt synagogues and priests. Jesus wasn't intimidated by them. He is God)

³⁹ And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. (Jesus preached boldly, with authority, publicly in the synagogues; not hidden. HE knew this would upset the elitist "priests and scribes". But HE didn't let that stop Him from reaching the people)

⁴⁰ And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. (This man had great faith. He said if Jesus will do it; not if He is able. He knew that God was able to heal him, if He chose to)

⁴¹ And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. (HE healed him with a single word)

⁴² And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. (Only God has power over life and death. The leper was instantly healed)

⁴³ And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;

⁴⁴ And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. (Jesus is instructing the man to remind the priests of the law that God gave Moses. By this time, these guys had greatly changed and “modernized” the Word of God; so much so that it had become the traditions of men)

See Leviticus-14:3 (The sacrifice of the doves didn’t do the healing. Their obedience to God did that)

(The doves were a type for when Jesus would become the sacrifice for all time. God allowed it in order to defeat the devil, and to save humanity. All we have to do today is to choose Jesus, repent and we are saved) see Hebrews-2:14-19

NOTE: (Also, this was alerting the priests that a sacrifice would now be needed for the salvation of mankind. Jesus would be that sacrifice. Also, by setting up Jesus for death, these Kenites would be sealing their own fate. This prophesy was foretold in Genesis-3:14-15)

⁴⁵ But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter. (The man was so grateful that he couldn’t help but tell everyone what Jesus had done for him)

(The people loved Jesus so much that they would mob Him whenever He entered into a town; so He preached out in the country, where more people could attend. This was going to enrage the priests. They were losing their temple membership and those weekly tithes)