

Mark | a new way

Good News

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Mark 1:1-4

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Introduction: Jesus says: "Follow me." But how? Not by following a set of rules, but by being caught up in good news. The story of Jesus, as the gospel of Mark tells it, is the story of good news and a new way. A better way. To be "on the way" with Jesus is let the good news have its way in every dimension of our lives. As we begin our study of Mark's account, we focus on Mark's use of the term 'good news.' Because the invitation to adventure and transformation still stands today: "Follow me."

Review: What did you learn about the new way of rest last Sunday

Read: Mark 1:1-4

Prayer: Father, we very much appreciate the "good news" of Jesus Christ.

Discussion:

1. How does Mark define (point to) the beginning of the gospel (good news) about Jesus Christ?
2. What is the first part of Isaiah's prophecy?
3. What is the second part of Isaiah's prophecy? How does it differ from the first part? What does "making straight paths" for Jesus mean?
4. Review the focus of John's message/ministry? How was it limited?

Application: his week, live in the revealed truth of the "good news".

Prayer: Father, thank you for the reconciliation of the world, not just a few, in Jesus Christ.
Amen