Mark 1:8-15

8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Introduction

Mark gives a summary of Jesus’ preaching, a press conference of sorts. The central concept of Jesus preaching is the kingdom of God but what is this kingdom and why is it good news? V14 = historical setting of message; v15 = interpretation of message. Two things God does + two things we should do.

Mark 1:8-15

And saying, (what follows explains what precedes, so the content of the gospel of God is:)

a) The time is fulfilled, What God does

b) and the kingdom of God is at hand;

c) repent

d) and believe in the gospel, What we should do

An overview of kingdom in Mark

Mark 15:43
Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Mark 14:25
Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Mark 15:23
And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.
Mark 12:34
And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Mark 11:10
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

Mark 10:23-25
23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14
But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Mark 9:47
And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell...

Mark 5:1
And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

Mark 4:11
And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables,

Mark 4:26
And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.

Mark 4:30
And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?

Mark 3:23-24
23 And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

Mark 1:15
and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:8
I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:10
And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.
The overlap of the ages

**Already, but not yet**

- The Kingdom has already been inaugurated, but not yet consummated.
- Oscar Cullman’s analogy of World War II.
- Applied to sin, sickness, and suffering...
- Problems with *Future Eschatology*
- Problems with *Realized Eschatology*
- Solutions with *Inaugurated Eschatology*

*Ps 110:1-2*

1 The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” (Mark 12:36)
2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

*Repent and believe* (1:15) are Present Imperatives.