

# The King Appears & Inaugurates His Kingdom

*Mark 1.1 – 2.12 & Mark 2.13 – 4.34*

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## Introduction

- A. We will study the gospel Mark in this class as a means of understanding the Synoptic Gospels.
  
- B. Important to this kind of study is the idea of *telos*
  1. “Telos” means “goal.”
  
  2. So as we study Mark, as we divide it up into its parts, we do so with the idea of discovering what the Holy Spirit through Mark intended us to understand.
  
  3. Each section of Mark that we study will have a paragraph that describes the telos.
  
  4. Therefore, when we have finished this gospel, you will be able to take the idea of the telos and use it in understanding the other gospels.

# The King Appears

## (Mark 1.1 – 2.12)

*Telos: Jesus appears, bringing with him the kingdom or “reign” of God.*

### Introduction

A. The purpose of this section has to do with the appearance of the king bringing with him the reign of God.

B. When the Scriptures speak of the “Kingdom of God”, they do not speak of a geographical entity, but of the **RULE** of God.

### I. See the Appearance of the Kingdom In The Forerunner & His Message(1.1-8)

A. This gospel identifies itself as the gospel or "good news" about Jesus Christ, the Son of God who comes in human form.

B. God’s Kingdom finds first expression in the messenger sent to prepare the way.

### II. See the King Anointed & Tested (1.9-12)

A. At his baptism God anoints and announces Jesus as Messiah (See [Isaiah 42.1; 11.1-3](#)).

B. This King is also tested and remains true to his Father.

### III. See The Proclamation & Practice Of The Kingdom Of God (1.14 – 2.12)

A. Jesus comes with a message – "The reign of God is near. Repent and believe the good news."

B. We find JOY in this news & in what Jesus does because it *destroys the curse that afflicts us*.

1. You can see this reign as he drives out demons (1.21-28).

2. You can see this rule as he heals the sick (1.29-34).

3. See it in the cleansing of a leper (1.40-45).

4. See it in the healing of a paralytic (2.1-12).

5. The reign of God, *brought to us in the person of Jesus*, deals with the curse.

C. We find joy in the good news of God's reign through Jesus as he preaches (1.38-39).

D. Jesus even calls disciples to gather in others to the delights of this kingdom (1.16-20).

### The King Inaugurates a New Kingdom (Mark 2.13 – 4.34)

Telos: Jesus inaugurates a new kingdom bringing misunderstanding and explanation

## Introduction

- A. This section has as its purpose the new Kingdom that Jesus has come to inaugurate and to preach
- B. Mark emphasizes in this section not only the arrival of God's kingdom, but the things that accompany that arrival.

## I. Jesus Brings a New Kingdom (2.13 – 3.6)

- A. He is the king who calls sinners into his kingdom (2.13-17).
- B. He is the king who brings joy (2.18-20).
- C. He is a king whose kingdom is entirely new (2.21-3.6).
- D. You see then the glories of Christ.

## II. Many Are Blind To The King (3.7-34)

- A. The Pharisees are blinded by their own *traditions*.
- B. His family thinks that he is **MAD** – their blindness caused by *familiarity*.
- C. But take careful notice who does know the king – *it is the DEMONS!!*
- D. Now the glories of Christ's kingdom do appear in this section – even in this section where he is misunderstood.
  1. See the glory of his **MIGHT**
  2. See the glory of his **LOVE**.

3. See the glory of his **servants** (3.13-19).

### **III. See The Nature Of Jesus' Kingdom (4.1-34)**

- A. Jesus tells of the nature of his kingdom in parables, for the purpose of JUDGMENT!!!
- B. His rule is like that of a farmer spreading seed.
- C. His rule is hidden and calls for careful attention.
- D. Christ's rule is like a growing seed.
- E. Christ's rule is like a mustard seed.

### **Conclusion**

- A. As Jesus appears he brings with him the anticipated Kingdom of God, the revelation of God's saving rule in Christ.
- B. Jesus begins or inaugurates the fulfillment of all that the kingdom is supposed to be.
- C. Many misunderstand the nature of that Kingdom, yet Jesus explains what his kingdom is and how it grows.