

## Mark 1:1-45

### 3 Important Terms:

- The word *GOSPEL* derives from the Old English *gōd-spell*, meaning "good news" or "glad tidings". It is a calque (word-for-word translation) of the Greek word εὐαγγέλιον, *euangelion* (*eu-* "good", *-angelion* "message"). The Greek word "*euangelion*" is also the source (via Latinised "evangelium") of the terms "evangelist" and "evangelism" in English. The authors of the four canonical Christian gospels are known as the four evangelists.
- The word *CHRIST* derives from the Greek word Χριστός meaning "anointed one." For the Greek speaking Jews of Jesus' day, Christ = Messiah.
- The phrase "*SON OF GOD*" occurs in pivotal sections of the narrative: baptism (1:11), the transfiguration (9:7), and the crucifixion (15:39). For Mark, being the Christ and the Son of God is one and same thing.

#### A. The Prologue (vv. 1-13):

1. Promise of the fulfillment of Scripture.
2. Ministry of John the Baptist.
3. Jesus Baptism.
4. Testing in the Desert.

#### B. Call to Repentance (vv. 14-15).

1. Sovereignty of God. Victory is hidden in the cross. Power is found in the powerless. One will live by giving one's life. Our Response involves Humble Submission.

#### C. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee:

1. The Call to Discipleship (vv.16-20). Biblical pattern of God's calling of humans: a command with a promise, which is followed by obedience (Gen. 12:1-4).
2. Teaching with Authority (vv. 21-28). Knowledge is power.
3. Healing Narratives (vv. 29-42). Holistic Healing in 2011.
4. Command to Keep Silent (vv. 43-45). This is what sets Jesus apart from other miracle workers.