

KEY VERSE:

*Jesus went into Galilee, preaching the Good News from God.
He said, "The right time has come. The kingdom of God is near.
Change your hearts and lives and believe the Good News!"*
Mark 1: 14 - 15



JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS!

Matthew, Mark, Luke & John



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The Call of Mark



EYEWITNESS : Mark



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KNOW WHAT:

- Last week we started a new series called 'Eyewitnesses' in which we are looking at four people who wrote first hand accounts of Jesus' life. These accounts are called Gospels which means 'Good News.'
- The first was Matthew, a Jewish tax collector who left his work to follow Jesus. Matthew wrote the first 'Gospel'.
- Today we look at a young man called Mark. He was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus but ran away when Jesus was arrested and was in such a hurry that he threw off his clothes to escape.
- After Jesus had gone to Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit Mark was one of the disciples who took the Good News about Jesus to Asia and Europe.
- Mark wrote the second 'Gospel'. It is the shortest Gospel, often known as the action Gospel because it focuses on what Jesus did. It was probably written for Christians in Rome.

SO WHAT:

- The Gospel is good news for us too. It shows us the way to God.
- Christian faith is not just about talk but about action. Following Jesus is exciting and can take us in surprising directions.

NOW WHAT:

- Let us take action and follow Jesus, even if it means a radical change in the way we live.
- Let us offer our gifts and abilities to God to help others.

JIM'S JOTTINGS

How do you cope with setbacks?

It has been said that there are two kinds of people in the world: those who go under when faced with setbacks and those who learn from them and build on them for the future.

Microsoft leader Bill Gates learned this lesson early on and wrote: Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning. That responses helped to make him one of the world's most successful businessmen.

Jessica Ennis-Hill, possibly our greatest current Olympian writes: I'm proud of the way I've dealt with setbacks. It's hard when you feel down and you think, 'Why is the world doing this to me?' But you have to pick yourself up again. That's what makes you a better athlete.

Today in our series of eyewitness accounts of the life of Jesus we look at Mark, a young man who was one of the twelve disciples. We do not know much about him but it appears that he faced a number of setbacks but learned from his problems. He is believed to be the young man who, when Jesus was arrested, struggled with the mob and, to escape their clutches, threw off his coat and ran away naked. Humiliating but safe!

What he learned remains just as true today. We all face setbacks in life: in work, at home, finding good schools and in our everyday lives.

Mark found that with Jesus' help there was always a new start. He learned from his mistakes and became a leader of the early church taking the Good News through parts of Asia and Europe. His Gospel, Mark, is the shortest and most action-packed account of the life of Jesus. It is a good read and one which has influenced the course of history way beyond what Mark could ever have imagined.