

Preaching the Gospel

Mark 16:15-16

The Gospel

What is the Gospel? (Mark 16:15-16)

- ◇ It is the good news
- ◇ *euangelion* (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on); from the same as NT:2097; a good message, i.e. the gospel – Strong
- ◇ How is this good news?
- ◇ **Sin is bad news (Romans 3:23) “for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.”**

The Bad News

- ◇ It is the great separator (Isaiah 59:1-2) – “Behold, Jehovah’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

The Bad News

- ◇ Because of it, we are lost and have become its bondservant (John 8:34) – “Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, everyone that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin.”

The Good News

- ◇ The gospel is good news because God provided a way of escape (Romans 6:23) – “For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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What does it mean to preach the gospel?

- ◇ It is to preach the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “Now I make known unto you brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures.”

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- ◆ It is to preach Jesus as the Christ
- ◆ Acts 8:35, "And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, preached unto him Jesus."
- ◆ Therefore, to preach the gospel is to preach Jesus!

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- ◆ It is to preach Jesus as the Christ
- ◆ Hebrews 7:26-28, "For such a high priest became us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the [sins] of the people: for this he did once for all, when he offered up himself."
- ◆ Romans 5:6-8, "For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die. But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Preaching Jesus

What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ To preach His claim to be God
- ◆ John 8:58 – "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was born, I am."

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What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ To preach His claim to be God
- ◆ Exodus 3:14, "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me to you."
- ◆ HE CLAIMED TO BE GOD!!!

Preaching Jesus

What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ To preach the proofs He offered
- ◆ John 20:30-31, "Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name."

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What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ To preach His rejection by men (John 8:33, 39, 41, 48, 52-53, 57, 59)
- ◆ Rejection was a normal part of life for Jesus!

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What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ To preach the evidence of His resurrection
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 15:5-8, "and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve; then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some are fallen asleep; then he appeared to James; then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to the [child] untimely born, he appeared to me also."

Preaching Jesus

What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ To preach the evidence of His resurrection
- ◆ Romans 1:4, "who was declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead; [even] Jesus Christ our Lord."
- ◆ He is who He claimed to be!

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What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ It is to preach the whole council of God
- ◆ Acts 20:27, "For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole council of God."

Preaching Jesus

What does it mean to preach Jesus?

- ◆ It is to preach ALL that the Apostles received and taught by revelation
- ◆ Ephesians 3:3-4, "how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ."

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- ◆ 1 Corinthians 14:37, "If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandments of God."

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Is there more than one gospel?

- ◆ No, there is only one
- ◆ Galatians 1:8-9, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. As we have said before, so say I now again, if any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema."

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- ◆ No, there is only one
- ◆ Ephesians 4:4-6, “[There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.”

Responding to the Gospel

How is man called?

- ◆ Man is called through the pages of the New Testament
- ◆ 2 Thessalonians 2:14, “whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Responding to the Gospel

How does one respond to it?

- ◆ He responds to it by obeying its message
- ◆ Hebrews 5:9, “and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation.”

The Gospel Plan of Salvation

How does one respond to it?

- ◆ Hear (Romans 10:17)
- ◆ Believe (John 3:16)
- ◆ Repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)
- ◆ Confess (Romans 10:9-10)
- ◆ Be Baptized (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16)