

The Jesus Way #1:
**The Gospel According
to Jesus**

Mark 1:14-20
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The Message of Jesus

1. What Jesus Announced
 - The time is fulfilled
 - The Kingdom of God is at hand

Preaching God's Kingdom

"From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand."" (Mt. 4:17)

"Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people." (Mt. 4:23)

Preaching God's Kingdom

"¹And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. ²And He sent them out to **proclaim the kingdom of God** and to perform healing." (Lk. 9:1-2)

"Departing, they *began* going throughout the villages, **preaching the gospel** and healing everywhere." (Lk. 9:6)

Preaching God's Kingdom

"But when they believed Philip preaching **the good news about the kingdom of God** and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike." (Acts 8:12)

"And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about **the kingdom of God**." (Acts 19:8)

Preaching God's Kingdom

"And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about **preaching the kingdom**, will no longer see my face." (Acts 20:25)

"³⁰And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, ³¹**preaching the kingdom of God** and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered." (Acts 28:30-31)

The Message of Jesus

1. What Jesus Announced
 - The time is fulfilled
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2. What Jesus Commanded
 - Repent
 - Believe the Gospel

Repentance and Faith

"Peter *said* to them, "**Repent**, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. " (Acts 2:38)

"And all those who had **believed** were together and had all things in common; " (Acts 2:44)

Repentance and Faith

"¹⁷Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after **believing** in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way? ¹⁸When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the **repentance that leads to life.**" (Acts 11:17-18)

Repentance and Faith

"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should **repent**" (Acts 17:30)

"But some men joined him and **believed**, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them." (Acts 17:34)

Repentance and Faith

"You yourselves know. . . how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of **repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.**" (Acts 20:18, 20-21)

Another Gospel?

- "Accept Christ as your personal savior"
- "Ask Jesus into your heart"
- "Invite Christ into your life"
- "Make a decision for Christ"

Why we don't preach repentance

- We have a shallow view of sin
- We are infuriated by anyone telling us that we are wrong
- We are jaded by legalistic preaching of repentance and guilt manipulation
- We have a shallow view of repentance

Follow Me

- The call to follow Jesus
- Downward mobility
- The Jesus Way

The Jesus Way

"¹Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, ²and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to **the Way**, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem." (Acts 9:1-2)

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"But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of **the Way** before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus." (Acts 19:9)

"About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning **the Way**." (Acts 19:23)

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"But this I admit to you, that according to **the Way** which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets" (Acts 24:14)

"But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about **the Way**, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case."" (Acts 24:22)

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

1. To be a disciple means accepting Jesus' demands unconditionally.
2. Jesus is going somewhere and requires his disciples to come along with him.
3. Disciples are not called to a program of self-development but to a way of life of dedicated to service.

For further Reading...

- *The Gospel According to Jesus* by John MacArthur
- *Choose the Life* by Bill Hull