

Preaching Mark's Gospel Evangelistically

How are we to preach Christ? Mark's Gospel is crystal clear on this subject: we're to speak of the Identity, Mission and Call of Jesus. So just about every verse in Mark's Gospel is about who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him. Mark's clarity means that we can give our church families the confidence to "let the gospel tell the gospel". So we'll be looking at how we can open up Mark's Gospel and have Jesus walk off the pages of Scripture.

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I. Jesus has authority over nature and over death

A. Mark 4 verses 35 to 41

1. Is he more than a teacher? – verse 38
2. "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" – verse 41

B. Mark 5 verses 21 to 23

1. "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." – verse 23
2. "Don't be afraid; just believe" – verse 36
3. "He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!') – verse 41
4. To Jesus, death is but sleep.
5. When it comes to your death, will you put your hand into the hand of Jesus?

C. Mark 8 verses 27 to 38

1. Mark 8 verses 27 to 30

- a. When it comes to Jesus' identity, who is blind and who can see?

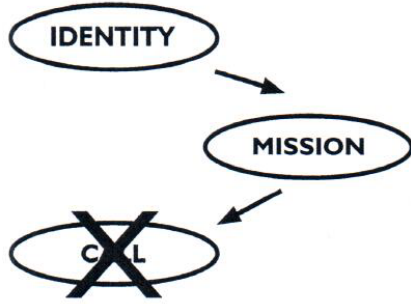
2. Mark 8 verses 31 to 33

- a. When it comes to Jesus' mission, who is blind and who can see?
- b. Why did Jesus warn them to say nothing about him to anyone in verse 30?

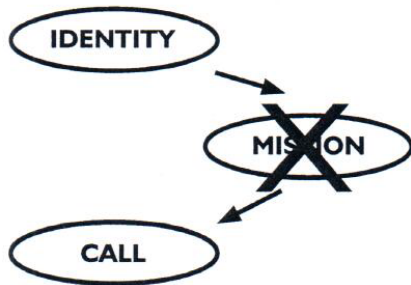
3. Mark 8 verses 34 to 38

- a. When it comes to following Jesus, what do we have to see?
- b. Can we **SEE** that the Son of Man in verse 38 is the same Son of Man in verse 31?
- c. What is the connection between Mark 8 verse 34 and Mark 9 verses 2 and 3?

Jesus' identity and mission but **not** his call



Jesus' identity and call but **not** his mission



Jesus' mission and call but **not** his identity

