

Now, But Not Yet
Kingdom of God #2 – Mark 1:14-15
Sunday, September 28, 2014

Read Mark 1:1-15

1. What was the ministry of John the Baptist (the John of v.14)?
 - a. How might it seem contradictory for Jesus to begin preaching good news from God after John, a prophet, was arrested?
2. What is the good news of God? (see. v.15a)
 - a. What time was promised by God to the Jewish people? (see. v.1-3)
 - b. What does it mean to repent of our sins *and* believe the Good News?
 - c. How is the Good News far more than just a message of salvation from our sins?
3. Read some of the Old Testament prophecies about what the Kingdom of God was supposed to be like (2 Sam. 7:8–17; Isa. 11:1–9; 24:23; Jer. 23:4–6; Micah 4:6–7; Zech. 9:9–10; 14:9)
 - a. What kind of kingdom do you think the Jewish people expected based on these passages?
 - b. How did those promises come true in the 3.5 years of Jesus' ministry?
 - c. How did those promises not come about during that time?
4. What does it mean then when Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is near? (v.15b) (cf. Lk. 17:21)
 - a. What does this mean for how we can live today as followers of Jesus?
 - b. Why has God not brought His Kingdom in full power and authority down already?
 - c. How should the now, but not yet, Kingdom of God shape how you live this week?

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