

Oxford Baptist Church - Oct 16, 2018 – Pastor Robin W. Pifer
2018 Fall Series – Christianity Explored – Message 1 – Good News
Scripture: Mark 1:1-5 Weekly Reading Mark 1:1 – Mark 3:6

Have you heard any Good News Lately?

The Gospel/Good News is Jesus Christ!

1. The Prophets point to Jesus Christ as the Good News. V. 4-8

- Isaiah 40:3 - 350 Prophecies about Jesus in the O.T.
- The Greatest Prophet – John the Baptist – Matt 11:9-11
- None of these prophets including Mohammed can be the good news.
- Transformation with Jesus Christ.
- Comfort for his people.
- Repentance – A change of mind, purpose, and direction. Turning back to God.

2. The Holy Spirit Points to Jesus Christ as the Good News. V. 9-11

- Jesus sees heaven torn open.
- The testimony of John the Baptist – John 1:32
- Third Heaven.
- Jesus led by the Holy Spirit into the Wilderness v. 12
- New Believers and established believers will be tempted. Jesus is our example and strength to overcome temptation. Luke 4:1-13
- Baptism – Immersion in water as a symbol of turning from sin and believing by faith in Jesus Christ.

3. The Father Points to Jesus Christ as the Good News. V. 11

- Divine Triune God Relationship
- You are my Beloved Son, with you I am pleased.
- In Christ, we are heirs with Christ – Beloved children. Romans 8:17

4. The Angels Point to Jesus Christ as the Good News. V. 12-13

- Satan – Fallen Arch-Angel – Jesus Overcomes
 - The Other Demons know their place. Mark 1:23-24

- Angels of God Ministering to Him. Hebrews 1:13-14
- 5. The Message “The Time Has Come” points to Jesus Christ as the Good News. V. 14-15**
- 500 years of Silence
 - Grace – The Message of an innocent man giving his life for you. 1Cor 15:1-5
 - John says “One will come after me” v. 7-8
 - **Jesus says, “The Time has come, The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the good news.**
 - Jesus - God with us.
 - Christ – Messiah – God’s only chosen King.
 - Not a Religion but a Relationship.

“God has revealed himself in human history through Jesus Christ. When we look at Jesus all the guessing games about God stop.”

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Life Group Questions

- If you could ask God one question, and you knew it would be answered, what would it be?
- How does the beauty and complexity of the world point to a creator?
- Christ is defined as “God’s Only Chosen King”. Why is this a good description of Jesus?
- The Gospel is Good News. What is your understanding of this statement?
- What stands out to you in this first message of our series?
- Read the quote above the notes again. How does this statement impact you?
- Discuss the sermon outline. What application(s) from this message help you understand that Jesus Christ is the Good News?
- Further Study. In chapters 1 and 2 of Mark Jesus shows his authority. What happens when Jesus takes authority?
- Mark 2:18-3:6 – What were the early impressions people had about Jesus?
- **Complete your reading this week. Mark 1:1 – 3:6**