



# SERMON NOTES

Week 1 February 19, 2023

“The Kingdom of God”

Mark 12:29–34; Mark 1:1; 1 Peter 2:23–24;  
1 Peter 1:3; Mark 1:14–17, 19–22, 28



## I. Introduction

- A. Jesus tells the teacher that ‘the Kingdom of God is not \_\_\_\_\_ from you.’
- B. Peter tells the story of Jesus, from his own experience, to his traveling companion named John \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. One Big Idea

- A. Because of his experience, Peter clearly believes that Jesus was the Son of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. According to Peter, the one big idea from the teaching of Jesus is that ‘the Kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_, and everyone is invited to participate.’
- C. Our response to the kingdom being near is to \_\_\_\_\_ and believe the good news.

## III. The Good News

- A. After 30 years of following Jesus, Peter is more \_\_\_\_\_ than ever that Jesus is the Son of God.
- B. Peter wants us to know that the arrival of Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ news.
- C. The arrival of Jesus was good news because God came near, which means you are never \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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## INTRODUCTION

Many times we read the Bible for application, inspiration, or direction. However, there are times when the author wants to simply point the reader to a big idea - an idea that fits together with God's grand story. In the gospel of Mark, he documents Peter's experience with Jesus that led Peter to believe in one big idea: the kingdom of God is near, and everyone is invited to participate. So how do we respond to the invitation?

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### **Monday: Mark 12:28-34**

Jesus had just finished debating with religious leaders about the feasibility of life after death, and one of the teachers in his audience was impressed with the mind-bending logic of Jesus as it related to life after death; so this teacher asked a question about the greatest commandment and Jesus responds. What stands out to you in this passage? What is the connection between the teacher's response to Jesus and Jesus's assurance that he was "not far from the kingdom of God?"

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### **Tuesday: Mark 1:16-22**

John Mark wrote his gospel about Jesus based on the information he received from his traveling companion Peter. Peter conveyed the information to him after 30 years of being a Jesus follower. Do you believe that the information in the Gospel of Mark is reliable? Why or why not?

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### **Wednesday: Mark 1:14-15**

Peter's experience with Jesus led Peter to believe in one big idea: the kingdom of God is near, and everyone is invited to participate. And our response to that invitation is to repent and believe the Good News. What does it mean to you that the kingdom of God is near? Have you ever felt far away from God? What does it mean to you to repent and believe the good news?

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### **Thursday: Mark 1:1-2**

Mark begins his gospel by telling us that the news about Jesus is good news. So what do you think is so good about the good news? If you believe it is good news, have you ever shared that good news with others? Why or why not?

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### **Friday: 1 Peter 2:23-24, 1 Peter 1:3**

It's clear from the writings of Peter (his letters and his thoughts in the gospel of Mark), that he believed Jesus was the Son of God. What do you think led him to that conclusion? Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God or something else (great teacher, rabbi, prophet etc.)?

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## MOVING FORWARD

In Mark 1:14-15 we read "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Our response to the Kingdom being near is to repent and believe the good news.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) far, B) Mark. IIA) God, B) near, C) repent.  
IIIA) confident, IIIB) good, C) far.*