

United Church of Marco Island

Mark Bible Study #2: Tuesday, January 22nd at 10AM and 7PM

Mark 1: 14-39: “Portraits of Jesus”

Introductions

Opening Prayer

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the good news as Jesus proclaims it in verses 14-15?
2. What different factors contributed to the ready response of Simon and Andrew, James and John to Jesus's invitation? (v. 16-20)
3. How does Jesus's command “follow me” summarize the essence of discipleship? (v. 17)
4. When it comes to Jesus driving out the evil spirit in the synagogue (1: 21-28), why is the timing and setting of this event important?
5. How is Jesus's teaching different from the usual norms of the synagogue? (v. 21-22)
6. What might be some of the reasons that Jesus silences the demon from proclaiming who he is?
7. In verse 27, explain the “authority” Jesus has.
8. What impression of Jesus do you get from the portrait of his visit to the home of Simon and Andrew? (v. 29-34)
9. The quiet and solitude of verses 35-39 are quite a contrast from the previous events? What do these verses reveal about Jesus's priorities?
10. Looking over this first chapter of Mark, how does Jesus model for us different aspects of announcing the kingdom of God? (v. 15)