

# SERMON NOTES

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MARK: THE SERVANT KING  
THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-13

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**BIG IDEA:** The gospel begins with God.

## THE GOSPEL IS ROOTED IN GOD'S PROMISE (vv. 1-3)

God's redemptive plan did not begin in the New Testament, it unfolds from the Old.

The gospel is grounded in God's faithfulness, not human innovation.

## THE GOSPEL CALLS FOR REPENTANT PREPARATION (vv. 4-8)

We cannot receive the gospel rightly without first responding in repentance.

True gospel ministry points away from self and toward Christ.

## THE GOSPEL REVEALS THE IDENTITY OF JESUS (vv. 9-11)

Before Jesus calls us to follow Him, God declares who He is.

Our assurance flows from God's declaration, not our performance.

## THE GOSPEL ADVANCES THROUGH TESTING AND OBEDIENCE (vv. 12-13)

Spiritual testing often follows spiritual confirmation.

Faithfulness in private strengthens faithfulness in public.

**Scripture Verses (ESV):** Mark 1:1-13; Hebrews 1:1-2; Psalm 51:10; Isaiah 42:1; Hebrews 4:15