



## Mark 9 - 16

### *The Gospel According to Mark*

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*This was the opening question from two months ago when we read the first half of the Gospel According to Mark. It is as relevant in the last half of the Gospel as it was the first.*

① Mark 1:15-17 <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" <sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

① What does it mean "the time has come" and the "Kingdom of God is near"?

② The statements in the previous statement ARE THE Gospel? How are they the Gospel? How do they relate to the Gospel being proclaimed in Mark?

③ How do we respond to the Gospel?

② What does God expect of the church? (or, the way it was asked last time: What does the Gospel look like in the Christian long-term?) Here's a best answer to question ②:

What does God expect of the church? The simple answer is this: to embody the kingdom, the better place, so far as that is possible in the here and now, and demonstrate and display that kingdom by how it lives. The church displays kingdom to the world through love of God and love of others.

What might you say?

③ Expand on the last question (②) from Mark 12:28-34