

Discussion Questions

Summary

The opening verses of Gospel of Mark set the scene for what is to come in Jesus' ministry. A bold title followed by several short vignettes prepare the reader for Jesus' ministry which follows.

Our familiarity with the text and our unfamiliarity with the ancient world might cause us to miss the significance in these opening lines.

But for those who will look again, the Gospel can speak a fresh word to us, and a fresh challenge.

Questions

1. What did a "gospel" message signify for people in Jesus' day?
Can you think of a modern equivalent?
2. Who are the "real enemies" in Mark's Gospel?
How might that inform our approach to issues today?
3. What response does the good news of Jesus require from you this week?