

SERMON SERIES: MARKED
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Key Line

“Marked by Jesus.”

Introduction

Welcome to our first series of 2022! We are excited to begin this new year together with you. From now until Easter, we will be following the life and ministry of Jesus. We are kicking off the year with a series called “Marked” that will take us through the gospel of Mark. This week, we are talking about what it means for our lives to be marked by Jesus.

- Do you have any marks on you that tell a story? What is the story behind it? (A tattoo, a scar, a birthmark, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read Mark 1:1-20.

- What or who is the “good news” that verse 1 talks about?
- What role does John the Baptist seem to play in this verse?
- What does our passage tell us about who Jesus is?
- Why did the men in verses 16-20 leave their boats?
- How do verses 16-20 explain the heart of Jesus?

Go Deeper

Look into the geography of where Mark 1 is set. There are a few different places mentioned throughout the chapter. Resources like maps found in your Bible, the Blue Letter Bible app, or the Logos app will be helpful. Do you know any other scriptures that have these same places mentioned? If so, what are they?

Talk About It

- Which parts of your life is it easy to see the mark of Jesus on? Which part is it difficult to see?
- What barriers are preventing you from being completely marked by Jesus? How can you remove those barriers?
- What would it look like to share the mark Jesus has on you with someone else this week?
- How can we, as a group, encourage each other to be transformed by Jesus this week?

Wrap Up

Reminder: How deeply are we willing to let our lives be marked by Jesus?

Challenge: Use this week as an opportunity to tell others about how Jesus has marked you. Pick 3 people who do not know Jesus to pray for this week. At the end of the week either invite them to church, share a sermon or worship song that you like, or to send a Bible verse to them.