

"What was Jesus' life like?"

Mark 1:14-45

❶ JESUS' PREACHING

-Location of Jesus' preaching (v.14a)

-Centrality of preaching to Jesus' ministry (v.14b, 35-39)

-Content of Jesus' preaching (v.15)

*Two announcements (God's initiative)

(1) "the time is fulfilled"

(2) "the kingdom of God is at hand"

*Two exhortations (Our response)

(1) "repent"

(2) "believe in the gospel"

Application: *Have you recognized that the king has come? Have you humbled yourself in repentance, and turned to the Lord in belief?*

❷ JESUS' POWER

-Power in his teaching (v.21-22)

-Power over the spiritual realm (v.23-26)

-Power over sickness (v.29-31, 40-44)

*People respond to Jesus' power (v.27-28, 32-34, 45)

Application: *Have you reflected on Jesus' incredible power that includes his authoritative teaching, his control of the spiritual realm, and his power over the body? In light of his power, have you submitted yourself to his Lordship and rule in your life?*

❸ JESUS' PLAN

-People were Jesus' plan (v.16-20)

*Jesus called people to himself

*Jesus called people to service

*Jesus called people to community

Application: *Have answered Jesus call? Have you drawn near to him by faith? Have you joined in by serving him? Are you an active part of his community?*