



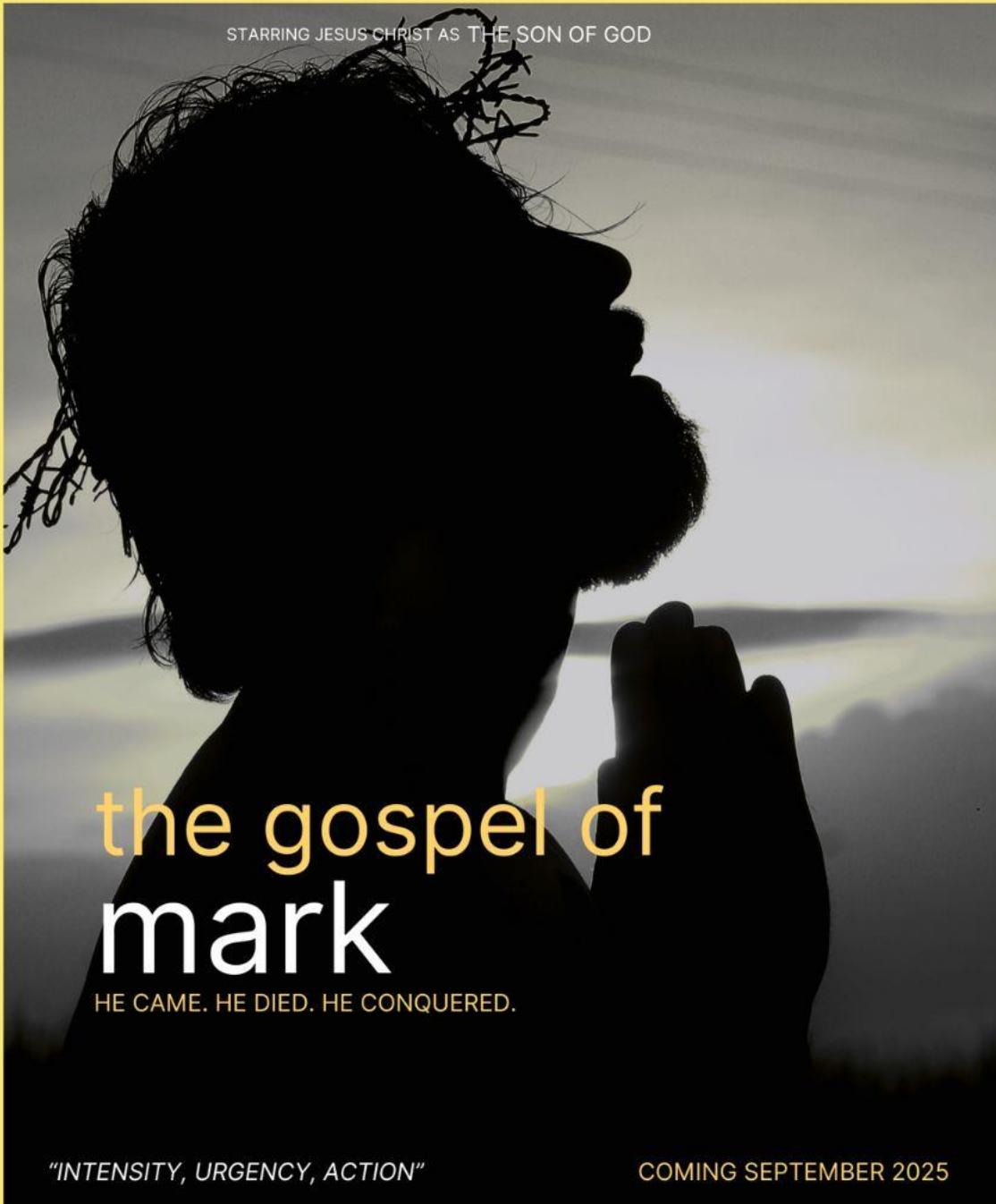
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1 Timothy 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



STARRING JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD

the gospel of mark

HE CAME. HE DIED. HE CONQUERED.

"INTENSITY, URGENCY, ACTION"

COMING SEPTEMBER 2025

"Intensity, Urgency, Action"

~Broger Brebert, The Galilee Times

Isaiah & John the Baptist set the scene

"You are my Beloved Son"

Proclaiming, healing, preaching, calling

cleanses a leper, heals a paralytic,

forgives sins

**Confronted by religious leaders,
followed by crowds, appoints apostles
teaches, teaches, teaches about K.O.G.**

calms a storm

“Previously on Mark” verses - 4:35, 41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.”

[INSERT STORM, CHAOS, FEAR, JESUS CALMING THE STORM]

41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist and magician with the same delight."



C.S. Lewis, *Screwtape Letters*, London: Geoffrey Bles, 1942), p. 9.

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. 2 And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3 He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, 4 for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.

Mark 5:1-20

5 Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. 7 And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." 8 For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

Mark 5:1-20

9 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." 10 And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, 12 and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." 13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

Mark 5:1-20

14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 16 And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. 17 And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

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18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

The Setting

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The Suffering Man

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IMAGO DEI



Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.



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"We are very capable of being evil all by ourselves! Nevertheless, demons do drive men and women to the depths of degradation. Why? Because Satan and his minions hate God. They will do anything to attack him. Mankind was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and brings glory to him the more we manifest his image. Satan hates this. Thus, the demonic function is to distort and destroy the image of God in man."

The Pleading

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The Power

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Why The Pigs?

- **Power over evil:** Public display of Jesus' authority through a visible demonstration of real deliverance
- **Ruin & death:** Revelation of the true nature of evil
- **Human Worth:** Revelation of the value of a human life
- **Real Love:** Exposure of what people value most

People's Response to the Restoration

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Compassion Fatigue?

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Compassion Fatigue: Definition

For an everyday person, compassion fatigue is feeling emotionally wiped out, numb, or exhausted from constantly caring for others or being exposed to their suffering, making it hard to feel empathy or help, even when you want to. It's like your empathy "tank" runs empty from giving too much without refilling, leading to irritability, detachment, hopelessness, and feeling overwhelmed by the world's problems.



Not So Different: Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



Invitation Sunday



Sunday 1.25

The Response of the Restored Man

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Something is wrong and must be put right. When we feel that in our bones, when we admit that something is wrong not only with the whole human situation in general but also with one's own self in particular, then God is at work bringing us closer to the cross of Christ.



Fleming Rutledge, "The Crucifixion"

Why Was Jesus There?

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(Mark 4:35)





MOCKINGBIRD



GRACE IN PRACTICE TESTIMONY

RECOVERY CAME SOFTLY

A vision of grace amid an eating disorder.

LINDSAY HOLIFIELD / 4.3.24 / 11

Gospel Response

Start:

The power and compassion of Jesus is extended to you.
Will you receive him or send him away?

Strengthen:

The grace of God is the sole agent of resurrection and
change. Buy shares!