

## GOSPEL OF MARK 1:9-3:35

1:1 The gospel of Jesus Christ.  
2 It has been written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold I send my messenger before your face. He will prepare your way. 3 There will be a voice of one crying in the desert. "Prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight." 4 Therefore it happened that John came baptizing in the desert and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the Judaeen people went out to him. Also, there were all the Jerusalemites. They were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. 6 John had been clothed in camel hair and a leather girdle was around his waist. He lived by eating locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed saying "Someone is coming who is stronger than me. (Compared with him) I am not even competent in stooping down to loosen his sandal thongs. 8 I baptize you in water. But he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." *(Text is mainly a paraphrase of the Literal translation in the RSV Interlinear Greek-English New Testament, 1988)*

1:9 And it happened in those days that Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee came and was baptized by John in the Jordan river. And immediately, 10 as he was going up out of the water he saw the heavens being rent and the Spirit coming down to him like a dove. 11 And there was a voice coming out of the heavens. "You are my Son, the beloved and in you

as well because it was for this reason that I came forth (out of his own home)." 39 He came proclaiming in their synagogues in all Galilee (including by the Sea of Galilee) and was also expelling the demons. 40 A leper came to him asking his help and falling on his knees in order to be cured. He said "If you are willing you are able to cleanse me." 41 Being filled with tenderness, he (Jesus) stretched forth his hand and said to him. "I am willing. Be cleansed." 42 Immediately the leprosy departed from the man and he was cleansed. 43 (Jesus) sternly admonished the man and immediately sent him out 44 saying to him. "See that you tell nobody but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the cleansing ritual as commanded by Moses as a testimony to others." 45 But the man, going out, began to proclaim many things all around so that (Jesus) was no longer able to enter a city openly. He was rather in desert places and people came to him from all directions 2:1 He entered again into Capernaum and after some days it was heard that he was at home. 2 And many people assembled so that there was no longer room at the door. He (Jesus) spoke to them the word. 3 They came carrying to him a paralytic. Four of them were bearers. 4 But they were unable to bring him in because of the crowd. They therefore went to the roof of the house where Jesus was and having opened

was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence which was set out. He (Jesus) recalled that it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat this. He reminded his listeners that not only did David eat the bread but he also gave it to those who were with him.

27 He (Jesus) said to them. "The Sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath, 28 so the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath. 3:1 And he again entered into a synagogue. There was a man there who had a withered hand. 2 They watched him carefully to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath. That was in order that they might make an accusation against him. 3 And he (Jesus) says to the man with the dried up hand. "Stand up in the midst of the group." 4 And he says to them around. "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. 5 And he looked around at them angrily, grieving at their hardness of heart. He says to the man. "Stretch forth your hand." And he stretched it forth and his hand was restored to him. 6 Immediately after this the Pharisees went out and had counsel with the Herodians as to how they might destroy him (Jesus.) 7 Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea and a great multitude of people from Galilee followed. They also came from Judea and from 8 Jerusalem and from Idumae and from beyond the Jordan and

*I have been well pleased.*" 12 And immediately the Spirit thrust him forth into the desert. And he was in the desert for forty days being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts and the angels ministered to him. 14 After John was arrested Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. 15 He was saying "The time has been fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel (good news)." 16 And passing along beside the sea of Galilee he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them. "Come after me and I will make you into fishers of men." 18 And immediately, leaving the nets they followed him. 19 And going a little further he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat mending the nets. 20 And he immediately called them. Leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants they went after him (Jesus). 21 They enter into Capernaum and it was immediately the Sabbath day. Entering into the synagogue he (Jesus) taught. 22 Those there were astounded at his teaching. He was teaching them as with authority and not like the scribes. 23 Suddenly there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. 24 He cried out saying. "What are you to us and to yourself. Jesus, Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know you for who you are, the holy one of God." 25 And Jesus rebuked him saying "Be quiet and come out of him." 26 And throwing the man down the unclean spirit came out of the man, shouting with a great voice. 27 And all

up the roof they lowered the mattress that the paralytic was lying upon. 5 And seeing this degree of faith Jesus said to the paralytic. "Child your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts. 7 "Why does this man speak in this way? He is blaspheming because only God can forgive sins." 8 And immediately, Jesus knew in his spirit that they were reasoning in this way amongst themselves. He therefore said to them. "Why do you reason in this way in your hearts. 9 Which is it easier to say to the paralytic. Your sins are forgiven or to say, Rise and take your mattress and walk? 10 But in order that you may know that the Son of man has authority to forgive sins on the earth, 11 I say to the paralytic. 12 "Rise, take your mattress and go to your house." And the latter arose and immediately taking the mattress he went forth before all of them. All were astonished and glorified God saying. "We never saw the like of this." 13 He went forth again by the sea, and all the crowd came to him. He taught them. 14 And passing along he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting by the custom house. He said to him. "Follow me". And rising up he followed him. 15 It happened that he was reclining in his house and many tax-collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. There were many of these and they followed him. 16 The scribes of the Pharisees, on seeing that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors said to his disciples. "Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?" 17 On hearing this Jesus said to them. "Those who are strong do not have need of

from around Tyre and Sidon. This great multitude, hearing what things he was doing came to him. 9 And he (Jesus) told his disciples that a boat should be near him in case the crowd should crush him. 10 For he healed so many that people were pushing against him so that they could touch him. Many had diseases and unclean spirits. 11 When the latter saw him they fell before him and cried out saying "You are the Son of God." 12 And he (Jesus) warned them that they were not to make him known. 13 And he goes up into the mountain and calls to himself the ones he wished to be with him. And they went to him. 14 He selected twelve in order that they might be with him and in order that he might send them to proclaim and 15 to have authority to expel the deoms. He made the twelve into a group. He added a name to 16 Simon which was Peter. He also called 17 James the so of Zebedee and John the brother of James. He added a name to them as well which is Boanerges, meaning sons of thunder. 18 And there were also Andrew, Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew, Thomas and James the son of Alphaeus. There were Thaddaeus and Simon the Cananaen and 19 Judas Iscariot who indeed betrayed him. 19(b) And he comes into a house and again the crowd comes together so that they were not able to eat. 21 And hearing about this his relatives went forth to take control of him for they said "He is beside himself." 22 And the scribes from Jerusalem, coming down said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub (the devil). It is by the power of the ruler of demons that he expels demons."

were astounded so as to debate amongst themselves saying "What is this? This is a new teaching proclaimed with authority. And he commands the unclean spirits and they obey him." 28 And the report of him went immediately everywhere into all of Galilee. 29 And as soon as they came out of the synagogue a small group of them went into the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. 30 Now the mother-in-law of Simon was lying aside fever-stricken. They immediately told him (Jesus) about her. 31 And approaching her he raised her up holding her by the hand. The fever then left her and she served them. 32 As evening came on and the sun was setting, people brought to him (Jesus) all those who had illnesses and who were possessed by demons. 33 All the city was assembled at the door. 34 He healed many who were ill with various diseases. He expelled many demons and did not allow the latter to speak because they knew who he was. 35 He arose very early while it was still night and went away into a desert place and prayed there. 36 Later Simon and those with him looked for him and on 37 finding him they said "Everyone is looking for you." 38 He (Jesus) said to them. Let us go elsewhere, into the neighbouring towns so that I can proclaim there

a physician, but those who are ill do have this need. I did not come (out) to call the righteous but sinners." 18 The disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting. They came and said to him (Jesus). "Why do the disciples of John and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" He (Jesus) said to them. "The sons of the bride chamber cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them. What time do they have to fast? 20 But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them and then they will fast, on that day. 21 No one sews a patch of new cloth on an old garment, otherwise when under pressure the new will pull and there is a worse tear. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the wine will burst the wineskins and the wine will perish along with the wineskin. But new wine goes into fresh wine skins." 23 It happened that on a Sabbath day he was passing through the cornfields and his disciples began plucking the ears of corn as they went along. 24 The Pharisees said to him (Jesus). "Look why do they do something on the Sabbath day which is not lawful." 25 He said to them. "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and the ones with him were hungry?" 26 Jesus recalled he (David) entered the house of God when Abiathar

23 And calling them to him he said to them in parables. "How can Satan expel Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself it cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan stood up against himself and was divided, he cannot stand but is at an end. 27 In the same way somebody cannot come into the house of the strong man in order to plunder his goods, unless he first binds up the strong man and then he will plunder his house. 28 Truly I tell you that all will be forgiven to the sons of men - their sins and blasphemies, whatever they may blaspheme. 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit does not have forgiveness ever but is liable to an eternal sin." He said this 30 because they said "He has an unclean spirit". 31 And his mother and his brothers came and were standing outside and sent a message to him, calling him. 32 The crowd were sitting around him and they said to him. 33 "Behold your mother and brothers and sisters are outside and are looking for you." 34 And answering them he says. "Who is my mother and brothers?" And looking round at those about him in a sitting in a circle he says "Behold my mother and my brothers. 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."