

Ten Reasons to Follow That Man

Mark 1

We begin a new sermon series from the Gospel of Mark entitled "Follow That Man." Jesus presented himself as a man to be followed— and he did so with compelling reasons, as the first chapter makes clear.

"Follow that man!" may mean two wildly different things

- And both can be found concerning Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

The pace is breathless. So many events to cover, and Mark doesn't stop to explain what events *mean*.

- "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." (John 21:25)

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(1) The Man who was Prophesied (1:1-7)

(2) The Man of Divine Power (1:8)

(3) The Man who was Chosen by God (1:9-11)

(4) The Man who Resisted Temptation (1:12-13)

(5) The Man who Chose Fishermen (1:14–20)

(6) The Man who Taught with Authority (1:21-22)

(7) The Man who the Demons Feared (1:23-28)

(8) The Man who Healed the Sick (1:29-34)

(9) The Man of Solitary Prayer (1:35)

(10) The Man who was *too* Famous (1:36-45)

Questions for Further Reflection and Application

1. "Follow that man!" But why follow *anyone*?
2. Read Mark 1 and reflect on the list of ten above.
 - Which of the ten about Jesus is most compelling/attractive to you? Why?
 - Which of the ten is the least compelling/attractive to you? Why? Are you under-estimating why this is important about Christ?
3. Jesus called disciples in 1:14-20. They followed him—practically, spiritually, and well, *literally*.
 - How can/do you follow Christ? Give examples from Scripture (as best as you can remember) that apply to us today.