



The Way

The Gospel of Mark

Preparing the Way for Jesus

- M** – Meet Jesus by reading the Gospel for yourself.
- A** – Ask, “Who is Jesus and what does He ask of me?”
- R** – Repent (turn) and clear the road for Jesus.
- K** – Keep your faith and expectations aligned with Jesus.



Two Voices. Two Realms.

As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

– Mark 1:10 (NLT)



Two Voices. Two Realms.

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced.
“The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe
the Good News!”

– Mark 1:15 (NLT)



Two Voices. Two Realms.

The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness,
¹³ where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out
among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

- Mark 1:12-13 (NLT)



Two Voices. Two Realms.

...a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are -- the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. ²⁶ At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him.

- Mark 1:23-26 (NLT)



Two Voices. Two Realms.

Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. ³¹ So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

- Mark 1:30 (NLT)



Two Voices. Two Realms.

“For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.”

- Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT)



Definition:

A miracle is a supernatural intervention in the natural world. It is an event that would not (or could not) have been produced by purely natural forces.



The Importance of Miracles

1. Without miracles, no Word of God would be confirmed.
2. Without miracles, no Son of God could be identified.
3. Without miracles, no salvation is secured or assured.



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After dark one evening, he [Nicodemus] came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

- John 3:2 (NLT)



Two Voices. Two Realms.

“People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.”

- Acts 2:22 (NLT)



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Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶ Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸ But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.”

- Mark 1:35-38 (NLT)

