

The Call of Christ — Mark 2 - 3

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So Far in Mark's Gospel

- * The Gospel — "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1)
- * Jesus — "In those days Jesus came . . ." (Mark 1:9; see also Mark 1:14-15)
- * The Call — "Immediately He called them . . ." (Mark 1:19)

Mark 2-3

- * Jesus — hard at work, on a mission, with a purpose, in love for people
 - > Healings — these are signs, and temporal
 - > Forgiving — this is vital, and eternal
 - > Partying — this is purposely relational
 - > Teaching — this is transformational, changing the trajectory of people's lives
 - > Calling — this is the missional "big rock" for Jesus
 - > Conflict — this is inevitable because of two irreconcilable kingdoms
 - > Warnings — these are always needed
 - > Community — this is new and one and miraculous

The Big Rock — The Call of Jesus

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* Jesus came to call sinners — that’s everyone — to Himself

* The Call is by Jesus

* The Call is to Jesus

> First and foremost, we are called to Someone, not to something

“And He went up on the mountain and called those whom He Himself wanted . . . so that they would be with Him . . .” (Mark 3:13-14)

* The Call is for Jesus

* The Call is to everyone

* The Call is in everything

* The Call is all the time

* So the call is comprehensive. It is by Jesus, to Jesus, for Jesus. It is to everyone, in everything, all the time. Jesus calls us to Himself and for Himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a new meaning, a life-altering direction, a life-giving purpose, and a life-changing mission. The call of Jesus is the start of an extraordinary life on a great adventure.

The Call and the New Community

“For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” — Mark 3:31-35

* The Call Connects You to Jesus and His New Community

* Jesus’ New Community is One Church

> One church made up of Gospel-transformed people

> One church brought together in authentic community

> One church sent out with Kingdom purpose

Have You Answered Jesus’ Call?