

Mark 1-3

Ch 1

Theme – Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus, Son of God; ministry of John the Baptist; baptism of repentance; “One coming who is greater than I”; baptism of Jesus; appearance of the Trinity; identification & examination by the Father; temptation of Jesus (the Lord “impelled” to go into the wilderness); Galilean ministry (about a year into public ministry); calls Simon Peter, Andrew, James, & John; teaching in Capernaum; teaching as One who has authority; possessed man in synagogue; Jesus casts out the demon; double recognition of the Lord’s authority – v27; Simon’s mother-in-law healed of fever; healing & casting out of demons; Jesus’ goes alone to pray; ministry is greater than just Capernaum & greater than just signs; leper is healed; sternly warned but leper does not obey

Ch 2

Theme – Healing of paralyzed man (through the roof); Son of Man has authority to forgive sin (ch 2 sees Jesus exercise the authority established in Mark 1:27); Levi (Matthew) called; Jesus dines with sinners (came to call sinners to repentance – Luke 5:32); breaking man-made traditions; question about fasting; cannot fast while with the Bridegroom; new wine in new wineskins; Lord of the Sabbath

Ch 3

Theme – Lord of the Sabbath (healing on the Sabbath); man with the withered hand; lawful to do good (healing & showing compassion) or evil (callousness & plotting); Jesus looks at them with ANGER, GRIEVED at their hard hearts (v5); heals the man & religious leaders plot His destruction; public ministry grows; choosing the Twelve to follow Him, be sent to preach, have authority to cast out demons; when news reaches the family of Jesus about the great crowds, they grow concerned & depart Nazareth for Capernaum to secure Him for “His own good”; Jesus accused of operating by the power of the deliver; strong man must be bound; Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven; family of Jesus arrives; the family of Jesus are those who obey His Father
