



The story of Jesus in the gospels

•Principally the synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke

•Bigger picture

1.The Early Years – Henry 2.Jesus' Teachings – Ryan



Jesus' Galilean Ministry

- Early on into Galilee preaching good news and teaching in Synagogue
- Healings
- Demons being cast out
- Popularity growing by the masses
- Some questioning by religious leaders





Let's read.....

≻Mark 1: 14-15, 21-34

➤What does this passage show about Jesus and the way people respond to him?



¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, **proclaiming the good news of God.** ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"



²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were **amazed at his teaching**, because he taught them as one who had **authority**, not as the teachers of the law.



²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.



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²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.



³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demonpossessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door,



Royal Wedding



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Adele - London O2 Arena





Football match





Boxing day sales, River Island – Brent Cross





³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases.
He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.



At this stage

- •Don't yet know him as Messiah
- •Haven't yet repented
- Capernaum is eventually condemned
- •But at this stage in the story of Jesus.....
- Generally very popular
 People are amazed at him
 People are expectant
 People are flocking to see him



Where are we at?

- •We know Jesus died and rose again
- •We know him as Messiah and Lord
- •He is our Savior

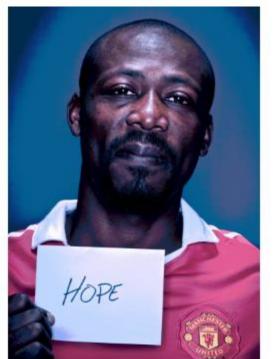
•But.....













On World Mission Sunday.....

Wouldn't it be great if Jesus came back to the agenda of the city?

If people crowded to see Jesus like:

The Royal Wedding Football team Adele Bargains on boxing day sales



Around the World

•Tom Stubbings and Nepal – openess

<u>BUT</u>

-Unreached people groups

Do we want to make people famous in those countries?



<u>Response</u>

•Who do you have a heart for?

•Where do you want to see Jesus' kingdom come?

•Where do you want to make Jesus famous?

