

# Jesus' First Sermon: Believers are Welcome

Mark 1:9-19

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1. Listen for God's message when times are **hard** - verse 14
  - a. You are never **alone** Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20.
  - b. God knows your **location** Job 23:10.
  - c. God's plans is for **your good** and His glory, Psa. 37:23; Rom. 8:28.
  - d. His grace will be **sufficient** for you regardless of your circumstances. 2 Cor. 12:9.
2. Hear God's message when the situation seems **hopeless** - verse 14
  - a. His message is **good news**
  - b. His message is **God's news**
3. Act on God's message as urgent and demanding **haste**. Verse 15
  - a. The time is now - 1 Cor 6:1-2
  - b. The kingdom is here - Isa 55:6-7
  - c. The message is clear
    - i. **Repent** – change your thinking - Luke 13:5
    - ii. **Believe** – Trust the truth - 1 Cor 15:1-3

The sin that excludes a person is **unbelief**.