# according to MARK

"Mark became Peter's interpreter and wrote accurately all that he remembered...of the things said and done by the Lord."

— Papias, a disciple of the apostle John

God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over...all the earth..."

GENESIS 1:26

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Jesus came...saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

MARK 1:15

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#### 1. What kind of sower are you?

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

ISAIAH 55:11

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  - 3. Where does your hope lie?

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

"Everything changes when we grasp that all we love about the old Earth (the good, not the sinful things!) will be ours on the New Earth—either in the same form or another. Once we understand this, we won't regret leaving all the wonders of the world we've seen or mourn not having seen its countless wonders. Why? Because we will yet be able to see them."

RANDY ALCORN, HEAVEN

#### THE MAIN POINT OF MARK 4

Jesus is God's chosen King to bring God's promised Kingdom on earth. The Kingdom of God begins small but ends huge; it is hidden but then revealed. It cannot be contained by its opponents and will eventually take over all Creation when Jesus comes to restore God's reign on earth.