

24th January 2021 - Epiphany +3 – Hugh's Sermon

In The Name of Our Creator. The Son Our Saviour and Redeemer
And The Triune Spirit who is with Us Always.

Notes

In the early chapters of Mark's Gospel, we track Jesus early ministry, as Jesus goes about Galilee preaching, teaching, and healing.

Today, then we hear Jesus speak to you and I saying, Repent, Believe, and Follow.

Repent and believe, that is the summary of Jesus ministry,

Follow, That's Jesus call to discipleship.

Repent, believe, and follow. Three commands, from the lips of Jesus.

Three words that lead to forgiveness, faith and to build our relationship with the One True God.

This preaching, this proclamation of the Gospel, begins with an announcement,

“The time is fulfilled, and the Spirit of God is at hand”.

What does Jesus mean by these two statements ?

“ The time is fulfilled,” That is to say, everything that has been leading up to this moment and preparing for this moment has now come to pass. So that people can understand the true meaning of the Gospels and Jesus ministry. And why Jesus came in human form?.

The time is fulfilled, and the Spirit of God is at hand.

And through the blessed Mary, Jesus was born into our world God's Creation.

That's is why Jesus can say God's Spirit is at hand and I am among you.

God would bring his chosen people back into a stronger relationship,

God would show his people how they should live by listening to Jesus

and for you and I to understand the Gospels, the time is fulfilled, and the Spirit of God is at hand.

So what? What does this mean in our lives? What is Jesus message to us in view of these things?

Repent, come back into God's Grace, and understand what is written in the Gospels

by Faith in Jesus, for you and I understand the writings in the Gospels,

With the faith of the Triune Spirit.

Now into days Gospel Jesus has another message for you and I

“Follow Me” as he tells the fisherman on the shores of the lake,

Follow Me, calling them to be his disciples,

not just stop what you are doing, but come and be my brothers.

Once again we do not know what there was about Jesus that lead people to follow him.

Did they know him already?

Was this the first contact with Jesus, Or had they heard him Speak?.

In any case there was some thing remarkable and compelling about Jesus,

my Question for you and I today is Why are we At St Augustine,

the disciples were with Jesus day after day, you and I only have the Gospels to understand.

But by our faith in understanding why Jesus came to serve,

we build a stronger relationship with the One True God.

The astonishing feature of the story is that they followed Jesus with out any doubt, would faith be that strong?.

But we also need to look at what Jesus Did?

As far as we can tell Jesus Called just ordinary people to follow him,

he did not require his followers to have background checks,

finances to pay for the university education, have professional skills. Or temple education.

Jesus picked people like you and I.

Furthermore. His disciples were anything but perfect.

But it was people like these that would carry the message of Jesus and the One True God.

God's Call to you and I is always into an uncertain future.

We have no idea how it will all end up.

We choose our careers and jobs hoping that we can use the gifts and talents that has been given to you and I.

But what is Mark telling his followers, but what is more important ?

what is Mark telling you and I today as we live our Lives In this Word,

be strong in your faith,

Understand the Teachings of Jesus,

Believe and Follow

strong in our relationship with the Triune Spirit.