

*Study of Mark 1*  
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**Mark 1:1-45**

*1 The beginning of the **Gospel** of Yeshua Messiah, the Son of Elohim;*

These words roll off the tongue quite easily, **BUT** do you understand what it means, and the vast implications of this very profound statement?

Let's begin with *John 1:1 In the beginning **WAS THE WORD**, and **THE WORD WAS WITH ELOHIM**, and **THE WORD WAS ELOHIM**.*

*John 1:14 And the **WORD WAS MADE FLESH**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH**.*

This tells us that the Word of Elohim, **WAS** in the beginning, it existed *before the Creation event*, and that this Word, that existed before the Creation event, was **WITH** Elohim and that the Word **WAS and IS** Elohim, and furthermore we are told that it is this same **WORD of ELOHIM** that was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

Now that we know that the Word, **IS** Elohim, and that it is the very same Word that became flesh, how is this **WORD**, which we now **KNOW**, **IS** Elohim, defined in the rest of Scripture?

*John 17:17 Sanctify them through Your **TRUTH**: Your **WORD IS TRUTH**.*

*Psalms 119:142 Your **righteousness IS** an everlasting **righteousness**, and Your Torah **IS** the **TRUTH**.*

*Psalms 119:160 Your **WORD IS TRUE from the beginning**: and every one of your righteous judgments **endures for ever**.*

*1 Kings 2:2-3, David said to his son Solomon, I go the way of all the earth: be strong therefore my son, and show yourself a man; 3 And **KEEP** the Charge of YHVH your Elohim, to walk in **His Ways**, to **Keep His Statutes**, and **His Commandments**, and **His Judgments**, and **His Testimonies**, **AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE TORAH OF MOSHEH**, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wheresoever you turn yourself:*

The next question that has to be asked **IS**, what **IS** the Gospel of Yeshua Messiah? Well, **IF** Messiah **IS** indeed the Living Word of our heavenly Father made flesh, as Scripture confirms that He **IS**, and the Living Word of our heavenly Father, **IS the TRUTH**, and the **TRUTH** is defined in Scripture as the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **THEN** the Gospel of Yeshua the Messiah, **AND** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh **ARE the same entity, they are synonymous terms**.

In *Matthew 4:23* It is called the **Gospel of the kingdom**,  
 In *Matthew 9:35* Yeshua calls it the **Gospel of the kingdom**.  
 In *Matthew 24:14* It is called the **Gospel of the kingdom that shall be preached in all the world for a Witness unto all nations**.  
 In *Acts 20:24* It is called the **Gospel of the Grace of Elohim**.  
 In *Romans 1:1* It is called the **Gospel of Elohim**,  
 In *Romans 1:9* It is called the **Gospel of Elohim's Son**.  
 In *Romans 1:16* It is called the **Gospel of Messiah: AND we are told that the Gospel IS the power of Elohim unto salvation to every one that believes**.  
 In *Romans 10:15* It is called the **Gospel of Peace, that bring glad tidings of good things!**  
 In *Romans 15:16* It is called **Gospel of Elohim**.  
 In *Romans 15:19* It is called *the Gospel of Messiah*.  
 In *Ephesians 1:13* It is called, *the Word of TRUTH, the Gospel of your salvation*.  
 In *1 Timothy 1:11* It is called, *the glorious Gospel of the blessed Elohim, which Paul committed to his TRUST*.

Now, I said all of this, so that we can all understand and agree that when Mark says: this is the Beginning of the Gospel of Messiah Yeshua, that he is telling us that these ARE the very same Words that YHVH spoke to us, through Adam, then Through Noah, and then through Abaraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov and then to Mosheh and through ALL of YHVH's prophets, from the very beginning, and they ARE also the very same Words that Created all things. Furthermore Scripture makes it very clear that these Words, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, must be obeyed, with a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart, **IF** a person wants to spend eternity in the kingdom of Elohim. Amein

*Verse 2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send My Messenger before your face, and He shall prepare Your Way before You.*

*Isaiah 42:1-9 Behold My Servant, whom I uphold; My elect, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Holy Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth Judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His Voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto TRUTH (the Words of the Torah of YHVH, Psalm 119:142). He shall NOT fail NOR be discouraged, till He has set Judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His Torah. Thus says YHVH, He that Created the heavens, and stretched them out; He that spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; He that gives breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I YHVH, have called you in Righteousness (I have called you to obey the Words of My Torah of Life, Deuteronomy 6:25), and I will hold your hand, and I will keep you, and give you for a Covenant of the people, for a Light of the Gentiles;*

Why is our heavenly Father giving us His Son, who happens to be, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, made flesh?

He has done so:  
*To open the blind eyes,*  
*To bring out the prisoners from the prison,*  
*And them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.*  
 I am YHVH: **THAT IS MY NAME:**

*And My glory, I will **NOT** give to another; and I will **NOT** give My praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

YHVH has prophesied of the coming of His Living Torah made flesh throughout the Hebraic Scriptures, and here in *Mark 1*, we see the fulfilment of that Prophecy.

*Verse 3 The voice of one **crying in the wilderness**, Prepare you the way of YHVH, Make His Paths straight.*

*Isaiah 7:14 Therefore YHVH Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His Name Emmanuel.*

*Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that **cries in the wilderness**, Prepare you the way of YHVH, make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of YHVH shall be revealed, and all flesh shall **SEE** it together: for the mouth of YHVH has spoken it.*

*Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace; that brings good tidings of good, that publishes **salvation**; that says unto Tzion, Your Elohim reigns!*

*Verse 4 John did **baptize**, immerse, in the wilderness, and preach the baptism or immersion of repentance for the remission of sins.*

Have you ever asked yourself, where this Commandment comes from, the one that tells us that we must be baptize or immersed? Is it a Torah commandment, and **IF** it isn't, then was Messiah and John **ADDING** to the Commandments of YHVH, which, as you know, **IS** absolutely forbidden, according to *Deuteronomy 4:2; and 12:32; Revelation 22:19*

The Yisraelites were chosen by Elohim to show the peoples of the whole world, the Ways of YHVH, and they were to teach the world about Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and the intimate relationship that we are to develop with Him, and to each other, and teach about end time events. Messiah said, that in the Scroll of the book it is written of Me, therefore **ALL** things must be centred on Messiah. In *Romans 3:1-2* it is written: *What advantage then has the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision?*

Then Paul answers his own question and says:

*2 **Much** every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the **oracles** of Elohim, the Words of His Torah of Life.*

All the festivals, customs, foods, sacrificial system, laws of ritual purity, including immersion in a Miqvah, (baptism) were given to the Yisraelite people, as teaching tools, for us, so that we could learn more about Messiah. We must learn to always keep the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, at the forefront of all of our deeds, actions and the object of our daily studies, and we have to understand that

**ALL** things that are written in Scripture, are there to give us a better understanding of who Messiah really **IS**, what He has done for us, and what is in store for us, when we willingly choose to mimic His Torah obedient Life. Therefore **IF** we want rest, peace and contentment in our lives, we must get to Know Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, on a very personal and intimate way.

In *Matthew 11:29* it is written:

*Take My Yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls.*

We have to understand that the entire Scriptures, point us to Messiah and His work of redemption onto salvation for all people. In *Psalms 40:7* it says:

*Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me*

This verse is telling us, that we need to follow and obey the instructions of YHVH, that are found in Scripture, so that we can learn how Messiah walked, and then learn to mimic His Torah obedient Life. To do that, means, that we have to learn about YHVH's festivals, His customs, His dietary laws, the sacrificial system and the laws of ritual purity. We must not only know **about them**, as we are Commanded, but, we need to put into practice, all the things that YHVH wants us to do on His Feast Days. Some of the Commandments require that the Holy Temple be standing in Jerusalem, while other Commandments do not require the Holy Temple to be standing in Jerusalem, **BUT** we are to make **ALL** of His Commandments part of our daily life, if we are to please YHVH.

*Romans 8:3-8* For what the Torah could **NOT** do, in that **it was weak THROUGH THE FLESH** (the Torah was **NOT** weak, our flesh is weak), Elohim sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for Sin, (for the transgressions of the Words of His Torah of Life) condemned Sin in the flesh, condemned all Torah transgressions: That the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE TORAH** might be fulfilled in us, who do **NOT** walk after the flesh (lustful desires), but after the Spirit (Torah obedience). For they that **ARE** after the flesh **DO mind the things of the flesh; BUT they that are after the Spirit** (they that have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Torah of YHVH) *mind the things of the Spirit. Because, to be carnally minded* (wanting to fulfill our desire to satisfy the lust of our flesh) **IS DEATH; BUT, to be spiritually minded** (to be Torah obedient) **IS LIFE AND PEACE. WHY?**

**BECAUSE** the carnal mind (the mind that is set on satisfying its own lustful desires) **IS enmity against Elohim:** for that kind of mind **IS NOT SUBJECT TO** the Words of the Torah of Elohim, neither indeed can be. So **THEN**, they that are in the flesh (they that rely on their lustful desires) **CANNOT PLEASE ELOHIM.**

The commandments in Torah fall into three major categories

1. *Mishpatim*, מִשְׁפָּטִים – Literally translated Judgements, justice, right, ordinance, decision, due, privilege, these are ethical or moral laws
2. *Ediyim*, עֲדוּיִם – literally translated witnesses, testimony, and it also means choice, best, ornament, jewel, and it is the heart of the Word Moed, which is YHVH's precious jewels, His Feasts

3. *Chukot*, חֻקֹת, - literally translated as, statutes, decrees, enactment, law, rule, truth, necessity, obligation

Some of the Commandments that YHVH requires of us may be hard to understand. It is easy to understand, do not kill or do not steal, as in "*mishpatim*, ethical laws. We can understand the *Ediyim or Edot*, the witness Commandments. These are the rituals and festivals which teach us important truths, and how we are to commemorate key events. In the third group of Commandments, the *Chukot*, the decrees, there are some that do not seem to have a logical reason as to why we must obey them. The *Chukim*, decrees, are Commandments which we must obey whether or not we understand their reason, for we are commanded by our creator to do so.

In *Exodus 24:7*, even before the Commandments were given to the people of Yisrael they said to Mosheh:

*All that YHVH has said, we will do and we will be obedient, we will shema, which means we will hear, listen, pay very close attention to, believe, follow and obey.*

This indicates to us, that when the Words of the Torah were given to the people of Yisrael, they had already agreed to keep and obey **ALL** of the Commandments, even before they heard them. We have to understand that when we willingly choose to keep the Commandments that have no apparent reason to us, we are actually demonstrating our **belief** and **Trust** in YHVH, as followers of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. Even though we may **NOT** be able to justify why we keep these Commandments to the rest of the world, we feel **secure** to continue observing them. If a person is unsure of himself, or wavering in his belief, then the Torah Commandments, the Laws, that that person does not understand, will be the first that they reject and abandon or abolish. Scripture makes it clear what the Words of YHVH's Torah mean, when it says in *Deuteronomy 4:6* as it is written:

*Keep therefore and do these Commandments; for this **IS** your Wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, who shall hear all these Statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a Wise and Understanding people.*

Messiah, Himself, the Living Torah made flesh, said in *John 14:15* as it is written:

*If you love Me, keep My Commandments".*

We have to understand that we do not observe the Commandments of YHVH because logic demands it, but we observe them, because, they were given to us by Elohim, we have to develop the attitude, that YHVH said it, I believe, that settles it. When we do that, it shows YHVH, our heart attitude, is set to please Elohim.

One of the most important of these Commandments **IS** immersion in a *mikvah*, the ritual bath for the purpose of bringing about **ritual purity**. The Greek word for baptism is *baptizō* meaning to immerse or dip cloth into a vat of dye. The word is derived from an industry of dying cloth in Lebanon. The vats used to hold the different colours of dye, and the process of placing the cloth into the vats was called **baptizo**. As time passed, the ritual purity process of **immersion** began to be known as **baptism**. The Hebrew word for immersion is **Tevilah**, טבילה, and literally means, immersing in a ritual bath known as a *mikvah*. Immersion is the act of washing oneself, and it is performed to correct a condition of ritual impurity, in order to restore the impure person, to a state of ritual purity. It is never for the purpose of cleaning or bathing the body.

The *mikvah*, or ritual bath, was of great importance to the first century Yisraelite. It was understood, that if a community or village had only enough money for a synagogue or a *mikvah*, then the *mikvah* would be built first. The Torah speaks of numerous things that make a person *Tameh*, ritually unclean, and it speaks of a number of processes of purification. ***The one act required in all purification processes was immersion in the Mikvah.***

Life for the average Jew, in the average village, depended on access to the *mikvah*. A man from the tribe of Levi, a son of Aharon could not assume his office as priest until he had gone through a *mikvah*. Before a person could be declared *tahor*, ritually clean, so that he would be allowed to enter the grounds of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, he absolutely had to be immersed in the *mikvah*. The severest punishment was imposed on a person for entering the Temple area in the state of *Tameh*, ritual impurity. A woman in her monthly cycle was required to wear special clothing so all would know that she was in a state of *Niddah* (ritually unclean due to monthly cycle). She would not be *tahor*, ritually clean, until after her seven days of separation, and then only after entering the *mikvah*. Immersion in a *mikvah* is an integral part of conversion to Judaism. Without immersion, conversion is not valid. There are many more times an immersion in a *mikvah* is customary, we will endeavour to explore as many as space permits.

The Mikvah, מִקְוֵה is a ritual bath, the Hebrew word Mikvah, מִקְוֵה, means a collection of water, an immersion pool, a reservoir, it also means, **hope**, expected, it is from the word Quvah, קוּוֹה, which means, he waited for, expected, hoped for, he lay in wait for, it is also the part of the word of the Yisraeli anthem, called the HaTiQvah.

Two direct references in the Bible to Mikvah are in Scripture. In *Leviticus 11:36* where it is written:  
*Only a spring and a pit, a gathering of water, (מִקְוֵה-מַיִם, Miqveh Mayim) shall be clean.*

The second is *Jeremiah 17:12-13* as it is written:

*A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O YHVH, the hope of Yisrael, מִקְוֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה, Miqveh Yisrael YHVH, all that forsake You, shall be ashamed, and they that depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken YHVH, the fountain of living waters, מְקוֹר מַיִם-חַיִּים אֶת-יְהוָה, Meqor Mayim Chayiym Et YHVH.*

The word translated *hope* in *verse 13* is *Miqvah*, thus giving us the understanding that Messiah **IS** the cleansing fountain, the *Miqvah* if you will or, **the Hope of Yisrael**, our heavenly Father's one and only family, of whom we are a part of.

Please remember, that we are told in *John 19:34*, that while Messiah still hung, on the cross, *a Roman soldier, pierced His side with a spear, and forthwith came there out blood and water*; which I believe is an allusion to the opening of the *cleansing fountain* or *Miqvah* for Yisrael.

Compare that to what is written in *Zechariah 13:1*, where it says: *In that day, there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for Sin and for uncleanness* (for the forgiveness of the transgressions of the people of Yisrael).

I have said all of this, so that you can know that the immersion process, which they call, baptism, is something that was happening long before Messiah came on the scene, and when Messiah was immersed in water (baptized), He was just confirming the process by which we can, and will all be

cleansed, **BY** the Water of the Word of our heavenly Father, which is the water that proceeded from Messiah, when He was pierced on the cross, where He eventually died in our stead, so that we could have everlasting Life with Him, **IF** we choose to walk in His Torah obedient footsteps. Amein

*Verse 5 And there went out unto him, **ALL** the people of the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all immerse (baptized, went through a Miqvah) of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins, their transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.*

*Verse 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts*

(ארבה, Arbah, locust, it is from the word Arav, which means, to devastate, to lie in wait, to be crafty, skilful, was proficient, if we remove the prefix letter Aleph, we are left with the word Rabah, which means to be or become many, or great, to multiply, was made large, increased, enlarged)

*And wild honey;*

(דבש, Debash, means honey,)

Why do you think YHVH thought it necessary to mention that John, the immerser, was clothed in Camel's hair, and ate locusts and wild honey?

John was sent out by our heavenly Father, with the soul purpose of producing **the sweet and incorruptible fruit that can only come from of the Word of YHVH**, so a people that were sadly lacking the spiritual nourishment that is needed to sustain everlasting Life, could be offered the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, which when obeyed with a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart, leads those people onto everlasting Life.

*Verse 7 And John preached, saying, There is one mightier than I, that comes after me, I am not even worthy to stoop down and unloose the latchet of His shoe.*

John's whole life was devoted to obey all the Words of our heavenly Father, and **DO** what YHVH had Commanded him to do from inside his mother's womb, and even though, he was this devout believer in YHVH, and was very zealous in carrying out the Word of our heavenly Father, and therefore, he says, there is one that is coming after me, and John said, I am not even worthy of unloosing the latchet of his shoe.

Now I would like you to just take a moment and try and picture yourself in John's shoes, and try and understand the mindset of John, at this time, a time where he was totally devoted to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father, and tell the whole world about it, and he says, the One that is coming after me, meaning Messiah, is much greater than I am. This tells us that John had a very humble heart, and he knew in his heart, that the Word of Elohim, which was now manifested in the flesh, in the form of Yeshua the Messiah, was the epitome of purity, and John knew that he himself, was **NOT**.

*Verse 8 I indeed have baptized you with water: **BUT** He, Yeshua, shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*

This is confirming what YHVH spoke of in *Ezekiel 36:26-27*, *A new heart also will I YHVH give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and CAUSE you to walk in My Statutes, and you SHALL KEEP My Judgments (the Words of My Torah of Life), and DO THEM)*

*Verse 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Yeshua came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was immersed, was guided through the Miqvah מִקְוָה, service (baptizō in Greek, and baptized in English) by John in the Jordan river.*

*Verse 10 And immediately after, as He came out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him: 11 And there came a Voice from heaven, saying, YOU are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

After Messiah went through His Miqvah, and came out of the water, we are told that the heavens opened up, and that the Holy Spirit descended upon Messiah, and that there was a Voice that uttered the Words, *You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*. This just confirms what is said in *John 1:14*, *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of GRACE and TRUTH.*

*Verse 12 And immediately the Holy Spirit took Him into the wilderness. 13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, and He was tempted by Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.*

We are not told how the Holy Spirit took Messiah into the wilderness, BeMidbar, בְּמִדְבָּר, we are only told that He was taken to the wilderness. This word BeMidbar is from the word Midbar, which does mean the wilderness, and that tells us that Messiah also went through His wilderness experience as the people, of Yisrael did, and the fact that Messiah's wilderness experience lasted *forty* days, is a shadow picture of Yisrael's forty Year wilderness journey where they too were tested, for the number forty in Scripture speaks of a time of testing. Therefore just like Yisrael was tested for *forty* years, so too, was Messiah, tested for *forty* days, but He passed the test, while the people of Yisrael who refused to go into the Promised Land, did *NOT* pass the test, and they perished in the wilderness, but their children, their sons and daughters were the ones that made it into the Promised Land.

Next we are told that a short time after John had guided Messiah through His Miqvah, he was placed in prison, and that Messiah went on and preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim.

*Verse 14 Now after John was put in prison, Yeshua came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of Elohim,*

What is the Gospel according to Scripture?

Well, here in *Mark 1:14* *Now after that John was put in prison, Yeshua came into Galilee, preaching the GOSPEL of the Kingdom of Elohim, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Elohim IS at hand: repent you, and believe the GOSPEL.*

Here Yeshua Himself is Commanding everyone that hears the *GOSPEL*, to Believe it, and in

*Ephesians 1:13* we are told that the **GOSPEL IS** YHVH's **ETERNAL TRUTH** and YHVH's **ETERNAL TRUTH** is defined in Scripture, as the Words of His Torah of Life, *Psalm 119:142*

*Matthew 4:23* And Yeshua went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **GOSPEL of the Kingdom**, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease (including mental diseases) among the people.

This tells us that wherever Yeshua preached the **GOSPEL**, He also healed all manner of sickness and diseases that were in that place. Therefore the **GOSPEL** is forever associated with **HEALING**.

*Matthew 9:35* And Yeshua went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **GOSPEL of the Kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

As I mentioned above Yeshua wanted everyone to associate the teaching of the **GOSPEL** with **Healing**, for when the **GOSPEL** is believed and followed **it brings healing to our souls**

*Matthew 11:4* Yeshua answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which you do **hear** (shemah) and **see**: *5* The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the **GOSPEL** preached to them.

Again and again throughout the Apostolic Scripture we see that the **GOSPEL** of Messiah **IS** associated with **Healing**.

*Matthew 24:14* And this **GOSPEL of the Kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a **WITNESS** unto all nations; and then shall the end come. The **Gospel of the Kingdom** is a metaphor for **the Constitution of the Kingdom**, which happens to be, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life

A **Witness** of **WHAT**, a **Witness** of YHVH's eternal **TRUTH**, for according to Paul, the **GOSPEL, IS YHVH's TRUTH** and according to Scripture, **YHVH's TRUTH IS the Words of His Torah of Life**.

*Mark 8:35* For whosoever will save his life **SHALL lose it; BUT** whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the **GOSPEL's**, the same **SHALL SAVE IT**.

Here, Mark is confirming that anyone who **dies** because they willingly and lovingly chose to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Torah of YHVH, the **GOSPEL of Messiah** and taught other people to do the same, **WILL have everlasting Life**.

*Mark 10:29* And Yeshua answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father; or mother; or wife, or children, or lands, **for My sake**, and the **GOSPEL**, *30* But he shall receive a **hundredfold** now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Here Yeshua assures **ALL** people, that anyone that leaves his house, his family, his lands and follows the prompting of YHVH's Holy Spirit to go and preach the **GOSPEL**, will **NOT** suffer any loss, and as a matter of fact, according to Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, that person **will receive a hundredfold** what he sacrificed, to preach the Word that YHVH Commanded him to do.

*Mark 13:10 And the **GOSPEL** must first be published among **all nations**.*

Here we are told that we, as believers in the Elohim of Abraham Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov, **MUST PUBLISH** or make **KNOWN** the **GOSPEL**, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, which were manifested in the flesh, as Messiah, to **ALL** the nations of the world. This is an Elohim given mandate for every one, that professes to be a believer in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov.

*Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go you into all the world, and preach the **GOSPEL** to every creature.*

If we call ourselves followers of Messiah, followers of the Living Torah made flesh, **THEN** this message, **IS** for all of us, and Messiah tells us that we **ARE** to preach the Words of the **GOSPEL** of Messiah, which, as I said above, **IS** synonymous with the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father. Now, since Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, that means that when we first choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and actually live it out, in the exact same manner that Messiah lived it out, and taught us to do, and then teach all the people that we come in contact with, to follow and obey the Words of the **GOSPEL** of Messiah, who **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, and we can only do that, **IF** we have surrendered our hearts to Him in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of the Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah

*Luke 4:18 The Holy Spirit of YHVH is upon Me, because He has **ANOINTED ME** to preach the **GOSPEL** to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of YHVH.*

When Messiah said that the Holy Spirit of YHVH was upon Him, He was referring to *Ezekiel 36:25-27* where it says *Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you **SHALL be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.** A New heart also will I give you, and a New spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. **AND I WILL PUT MY HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU,** and **CAUSE** you to walk in My Statutes, and you shall **KEEP** My Judgments, My Torah of Life, and **DO** them.*

Messiah Himself, says, that He was filled with the Holy Spirit of YHVH, and here in *Ezekiel 36* we are told that our heavenly Father fills every contrite surrendered heart, with His Holy Spirit, who **IS** tasked with the specific purpose of **CAUSING all of** us, that will allow Him, to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, which is **EXACTLY** what Messiah **IS DOING**, He is obeying **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father and walking in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life.

*Luke 7:22 Then Yeshua answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that **the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,** to the poor the **GOSPEL** is preached.*

Here again. Yeshua associates the preaching of the **GOSPEL** with the healing of sickness and diseases, including mental illnesses, broken bones, leprosy, blindness, deafness to name but a few, by and through our heavenly Father.

*Luke 9:6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the **GOSPEL**, and **HEALING** every where.*

This theme of associating the preaching of the **GOSPEL with Healing, IS a re-occurring theme throughout the Apostolic Scriptures.**

*Luke 20:1 And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple, and preached the **GOSPEL**, the chief priests and the scribes came upon Him with the elders, And spoke unto Him, saying, Tell us, by what authority do You do these things? Or who is He that gave You this authority?*

Even the chief priest and the Scribes recognized that when Messiah preached the **GOSPEL**, people were healed, and they wanted to know by what **AUTHORITY** He was doing all of these things. The chief or High Priest and the Scribes, should have known, by what authority Messiah was doing all of these things, for their **IS only ONE** that is sovereign and heals people, through His chosen vessels, and that is our heavenly Father.

*Acts 8:25 And they, when they had testified and preached the **Word of YHVH**, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the **Gospel** (Torah) in many villages of the Samaritans.*

Here in this *verse* of the book of Acts, the Word of YHVH, which of course **IS** His eternal **TRUTH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, is associated with the **GOSPEL**, when it says that they testified and preached to **Word of YHVH**, His Torah of Life and **then**, they preached the **GOSPEL** in many villages, YHVH is showing us, that the **GOSPEL** of Messiah and the **WORD** of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life, **ARE** one and the same teaching, they are echad they are **ONE**.

*Acts 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, you **KNOW** how that a good while ago, Elohim made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the Word of the **GOSPEL**, and **BELIEVE**.*

What were the gentiles to be taught to believe according to Paul? They were to be taught to believe the Words of the **GOSPEL**, and according to Scripture, the **GOSPEL IS** YHVH's **ETERNAL TRUTH**, and Scripture defines YHVH's **ETERNAL TRUTH** as the Words of His Torah of Life, (*Psalms 119:142*)

*Acts 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that YHVH had called us to preach the **GOSPEL** unto them.*

Here it is pretty evident that Paul was prompted by the Holy Spirit of YHVH to go into Macedonia and preach the **GOSPEL**. In Scripture in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* we are told that YHVH fills all believers' hearts with His Holy Spirit, who is then tasked, by YHVH Himself, to **CAUSE** every surrendered contrite obedient heart to obey the Words of His Torah of Life, and here we are told that the Spirit of YHVH prompted them to go into Macedonia to **PREACH** the **GOSPEL**. Well, **IF** Scripture is correct, and the Holy Spirit **IS** given to us by YHVH to **CAUSE** us to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of the Father's Torah, then what do you think the Holy Spirit was prompting Messiah, Paul and His disciples to teach? The text makes it very obvious, that Messiah, and His disciples along with Paul and

all his disciples preached the Words of YHVH's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life that was given to Mosheh, at Mount Sinai, which is the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, to all that would listen to them.

*Verse 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled*

What time is fulfilled? The time of the coming of our heavenly Father's Living Torah made flesh.

*And the kingdom of Elohim **IS** at hand:*

That means that the kingdom of Elohim is near us, and in *Luke 17:20-21 And when Messiah was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of Elohim should come, He answered them and said, The kingdom of Elohim does **NOT** come with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! For, behold, the kingdom of Elohim **IS** within you.*

The only way that the kingdom of Elohim can be within us, **IS, IF we willingly choose to internalize the constitution of the Kingdom of Elohim**, which, of course, **IS**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and then, commit to zealously believe, follow and obey it, every day of our lives.

*Repent, and believe the Gospel.*

Repent and believe the Gospel of **TRUTH**, the Words of My inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of My Torah of Life.

*Verse 16 Now as He walked by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen. 17 And Yeshua said unto them, Come and follow Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. 18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed Him. 19 And when He had gone a little further, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. 20 And straightway He called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after Him.*

Why would Simon and Andrew, James and John, immediately drop the nets they were working on, leave their father, and follow Messiah?

Their hearts must have been searching for the Truth, and when the Truth, the Words of Living Torah made flesh, was right there in front of them, I believe that the Holy Spirit prompted them, to follow Messiah, the Living Word of our heavenly Father made flesh.

*Verse 21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Shabbat day, He entered into the synagogue, and taught. 22 And they were **astonished at His doctrine:***

**WHY?**

*For He taught them as One that has authority, and **NOT** as the scribes.*

Well, as I said above, **IF** Messiah **IS** indeed the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, as Scripture confirms that He is, and it says here, that the people that were listening to Him in the synagogue, were

*astonished by His Doctrine*, which of course, **IS the Doctrine of our heavenly Father**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, who was now manifested in the flesh; therefore, we can be assured that Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, was indeed teaching the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father.

Knowing that, we have to ask ourselves, what **doctrine** therefore, were these Jewish people, who were in the synagogue following, **IF** they were astonished by Messiah's Doctrine? Logic tells us, **IT could NOT have been the Words of the Father's Torah of Life**, otherwise they would **NOT have been astonished by it**.

Therefore, that means, that they were accustomed to some other kind of doctrine, and the doctrine that they have been following for hundreds of years, **WAS** the man made doctrine of the Rabbis, their man made oral torah, which is very different from the Doctrine of Messiah, the Words of YHVH's written Torah.

What follows is false Christian theology that would have us believe that a person can be possessed by a demon or an unclean spirit. That is simply **NOT TRUE**, it is a fabrication of the early Catholic church, that incorporated some Greek and Roman mysticism in their man made doctrine, so that they could use fear, to control their people. YHVH told us in Scripture, in the Book of Job, what the devil could and could **NOT** do, and in many other places in Scripture, and the fact is, that the devil is an instrument of YHVH that he uses to punish people who continually transgress the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of life. We have to understand that the devil **has no power** and therefore can do nothing, except what YHVH allows him to do, for like us, he too, **IS** a created being, who answers to and is controlled by the Creator.

*Verse 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, 24 Let us alone; what have we to do with You, You Yeshua of Nazareth? Are You come to **destroy** us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of Elohim.*

This verse should read: *And there was in their synagogue a man whose spirit was unclean; and he cried out, leave me alone, what do I have to do with you, Yeshua of Nazareth? Are you come to one who is apollymi, lost?*

(Lost, is Strong's number G622 ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi, pronounced, ap-ol'-loo-mee, and it is translated as destroy, 26 times, as, perish, 33 times, as, lose, 22 times, as, be lost, 5 times, as, lost, 4 times)

*Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, **BUT** are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him who is able to **destroy** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi) both soul and body in **hell**.*

Strong's number G1067 γέεννα Géenna, pronounced, Gheh'-en-nah of Hebrew origin (01516 and 02011); it is valley of the son of Hinnom; Gehenna or Ge-Hinnom, a valley of Jerusalem, used as a name for the place or state of everlasting punishment. As you can see, there is no hell either, Gehenna means the grave.

*Luke 13:3-5 I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise **perish** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi). 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, do you think that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise **perish** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi).*

*John 3:15-16 That whosoever believes in Him should not **perish** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi), but have eternal life. 16 For Elohim so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should **NOT perish** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi), but have everlasting life.*

*John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never **perish** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi), neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.*

*John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your Name, Father: those that You gave Me I have kept, and **none** of them is **lost** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi), **BUT** the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

*Romans 2:12 For as many as have sinned without the Torah (Law) shall also **perish**, (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi), without the Torah (Law): and as many as have sinned in the Torah, (Law) shall be judged by the Torah (Law);*

*1Corinthians 15:16-18 For if the dead rise not, then is not Messiah raised: 17 And **IF** Messiah is **NOT** raised, your belief, (faith) is vain; you are yet in your Sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Messiah are **perished** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi).*

*2Corinthians 2:14-16 Now thanks be unto Elohim, who always causes us to triumph in Messiah, and makes manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place. 15 For we are unto Elohim a sweet savour of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, in them that are saved, and in them that **perish** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi): 16 To the one we are the savour of **death** unto **death**; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?*

*2Corinthians 4:3-5 But if our Gospel is hidden, it is hidden to them that are **lost** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi): 4 In whom the god of this world, (satan) **has blinded the minds of them who do NOT believe**, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Messiah (he Torah), who is the image of Elohim, should shine unto them. 5 For we do **NOT** preach ourselves, **BUT** we preach Messiah Yeshua the Master; and ourselves your servants, for Yeshua's sake.*

*2Thessalonians 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that **perish** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi): because they did **NOT** receive the love of the **TRUTH**, they did **NOT** love the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED**.*

*James 4:12 There is One Lawgiver, who is able to save and to **destroy** (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi): who are you that judges another?*

*2Peter 3:9 YHVH is **NOT** slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; **BUT** He **IS** longsuffering toward us, **NOT** willing that **ANY SHOULD PERISH**, (ἀπόλλυμι, apóllymi), **BUT** that **ALL** should come to repentance.*

I hope that you can see, that by **HOW** this word, Apollymi, is used in other places, that this man in the synagogue, was **NOT possessed by a devil**, **BUT** that his eyes were blinded from the **TRUTH**, because he, of his own volition, did **NOT** believe the **TRUTH**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Please understand that the Holy Spirit can and does talk to anyone that the Father tells Him to, and that being in the presence of the Living Torah, the presence of purity, is why this man knew that Messiah was the Holy One of Elohim.

*I know You, who You are, the Holy One of Elohim. 25 And Yeshua rebuked him, saying, Hold your peace, and come out of him. 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.*

This is simply telling us that this man was now in his right mind after being driven mad, because of his constant sinful behaviour, his daily transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

*Verse 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What **NEW DOCTRINE** is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they do obey Him.*

This so called **New Doctrine** that these people appear to be experiencing for the first time **IS** the Original Doctrine that YHVH gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, it **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

*James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*Verse 28 And immediately His fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. 29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and right away they tell Him of her. 31 And Messiah came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and **immediately** the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.*

Just like the man in the synagogue, who was brought back to his right mind, in the presence of Messiah, so to, did Simon's wife's mother, relieved of her sickness, for she was **NOT** possessed by a devil or demon, either, she was merely sick.

*Verse 32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were **possessed with devils**.*

(Devil Daimonízomai, Strong's number 1139 δαιμονίζομαι, daimonízomai, pronounced, daheemon-id'-zom-ah-ee, in Thayer's Greek/English Lexicon, on page 123 this word daimonízomai, is defined as, **of the insane**, and they are also defined as persons afflicted with **especially severe diseases**, either bodily or mental, such as paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, **melancholy, insanity**, it is also defined as being under the influence of a devil, or evil, **NOT** possessed, just like Saul was visited and troubled by evil spirits)

Please understand that the word **possessed** is **NOT** in the Greek Script. The Greek word for possessed is Strong's number G5224 ὑπάρχοντα, hypárchonta, pronounced, hoop-ar'-khon-tah, it is neuter plural of present participle active of 5225 which is a noun, which means, things extant or in hand, i.e. property or possessions, goods, that which one has, things which (one) possesses, substance.

*Verse 33 And all the city was gathered together at the door. 34 And Yeshua healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and those that had mental illnesses; and did not suffer the spirit of the*

*man to speak, because he knew Him.*

*Verse 35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, Messiah went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and they that were with Him, followed after Him. 37 And when they had found Him, they said unto Him, All men **SEEK** for You. 38 And He said unto them,*

It would be so wonderful **IF** that statement were true, that all men seek for Messiah, **BUT** Simon was speaking of the people that Messiah had just healed, for they wanted more of Him. I cannot explain in words what it feels like to be in the presence of purity, but I can tell you that I have experienced it once or twice in my life, and it is utterly phenomenal, it was so great that I could not speak. I am not saying that I was visited by Messiah, only that I had a sense of His presence close to me, and that was phenomenal.

*Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for that **IS** why I came forth.*  
Messiah is making it very clear, that He came to preach the Gospel, YHVH's inerrant and everlasting **TRUTH**, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

*Verse 39 And He preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and rebuked devils.*

*Verse 40 And there came a leper to Him, beseeching Him, and kneeling down to Him, and saying unto Him, If You will, You can make me clean.*

Now as you read this *verse*, do you think that this man was actually possessed by the devil or demons or evil spirits, or that the devil made him a leper? The answer is or should be very clear, **NO**, this leper is **NOT** possessed by a devil, he is **JUST** sick with leprosy, just as all the people that Messiah healed, were sick, with either physical or mental illnesses or diseases.

*Verse 41 And Yeshua, was moved with compassion, and put His Hand forth, and touched him, and said unto him, I will; be you clean. 42 And as soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.*

Now stop and think about this for a moment, Messiah put forth His hand and the man that had leprosy was cured immediately, and that is what Messiah came to do, and to teach His own disciples to do the same, and that is, heal the sick, and that includes the people that are overwhelmed and riddled with guilt, which often appears as a mental collapse, a mental diseases.

*Luke 10:9 And Messiah said, go and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of Elohim is come near unto you.*

*Verse 43 And He straightly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; 44 And said unto him, See that you **SAY** nothing to any man: **BUT** go your way, **show yourself to the Priest, and OFFER FOR YOUR CLEANSING those things which Mosheh commanded, FOR A TESTIMONY UNTO THEM.***

Here, it is quite evident that Messiah is instructing this man, whom He has just healed from leprosy, to go to the priest and offer a Sacrifice for His cleansing as Mosheh had Commanded in the Torah, which

means, that Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **WAS, IS and ALWAYS WILL BE** a proponent of our heavenly Father's everlasting Sacrificial system. Amein

The man that had been cured of leprosy, could not contain himself, because of the joy that he felt at being healed of an incurable disease, and therefore, he went out and told as many people as he could, and he gave the glory to Messiah.

*Verse 45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Yeshua could no more openly enter into the city, **BUT** was without, in desert places: and they came to Him from every quarter.*

Messiah could no longer stay in the city because He was thronged by people who wanted to be healed of their ailments, illnesses and or diseases, whether physical or mental. Please understand that Messiah healed then even though some of them never came back to thank Him for it, for Messiah wanted them to see the benefits of walking in His footsteps of total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Amein.

*Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.*

*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*