

# “What Time is It?”

Based on Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)

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*Mark 1:14 - After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.*

† **The time has come for Jesus to begin his public ministry.**

† **The time has come for God’s kingdom to begin to rule in people’s lives.**

*Mark 1:15a & b - "The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God is near.*

† **When Jesus says “The kingdom of God is near” it can be translated to mean “the Kingdom of God is within your reach.”**

† **God has brought His kingdom within my reach through Jesus.**

*Mark 1:15c - (Jesus says) “Repent and believe the good news!”*

† **To repent is an “I can’t” experience.**

† **Repenting is coming to God confessing, “I can’t change on my own. I need God’s help. ”**

† **To believe is more than saying I believe in God, it is living that belief.**

† **God, through Christ, has put the Kingdom of God within my reach. Now, it is up to me to grasp it by repenting and believing**

## **Applying Today’s Message to My Life:**

† What is happening in my life now? Where am I on my own personal clock?

† Do I just talk about God ... or do I realize He is within my reach, within my midst, at all times?

† God calls people, through Christ, to tell them that the Kingdom of God is within their reach.

- Some don’t hear him.
- Some hear him but pay no attention.
- And some genuinely want to experience it so they repent and believe.

Which am I?

† What is one thing in my life I will turn over to God’s control (repent) and believe God’s will will be done?