

Study Guide

Mark 1:1-8

1. Share some of your initial thoughts and impressions from the sermon. What is unique about the gospel of Mark?
2. What is the implication of a human (Jesus Christ) being the Son of God (v.1)? (See also John 14:6 & Acts 4:12).
3. In verses 2-3, John quotes from Isaiah and Malachi. Discuss the implications of the following terms: "written", "messenger", and "prepare".
4. According to v. 4-5 describe the message John was preaching and the response of the people. Why the wilderness? What is repentance? What does it mean to be forgiven by God?
5. Read v. 6-7. Discuss what John the Baptist was like. What can we learn from him?
6. After our own wilderness, repentance and forgiveness God offers us the ability to be filled with the Holy Spirit (v.8). How can this make a difference in our lives?

Application

What might God be calling you to do based on this account of renewal? Can we simplify our lives? Is there something to turn from and towards? Can less be more? Do we need to humble ourselves? Take some quiet time together to reflect on this and perhaps to share some thoughts and prayers around this topic.

Message Slides

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1. Synopsis

Matthew- Jesus, Son of David- Jews

Mark- Jesus, Son of God- Romans

Luke- Jesus, Savior of the world- Gentiles

John- Jesus, the Lamb of God- Early Church

2. Uniqueness

88 stories

40 "immediately"

21 miracles

15 emoji's

3. Authorship- Who was John Mark?

4. Theme- Servant-King

See video- *The Bible Project* (0:00-4:55 min).

<https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/?category=gospel-series&q=>

A. The Beginning (1:1-3)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

·As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

·the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,'

B. The Message (1:4-5)

·John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the

forgiveness of sins. ·And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

C. The Messenger (1:6-8)

1. Simplicity

·Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

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·And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

C. The Messenger (1:6-8)**1. Simplicity****2. Humility****3. The Holy Spirit**

·I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."