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The Gospel of Mark Mark 1:1-8 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start a new series studying the Gospel of Mark. This will take us on a journey through the ministry of Jesus culminating with His death on the cross for all mankind and His resurrection from the grave. In this first week we will be looking at John the Baptist. John came as the forerunner to the Messiah. He prepared the people to recognize and receive Jesus of Nazareth as the long awaited fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and as the Savior of the world.



Read Mark 1:1-8 (NET)

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way,

³ **the voice of one shouting in the wilderness,**

‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

⁴ In the wilderness John the baptizer began preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.:

⁵ People from the whole Judean

countryside and all of Jerusalem were going out to him, and he was baptizing them in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins.

⁶ John wore a garment made of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “One more powerful than I am is coming after me; I am not worthy to bend down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

🕯 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What was John the Baptist's purpose?

9. How did John the Baptist prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah?

10. According to John, why did the people need to be baptized?

11. What is the difference between John's baptism and the baptism that Jesus' disciples were performing later?

12. Why do you think Jesus was baptized?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Should all believers be baptized? Why?

14. John the Baptist prepared people to hear the message of the Gospel. How can we prepare people to hear the message of the Gospel?

15. What should we teach people about baptism after they have heard the Gospel?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES