

## Good News from Mark

### Week 2: Paving the Path for Change

Mark 1:1-15

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the plan.

##### A. Connection to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began <sup>2</sup> just as the prophet Isaiah had written: "Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. <sup>3</sup> He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!' "*

Mark 1:1-3 (NLT)

*"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."*

Isaiah 40:1-3 (NIV84)

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"This messenger was John the Baptist...<sup>6</sup> His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey."*

Mark 1:4a, 6 (NLT)

*"The king asked them, "What kind of man was it who came to meet you and told you this?" <sup>8</sup> They replied, "He was a man with a garment of hair and with a leather belt around his waist." The king said, "That was Elijah the Tishbite."*

2 Kings 1:7-8 (NIV84)

*"Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. <sup>6</sup> His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers..."*

Malachi 4:5-6a (NLT)

#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of preparation.

##### A. Baptism of \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 1:4-5 (NLT)

*He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. <sup>5</sup> All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River."*

##### B. A holy \_\_\_\_\_.

*" John announced: "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"*

Mark 1:7-8 (NLT)

#### 3. Confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

###### \* Proof of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."*

Mark 1:9-11 (NLT)

###### \* Proof of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him."*

Mark 1:12-13 (NLT)

###### \* Proof of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. <sup>15</sup> "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"*

Mark 1:14-15 (NLT)

##### B. Connection of \_\_\_\_\_.

###### \* In \_\_\_\_\_. \* For \_\_\_\_\_.

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*"So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people." <sup>13</sup> He also said, "I will put my trust in him," that is, "I and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup> Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. <sup>15</sup> Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying."*

Hebrews 2:11-15 (NLT)