

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK - 1

## The Good News of Jesus

**Mark 1:1-5** The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way” —

3 “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

## Where Do You Start The Jesus Story?

**The beginning:**

**3 questions that have to be asked:**

Mark 1:1-5, Luke 3:1-18

- What is the \_\_\_\_\_?

*“Jesus”*: The Good News was a \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Christ”*: The Good News is that we \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Son of God”*: The Good News is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- How do I get this \_\_\_\_\_?

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **9** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” **10** “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

**11** John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

**12** Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

**13** “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

**14** Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

**15** The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. **16** John answered them all, “I baptize you with [b] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” **18** And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

This Good News comes by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- **When did my \_\_\_\_\_ begin?**

### **The result of this Good News:**

**Mark 1:6-8** John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Our life will point to our \_\_\_\_\_, not our \_\_\_\_\_.

