

Eyes to See, Ears to Hear

Read the Whole Text: Mark 3-4

Core Verses: Mark 4:

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

March Memory Verse:

"The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"-Mark 1:15



Gospel of Mark

**Genre: Greco-Roman
"Gospel" narrative**

Description of a person through their deeds and words, detailing their death as the final revelation of their character

Context

1st century Jewish/Roman world

Author

Strong early tradition that the author is John Mark writing in Rome around 55-65 AD. Mark is writing what he heard from Peter about the life of Jesus

Additional Resources

Watch:

"Mark" from the Bible Project

Or

Podcast: "What does the word "Gospel" mean from the Bible Project

Questions for Reflection During the Week

Read the selected text above from Mark 4: three times:

What do you notice in the text above?

Are there key words? Who are the main characters?

What do the characters do?

What do you learn about God from this text?

What do you learn about humans?

Space for Sunday Notes:



Digging Deeper

Read Jonah 1

What parts of this story sound familiar to this week's reading in Mark 4

What parts of Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4 are different than the story of Jonah? Why might that be?

Where is Jesus going? How is it similar to where Jonah was sent?

What does Jesus' mission "to the other side of the lake" reveal about the goal of His ministry?

What is the answer to the disciples' question: "Who is this man?" Why do you believe that's the answer?