

Good News Now

Read the Whole Text: Mark 1-2

Core Verses: Mark 1:9-15

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

"How to read the Bible with your head (and not lose your heart)

Questions for Reflection During the Week

Read the selected text above from Mark 1:1-15 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

What does the word "Gospel" mean?

Who does Mark tell us Jesus is at the beginning of His Gospel? Why is this important?

Where did the voice come from that said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."? Where have we heard that phrase before (hint: Genesis 22). What might Mark be suggesting?

How many days in the wilderness was Jesus being tempted by Satan? Why is that number important?

After John the Baptist was put in prison, Jesus began proclaiming the good news of God in Galilee. What two responses did Jesus say were appropriate when hearing the good news of God?