

1. Read the verses in the introduction section. As you reflect on what we know about Mark, how do you relate to him?
2. Even though Mark made mistakes, God didn't give up on him and Mark continued to grow in his faith. How does this encourage you in your walk?
3. In Mark's opening sentence, how did he summarize the message of the good news?
4. John the Baptist lived and ministered in the wilderness. Why would the "wilderness" be an appropriate place to repent and confess your sins? (Hint: 40 days in the wilderness after leaving Egypt)
5. What obstacles get in the way of our spiritual growth?
6. How is the Trinity seen in Jesus' baptism?
7. Why was Jesus baptized since he never sinned and didn't need repentance?
8. What does it mean that God tests, but Satan tempts?
9. The world is desperate for good news, if you could share the message of the Gospel in one minute, what would you say?
10. Close in prayer.

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Answers to fill in the blanks:
 1. A. JOHN MARK B. APOSTLES 1) MOTHER'S HOME 2) CERTAIN YOUNG MAN C.
 BARNABAS D. DESERTED E. PETER
 2. A. PETER B. LATE 60S AD C. ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT
 THE THEME 1. BOOK 2. ANOINTED 3. ROMANS
 THE FORERUNNER 1. YAHWEH 2. SPIRITUAL 3. HEART
 THE BAPTISM 1. CROSS 2. SIMULTANEOUSLY
 THE TEMP TATION 1. NEUTRAL 2. FOREGO
 THE MESSAGE 1. THREE 2. OPPOSITE 3. TRUST

GOOD NEWS!

MARK 1:1-15

INTRODUCTION

1. Who Was Mark?

- A. His Name – _____
 (Acts 12:25)
- B. Not one of the _____, but he was there.
 - 1) His _____ was a gathering place for the early church.

Acts 12:12 (CSB)

¹² As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many had assembled and were praying.

- 2) A _____

Mark 14:51–52 (CSB)

⁵¹ Now a certain young man, wearing nothing but a linen cloth, was following him. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

- C. Cousin of _____.
- D. 1st Missionary Journey – Mark _____
 (Acts 13:13, 15:37-38)
- E. Likely restored by _____. (Colossians 4:10-11, Philemon 24, 2 Timothy 4:11, 1 Peter 5:13)

2. The Gospel of Mark

- A. Mark wrote what was preached by _____.
- B. Written around the death of Peter, _____
- C. History has Mark ministering in _____

THE _____

Mark 1:1 (CSB)

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1. The Gospel – “*euangelion*” is not a _____, but the message of salvation. Good News! Used 8 times by Mark, 3 of those in chapter one.
2. The Christ – “*christos*” means an _____ royal figure. (Hebrew – “Messiah”)
3. The Son of God – Mark wrote to _____ that Jesus, not Caesar, is God and the true divine King.

Is Jesus Christ the King of your heart?

THE _____

Mark 1:2–8 (CSB)

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: **See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.** ³ **A voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight!** ⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ John wore a camel-hair garment with a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “One who is more powerful than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

1. The Hebrew word for “Lord” is _____, the covenant name for God. Both Isaiah and Mark are saying Jesus is God!
2. The royal herald or forerunner would clear literal roads of physical debris. John sought to remove _____ obstacles of sinful pride and unbelief.
3. Baptism of Repentance was a demonstration of their change of _____ as they prepared for the coming Messiah.

What spiritual obstacles do you face today?

THE _____

Mark 1:9–11 (CSB)

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. ¹⁰ As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.”

1. The baptism of Jesus looked forward to the _____, just as Christian baptism now looks back to it. Baptism is a picture of Christ’s death and resurrection. It is a way to teach the gospel!
2. Each member of the Trinity was _____ present at Jesus’ baptism.

THE _____

Mark 1:12–13 (CSB)

¹² Immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

1. “Tempted” is a morally _____ term that simply means “to test.”
2. Satan tempted Jesus to _____ the cross and use his sovereign privilege. (see Matthew 4 and Luke 4)

THE _____

Mark 1:14–15 (CSB)

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: ¹⁵ **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”**

1. The kingdom is _____ dimensional:
 - A. Spiritual Kingdom – Present - invisible, spiritual
 - B. Millennial Kingdom – Future – literal, earthly
 - C. Eternal Kingdom – After the Millennial Kingdom
2. Repent means to turn to the _____ way. *Are you moving toward God or away?*
3. The Gospel of Jesus is good news that you can _____! *Will you believe today?*