

## MARK 1:1-13 New International Version

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of God,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way”<sup>[c]</sup>—

<sup>3</sup> “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.”<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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

### Footnotes:

- a. [Mark 1:1](#) Or *Jesus Christ. Messiah* (Hebrew) and *Christ* (Greek) both mean *Anointed One*.
- b. [Mark 1:1](#) Some manuscripts do not have *the Son of God*.
- c. [Mark 1:2](#) Mal. 3:1-5
- d. [Mark 1:3](#) Isaiah 40:3-5

## MARK 1:1-13 THE MESSAGE

<sup>1-3</sup> The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Watch closely: I’m sending my preacher ahead of you;  
He’ll make the road smooth for you.  
Thunder in the desert!  
Prepare for God’s arrival!  
Make the road smooth and straight!

<sup>4-6</sup> John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

<sup>7-8</sup> As he preached he said, “The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will change your life. I’m baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out.”

<sup>9-11</sup> At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God’s Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: “You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.”

<sup>12-13</sup> At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan. Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him.

## **R**ead

Slowly & intentionally read the passage several times.

## **E**xamine

Gain a deeper understanding by asking questions of the passage (Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?) and looking at cross reference footnotes. *Hint: what do those other passages reveal about Christ?*  
Make notes along the way.

## **A**pply

Identify if there is any area of thinking or action that God may want you to respond to based on the passage.

## **P**ray

Respond to God with praise, thanksgiving, confession, and obedience.