

THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

MARK 1:1-20

1. The Gospel _____ with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (v.1)
 - Gospel = _____.
 - Mark tells us who Jesus _____ before it tells us anything about what He has _____.
 - Jesus is the Christ – the _____.
 - Jesus is the Son of God.

2. John the Baptist _____ the way for Jesus. (v.2-8)
 - God keeps His promises. *Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5*
 - John's ministry and baptism were preparing the way for Jesus, who is mightier than John.
 - Real preparation for the Kingdom of God begins with _____.

3. At Jesus' baptism: (v.9-11)
 - God the Father _____ the Son.
 - Jesus gives us an _____ to follow.
 - Jesus didn't "need" to be baptized because Jesus was sinless.
 - Jesus was baptized where _____ stand, so sinners could stand where _____ stands — _____ by the Father! *Mark 15:33-38*

4. The Son is tested in the wilderness and _____ where _____ and _____ had failed. (v.12-13) *Hebrews 4:14-16*
 - Jesus is simultaneously our _____ and our victorious _____ before the Father!

5. As Jesus' ministry begins, His message is clear: "_____ and _____ the Gospel!" (v.14-15)
 - The Kingdom message that Jesus gives us isn't about trying _____, doing better, or being _____.
 - It is a call to turn from your _____ and put your _____ in Him!

6. Jesus calls _____ people to come and follow Him. (v.16-20)
 Following Jesus will:
 - _____ you something.
 - Call you to _____.
 - _____ who you are.
 - Give you _____.

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MARK 1:1-20

1. The Gospel BEGINS with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (v.1)
 - Gospel = GOOD NEWS.
 - Mark tells us who Jesus IS before it tells us anything about what He has DONE.
 - Jesus is the Christ – the ANOINTED ONE.
 - Jesus is the Son of God.
2. John the Baptist PREPARES the way for Jesus. (v.2-8)
 - God keeps His promises. *Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5*
 - John's ministry and baptism were preparing the way for Jesus, who is mightier than John.
 - Real preparation for the Kingdom of God begins with REPENTANCE.
3. At Jesus' baptism: (v.9-11)
 - God the Father AFFIRMS the Son.
 - Jesus gives us an EXAMPLE to follow.
 - Jesus didn't "need" to be baptized because Jesus was sinless.
 - Jesus was baptized where SINNERS stand, so sinners could stand where THE SON stands — ACCEPTED by the Father! *Mark 15:33-38*
4. The Son is tested in the wilderness and SUCCEEDS where ADAM and ISRAEL had failed. (v.12-13) *Hebrews 4:14-16*
 - Jesus is simultaneously our EXAMPLE and our victorious INTERCESSOR before the Father!
5. As Jesus' ministry begins, His message is clear: "REPENT and BELIEVE the Gospel!" (v.14-15)
 - The Kingdom message that Jesus gives us isn't about trying HARDER, doing better, or being MORE RELIGIOUS.
 - It is a call to turn from your SINS and put your FAITH in Him!
6. Jesus calls ORDINARY people to come and follow Him. (v.16-20)
Following Jesus will:
 - COST you something.
 - Call you to ACTION.
 - CHANGE who you are.
 - Give you GREATER PURPOSE.