

# Mark Study Guide for 11-14-18

## Verses 1:1-8

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1. Jesus comes to display in all he says and does the once hidden character of our God.
2. Jesus is One with God. Jesus is God!
3. John the Baptist was to prepare the way for Jesus.
4. John the Baptist preached about repentance.
5. People unwilling to change could not come to Jesus.
6. John the Baptist, also offered water baptism as a sign of repentance.
7. John declared the greatness of Jesus.
8. John wasn't worthy to be Jesus' humblest slave!
9. John said he was so unworthy to even untie Jesus' shoes, a job that slaves usually did.
10. We too can speak of Jesus who is about to appear again.
11. We can urge people to change their hearts and minds about God and receive forgiveness.
12. We can promise that those who do look to God's Son, Jesus, will not only be forgiven but will also receive God's gift of the Holy Spirit.
13. We can understand our mission in life is similar to John the Baptist or Jim Smith's, and that is to "prepare the way for the Lord" in the hearts and lives of our friends and relatives and co-workers and neighbors.
14. Mark gives us some amazing insights into leadership.
15. There were a number of leaders seen in Mark's Gospel. Some good, some not so good but we learn lessons from them all.
16. Effective leadership requires no worldly credentials.
17. Leaders who are change agents always transform the traditional paradigm.
18. Healthy leaders are first servants.
19. Effective leaders balance the need for solitude and socializing.

20. Good leaders provide security and confidence for their followers.
21. The greater the leader, the greater the humility and sacrifice required.
22. Principles serve effective leaders so leaders can effectively serve the people.
23. Good Leaders prepare the way for Change.
24. One of the marks of an excellent leader is how he or she brings about transformation in people and organizations.
25. . Since this Messiah would be very different from what everyone expected, John had to get the people ready for this radical shift.
26. To lead others, you need to know what must happen. You must be able to pull it off. And you need to be able to take others with you. John the Baptist shows us.

