The Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Mark 1:1-11

I. Colossians and Mark
   a. Both focus on Jesus Christ
   b. Colossians
      i. Supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ
      ii. Breathtaking picture of who Jesus Christ is
   c. Mark
      i. The Suffering Servant
   d. All that Paul writes about Jesus should be used as we look at Mark

II. Opening chapters of Mark compared to the Other Gospel accounts
   a. Matthew and Luke
      i. Begin around the time of Jesus' birth
         1. Luke covers the appearing of Gabriel to both Zacharias and Mary—John leaping in his mother's womb at Mary's voice
      ii. Include a genealogy of Jesus earthly ancestors
      iii. Give details of Jesus birth and early childhood
   b. John
      i. Begins even earlier—In the Beginning
         1. Before time began—John 1:1-2
         2. Declares the eternality and advent of Jesus—John 1:14

III. Overall theme verse of Mark
   a. Mark 10:45

   45) "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

IV. Today's passage: Mark 1:1-11

V. Immediately Mark introduces us to several credible witnesses
   a. Introduce to and affirm the authority of Jesus the Christ

b. That Jesus was truly all He claimed to be

VI. Witnesses

a. Mark
   i. Living in Jerusalem—was an eyewitness to Jesus last days in the city
   ii. Something drove him to Antioch/Paul and Barnabas 1st missionary journey
   iii. Identifies Jesus as the Son of God—Mark 1:1; Heb. 1:2-3
b. Three prophets/ Three different eras—quote in verses 2 and 3
   i. Moses—Ex. 23:20—From the Torah/oldest
   ii. Isaiah—Is. 40:3—active 739-686 BC; Most quoted OT prophet
   iii. Malachi—Mal.3:1—Most recent OT prophet/last book of OT canon
c. John the Baptist—verses 4-8
   i. Last of OT prophets before the ministry of Jesus began
   ii. Promised forerunner of the Messiah/likened Elijah
      1. 2 Kings 1:8
   iii. Was not Jesus, but his sole purpose, from before birth, was to point others/sinners to Jesus Christ
d. Holy Spirit—verses 9-10
   i. Descends as a dove would—prophesy
      1. Isaiah 11:2; 42:1
   ii. Shadow of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-17
   iii. An anointing—Is 61:1
e. God the Father—verse 11
   i. You are My Beloved Son, in You I am Well-Pleased—no other called 'My Son" by the Father
   ii. Audible—other times God spoke from the heavens He was heard
   iii. No higher testimony/witness can possibly be given to authenticate and consecrate 'The Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God'