

**Second Chances: An Unlikely Messenger**  
**Mark 1:1-13**

**MAIN POINT:** Announce Jesus as the Good News.

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Mark 10:45 (NIV):** <sup>45</sup>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.”

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Mark 1:1 (NIV):** The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

**What is the “good news” or “gospel”?**

*euangelion* is the “good news” about the salvation God has provided through Jesus Christ.

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**Mark 1:2-3 (NIV):** <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>3</sup>“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

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**Mark 1:4-8 (NIV):** <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<sup>[e]</sup> water, but he will baptize you with<sup>[f]</sup> the Holy Spirit.”

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Mark 1:9-11 (NIV):** <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.”

**Why was Jesus baptized?**

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Mark 10:38 (NIV):** <sup>38</sup>“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Romans 6:3 (NIV):** <sup>3</sup>Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Isaiah 42:1 (NIV):** “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

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**Mark 1:12-13 (NIV):** <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.

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**Hebrews 4:15 (NIV):** <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.