

Mark 1:1-15 ESV

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

*"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,*

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Now Is The Time

Good News Now: The Gospel of Mark

Session 1

Today: Now is the time to make the decision for eternal life.

1. The Beginning

Mark 1:1-3

God prepares a long time for SUDDENLY

Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 40:3

2. The Preparation

Mark 1:4-8

STOP and TURN: Repentance

CONFESS Forgiveness

EXPECT the Promise

3. The Good News

Mark 1:9-11

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

I am IN Christ

Romans 6:3-6, Ephesians 1:13, 3:6

4. The Decision

Mark 1:14-15

Time is fulfilled – NOW is the time

Kingdom of heaven is at hand - IMMEDIATE

STOP and TURN

BELIEVE (trust in, rely on, cling to) the Good News