



A dirt path leads through tall, dry grass. The text "THE KINGDOM COMES" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a slight drop shadow. The background is a soft-focus landscape of a field with a path leading into the distance.

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

Mark 1:1 CSB

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The tradition of the early church... affirms consistently that this gospel was written by Mark in Rome as a record of Peter's teaching, most probably while Peter was still alive and therefore not later than the early sixties of the first century.

France, The Gospel of Mark (NIGTC)

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[Some of the earliest manuscripts conclude here]

[Early on the first day of the week, after he had risen, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

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Jewish teachers often combined several texts or parts of texts, especially if they had a key word or words in common (here, “prepare the way”). Thus Mark cites both Isaiah (40:3) and Malachi (3:1) here, although he mentions only Isaiah. Isaiah refers to preparing the way for God, who is coming to restore his people; Malachi refers to God coming in judgment to set matters straight among his people.

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Mark 1:4-5 CSB

To tell Jewish people that they had to be baptized or repent the same way non-Jews did would have been offensive, because it challenged the prevalent Jewish belief about salvation. Most Jewish people thought that if they were born into a Jewish family and did not reject God's law, they would be saved; John told them instead that they had to come to God the same way that non-Jews did. The point of John's baptism is that everyone has to come to God on the same terms.

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Mark 1:4-5 CSB

John wore a camel-hair garment with a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "One who is more powerful than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:6-8 CSB

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Immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

Mark 1:12-13 CSB

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Mark 1:14-15 CSB

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Ready yourself for suffering in this life as you follow Christ

