



Quote:

“When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance or conversion; he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners and to take upon himself the burden of our sins.”

Pope Francis

Dr. Sho's Big Point:

In our Bible study according to the Book of Mark, we find a fast-paced, storytelling account of Jesus' life, leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. The book highlights him as the Messiah and Son of God, who is performing miracles and ministry on his journey to the cross—often speaking in parables, directly confronting religious leaders who sought to condemn him, and building disciples to speak the Good News along the way.

THE BOOK OF MARK

Have Life Church – Virtual Bible Study: Mark 1

In Mark 1, we will look at the significant role of John the Baptist as the messenger and predecessor of the coming Messiah. Jesus begins his true ministry of preaching the message of repentance, teaching forgiveness, moving with compassion, and demonstrating humble servanthood.

Mark 1:7-8, 14-15 NLT

7 John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

14 Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. 15 “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

Teaching Points

1. The Good News
2. John the Baptist Prepares the Way.
3. Jesus Is Baptized and Tempted
4. Jesus Begins Ministry
 - Discipleship
 - Miracles
 - Compassion

Parallel Reading: Consider the following chapters for additional Bible study to parallel Mark 1:

- The Mission of John the Baptist
[Isaiah 40:1-5](#) | [Matthew 3: 1-12](#) | [Luke 3: 1-20](#) | [John 1: 19-28](#)
- The Baptism of Jesus
[Matthew 3:13-17](#) | [Luke 3:21-22](#) | [John 1:29-34](#)
- The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness
[Matthew 4:1-11](#) | [Luke 4:1-13](#)
- Jesus Calls His First Disciples
[Matthew 4:18-22](#) | [Matthew 13:47-52](#) | [Luke 5:1-11](#) | [John 1:35-42](#)
- Jesus Prays and Preaches
[Luke 4:42-44](#)
- Jesus Heals the Leper
[Leviticus 14:1-32](#) | [Matthew 8:1-4](#) | [Luke 5:12-16](#)