

## Mark

1 **T**HE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ, the Son of  
2 God. As it is written in the prophets,

Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.  
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness,  
Make ready the way of the Lord!  
Make his paths straight!

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism  
5 of repentance for forgiveness of sins. All the country of Judea and all  
6 those of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in  
the Jordan river, confessing their sins. John was clothed with camel's  
7 hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild  
honey. He preached, saying, After me comes he who is mightier  
8 than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down  
and loosen. I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the  
Holy Spirit.

It happened in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens parting, and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. A voice came out of the sky, You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 9 10 11

Immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was there in the wilderness forty days tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him. 12 13

Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand! Repent, and believe in the Good News. 14 15

Passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, Come after me, and I will make you into fishers for men. 16 17

Immediately they left their nets, and followed him. Going on a little further from there, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him. They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes. Immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, saying, Ha! What do we have to do with you, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know you who you are: the Holy One of God! 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet, and come out of him! 25

The unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? A new teaching? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him! The report of him went out immediately everywhere into all the region of Galilee and its surrounding area. 26 27 28

29 Immediately, when they had come out of the synagogue, they  
came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.  
30 Now Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and immediately  
31 they told him about her. He came and took her by the hand, and  
32 raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. At evening,  
when the sun had set, they brought to him all who were sick, and  
33 those who were possessed by demons. All the city was gathered  
34 together at the door. He healed many who were sick with various  
diseases, and cast out many demons. He didn't allow the demons to  
speak, because they knew him.

35 Early in the morning, while it was still dark, he rose up and went  
36 out, and departed into a deserted place, and prayed there. Simon  
37 and those who were with him followed after him, and they found  
him, and told him, Everyone is looking for you.

38 He said to them, Let's go elsewhere into the next towns, that I  
39 may preach there also, because I came out for this reason. He went  
into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting  
out demons.

40 A leper came to him, begging him, kneeling down to him, and  
saying to him, If you want to, you can make me clean.

41 Being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and  
42 touched him, and said to him, I want to. Be made clean. When he  
had said this, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he  
43 was made clean. He strictly warned him, and immediately sent him  
44 out, and said to him, See you say nothing to anybody, but go show  
yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing the things which  
Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

45 But he went out, and began to proclaim it much, and to spread  
about the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into a  
city, but was outside in desert places: and they came to him from  
everywhere.

2 When he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was  
2 heard that he was in the house. Immediately many were gathered  
together, so that there was no more room, not even around the door,  
3 and he spoke the word to them. Four people came, carrying a  
4 paralytic to him. When they could not come near to him for the  
crowd, they removed the roof where he was. When they had broken

it up, they let down the mat that the paralytic was lying on. Jesus, 5  
seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, Son, your sins are forgiven  
you.

But there were some of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in 6  
their hearts, Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? Who 7  
can forgive sins but God alone?

Immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned 8  
within themselves, said to them, Why do you reason these things in  
your hearts? Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, Your sins are 9  
forgiven, or to say, Arise, and take up your bed, and walk? But that 10  
you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive  
sins—he said to the paralytic—I tell you, arise, take up your mat, 11  
and go to your house.

He arose, and immediately took up the mat, and went out in 12  
front of them all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God,  
saying, We never saw anything like this!

He went out again by the seaside. All the multitude came to him, 13  
and he taught them. As he passed by, he saw Levi, the son of 14  
Alphaeus, sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, Follow me.  
And he arose and followed him.

It happened, that he was reclining at the table in his house, and 15  
many tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and his  
disciples, for there were many, and they followed him. The scribes 16  
and the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the  
sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, Why is it that he eats  
and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?

When Jesus heard it, he said to them, Those who are healthy have 17  
no need for a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call  
the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and 18  
asked him, Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the  
Pharisees fast, but your disciples don't fast?

Jesus said to them, Can the groomsmen fast while the 19  
bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with  
them, they can't fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom 20  
will be taken away from them, and then will they fast in that day.  
No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, or else 21

the patch shrinks and the new tears away from the old, and a worse  
 22 hole is made. No one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the  
 new wine will burst the skins, and the wine pours out, and the skins  
 will be destroyed, but they put new wine into fresh wineskins.

23 It happened that he was going on the Sabbath day through the  
 grain fields, and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears  
 24 of grain. The Pharisees said to him, Behold, why do they do that  
 which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?

25 He said to them, Did you never read what David did, when he  
 had need, and was hungry—he, and those who were with him?  
 26 How he entered into God's house when Abiathar was high priest,  
 and ate the show bread, which is not lawful to eat except for the  
 27 priests, and gave also to those who were with him? He said to them,  
 28 The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Therefore  
 the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.

3 He entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there  
 2 who had his hand withered. They watched him, whether he would  
 3 heal him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuse him. He said to  
 4 the man who had his hand withered, Stand up. He said to them, Is  
 it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good, or to do harm? To save a  
 5 life, or to kill? But they were silent. When he had looked around at  
 them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their hearts, he  
 said to the man, Stretch out your hand. He stretched it out, and his  
 6 hand was restored as healthy as the other. The Pharisees went out,  
 and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how  
 they might destroy him.

7 Jesus withdrew to the sea with his disciples, and a great multitude  
 8 followed him from Galilee, from Judea, from Jerusalem, from  
 Idumaea, beyond the Jordan, and those from around Tyre and  
 Sidon. A great multitude, hearing what great things he did, came to  
 9 him. He spoke to his disciples that a little boat should stay near him  
 10 because of the crowd, so that they wouldn't press on him. For he had  
 healed many, so that as many as had diseases pressed on him that  
 11 they might touch him. The unclean spirits, whenever they saw him,  
 12 fell down before him, and cried, You are the Son of God! He sternly  
 warned them that they should not make him known.