

Jesus Christ and John the Baptist: The Good News and the Messenger of God

Mark 01:01–08

(Mt. 3:1-12; Lk. 3:1-18; Jn. 1:19-28)

<p>1. <i>The gospel of God</i></p> <p>a. Concerns Jesus Christ, the Son of God</p> <p>b. Began long ago: The prophets foretold it</p> <p>2. <i>The promise of God to send a messenger: To prepare for His Son</i></p> <p>3. <i>The mission of God’s messenger</i></p> <p>a. To be a voice: “Prepare”</p> <p>b. To baptize</p> <p>c. To preach repentance and forgiveness of sins</p> <p>d. The impact: Many responded</p> <p>4. <i>The spirit of God’s messenger: Self-denial</i></p> <p>5. <i>The message of God’s messenger</i></p> <p>a. The pre-eminence of Christ</p> <p>b. The power of Christ</p>	<p>1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.</p> <p>2 It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”</p> <p>3 “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”</p> <p>4 And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.</p> <p>5 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.</p> <p>6 John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.</p> <p>7 And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.</p> <p>8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”</p>
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Jesus Christ and His Baptism: A Decision for God

Mark 01: 09–11

(Mt. 3:13-17; Lk. 3:21-22; Jn. 1:29-34)

**1. A decision and a submission
made by Christ**

**2. A new beginning
and an identification for Christ:
Launched His ministry**

**3. A commissioning
and an empowering
by the Holy Spirit**

**4. An approval
and an encouragement
by God**

9 At that time

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water,
he saw heaven being torn open
and the Spirit
descending on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven:
“You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.”