

The Gospel According to Mark

Here Comes the Savior

Mark 1:1-8



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Introduction:

Prologue (vs. 1) - "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

I. THE FORERUNNER'S PROPHECY (vs. 2-3)

A. Isaiah's Words

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.' "

B. Mark's Application

C. The Significance

II. THE FORERUNNER'S APPEARANCE (vs. 4-6)

A. Where did he show up? (vs. 4)

"John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness..."

"...preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

B. What happened? (vs. 5)

"And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem..."

"and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins."



C. What did he look like? (vs. 6)

“John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist”

“and his diet was locusts and wild honey.”

III. THE FORERUNNER’S MESSAGE (vs. 7-8)

A. His Preaching (vs. 7a)

“And he was preaching, and saying...”

B. His Personal Humility (vs. 7b)

“ ‘After me One is coming who is mightier than I...’ ”

“ ‘...and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.’ ”

C. His Prophecy (vs. 8)

“ ‘I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’ ”

Conclusion:

Food for Thought:

- 1) What is the significance of “the *beginning* of the gospel of Jesus Christ”?
- 2) Why do you think Mark, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, adapted Isaiah’s words about the one who would announce the Lord’s coming?
- 3) How does this passage fit into an identifiable wilderness theme in the rest of the Bible?
- 4) Explain “the baptism of the Holy Spirit”. What other passages would you go to?