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MARK I

### The Proclamation of John the Baptist

**1** The beginning of the good news<sup>a</sup> of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.<sup>b</sup>

**2** As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,<sup>c</sup> "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,<sup>d</sup>

**3** who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;'"


**4** John the baptizer appeared<sup>e</sup> in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with<sup>f</sup> water; but he will baptize you with<sup>g</sup> the Holy Spirit."

### The Baptism of Jesus

**9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;<sup>9</sup> with you I am well pleased."

### The Temptation of Jesus

**12** And the Spirit immediately drove



## People Bible<sup>in</sup> Times

### John the Baptist

God sent John the Baptist to tell people that Jesus the Savior was coming. John faithfully followed God. He baptized many people and told them to ask God to forgive their sins. Jesus came to be baptized, and, even though Jesus had never sinned, John obeyed his request.

him out into the wilderness. **13** He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

**14** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news<sup>a</sup> of God,<sup>h</sup> **15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;<sup>i</sup> repent, and believe in the good news."<sup>a</sup>

### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

**16** As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother

<sup>a</sup> 1.1,14,15 Or gospel <sup>b</sup> 1.1 Other ancient authorities lack the Son of God <sup>c</sup> 1.2 Other ancient authorities read in the prophets <sup>d</sup> 1.2 Gk before your face <sup>e</sup> 1.4 Other ancient authorities read John was baptizing <sup>f</sup> 1.8 Or in <sup>g</sup> 1.11 Or my beloved Son <sup>h</sup> 1.14 Other ancient authorities read of the kingdom <sup>i</sup> 1.15 Or is at hand

## Life in Bible Times

### Fishing

In the first century, fishermen in boats worked on the Sea of Galilee. The fish they caught in their nets were salted or dried and then sold all through the Holy Land. Jesus called his first disciples to be fishers of people instead of fishers of fish (Mark 1.16–18).

