

MESSAGE NOTES

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MESSAGE SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF MARK

WEEK TWO: MARK 1:2-8

(v. 1) Mark makes it clear that Jesus is at the _____ of our faith

¹This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

- His _____ is Jesus (“the Lord saves”)
- His _____ is the “Christ” or the “Messiah” (“the Anointed One”)
- His _____ is “the Son of God”

(vv. 2-3) Mark _____ Old Testament messianic prophecies to Jesus; He is the Messiah, Son of God, is coming!

It began ²just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. ³He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”

- Jesus is the “Sovereign Lord” (ISA 40:10), “shepherd” (ISA 40:11), “incomparable” (ISA 40:18), the “Holy One” (ISA 40:25), “everlasting” and “Creator” (ISA 40:28)

(v. 4) John the Baptist is the _____ prophet of the New Testament time with a radical message

⁴This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.

“I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!” – MATTHEW 11:11

- _____ is the visible as “show and tell” of conversion

- John called the people to _____

(v. 5) There is _____ in the Gospel

⁵All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

- _____ is at the heart of the Christian faith; it leads to repentance and results in forgiveness

(vv. 6-7) Jesus is at the _____ of John’s preaching

⁶His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷John 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.

(v. 8) The time is _____ for the ministry and mission of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God to begin! No more waiting. No more watching. No more wondering.

⁸I baptize you with (“in”) water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- What is the role of _____ and _____ in the Christian faith?
- What role do they play in _____ faith story?
- Are you _____ to what God has done and is doing in your life?
- If you do not _____ that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, what is holding you back?