

## The Baptism of the Servant King

*Mark 1:1-11*

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The theme of **Mark** is to make known Jesus as the Suffering \_\_\_\_\_ King.

### I. Introduction to the *Gospel of Mark*.

Mark was with Peter while Peter spent his last years in the city of Rome; in fact, Peter calls Mark his \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Peter 5:13**

- Early on in the history of the Church, it was believed that John Mark wrote the Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ account of the events that took place during Jesus' earthly ministry.

Rome was the center of the \_\_\_\_\_ world at this time of history and the Holy Spirit inspired Mark to write to that audience.

### II. The Gospel began with the Old Testament. *Mark 1:1-3*

When Jesus was born, the Gospel - which means good news - actually came to humankind. The Good News is a \_\_\_\_\_!

- **The Gospel of Mark** communicates the fact that even though Jesus came as a baby in Bethlehem, the Gospel was predicted in the \_\_\_\_\_ writings of the Old Testament.

The practical lesson for us **preparing the way of the LORD** teaches us that the real preparation takes place in our \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. John the Baptizer. *Mark 1:4-8*

Repentance boils down to one thing: a \_\_\_\_\_. We agree with the Lord about our sinful behavior; we turn from our sin and turn to the Lord instead. It's a 180 degree turn from sin to God.

- For Christians today, we are to practice what is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ baptism, where we identify with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection by being immersed in water.

Even though a Rabbi could ask a student to do anything except take off their sandals - because that was even \_\_\_\_\_ to ask of a slave - John says he was not worthy to loosen Jesus' sandals.

### IV. John baptizes Jesus. *Mark 1:9-11*

Jesus went through John's baptism to identify with man, not because He needed to repent, but because His mission was to do the will of the Father and to \_\_\_\_\_ with, and save, sinful man. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

- When Mark says Jesus saw the heavens opened, he used the vivid word *schizō*, which means to divide, \_\_\_\_\_ open, or rend.

### Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. *What is the main theme of the **Gospel of Mark**?*
2. *Who wrote the Gospel of Mark? Where did the author most likely get the information from? Who was the main audience of this Gospel?*
3. *Discuss how the message of the Gospel was found within the Old Testament prophets. What does that communicate to us about God's plan of redemption?*  
**Psalm 2:6-7, Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 40:3-5, Isaiah 53:12**
4. *What was John's baptism used for? What is repentance? What is a believer's baptism?*  
**Proverbs 28:13, Matthew 3:5-8, Mark 1:5, Acts 3:19, Acts 8:26-40, Acts 19:1-7, 2 Peter 3:9**
5. *Why was Jesus baptized by John with the baptism of repentance? What did this baptism signify?*  
**Genesis 22, Matthew 3:13-15, Romans 5:12-15, Romans 6:23, 2 Corinthians 5:21,**
6. *Discuss how Jesus exemplifies Servant Leadership. How can we live as a Servant Leader?*  
**Mark 10:35-45, John 13:12-17, Philippians 2:1-11, Hebrews 13:7**