



The Gospel of Mark

JESUS

The King Who
Came to Die

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” — ³ “a voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” ⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

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. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1–8

A crown of thorns is positioned around the text, with a bright, glowing light source in the background, creating a dramatic and spiritual atmosphere.

The Fulfillment of the Prophetic Promise & Hope

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Mark 1:1–3



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See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.

Exodus 23:20



The Promise of the Gospel In the Old Testament

“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

Malachi 3:1



The Promise of the Gospel In the Old Testament

A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.”

Isaiah 40:3



The Promise of the Gospel In the Old Testament

Exodus 23:20 contains God's promise to send his messenger before the people on a first exodus through the wilderness to Canaan. In Isaiah 40:3 the messenger announces the second exodus through the wilderness to the final deliverance prepared for God's people. In both the citation from the Law and from the Prophets the theme of an exodus through the wilderness is dominant and appropriate to Mark's conception and purpose.

William Lane



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Mark 1:1–4



The Gospel According To - Isaiah!

You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”

Isaiah 40:9



The image features a crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, framing the central text. The thorns are golden-brown and sharp, set against a background of a bright, cloudy sky. The text is centered and reads:

**The Ministry of the
Messenger -
John the Baptist**

John - A Man of the Wilderness

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Mark 1:4, 6



Calling for Repentance and Baptism in the Wilderness

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
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.

Mark 1:4–5



John - Points To the Once Coming After Him

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. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:7–8



The King Will Give the Spirit

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Isaiah 44:3

(also see Isaiah 32:15; 63:11, 14)



The King Will Give the Spirit

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Ezekiel 36:25–27





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Applying

The Word

A Table In the Wilderness



A Table In the Wilderness?

They spoke against God, saying, “Can God spread a table in the wilderness? ²⁰ He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?”

Psalm 78:19–20



A Table In the Wilderness

