

Mark 1:1-15

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

- 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, [See Matt. 14:33](#) the Son of God.
- 2 [For ver. 2-8, see Matt. 3:1-11; Luke 3:2-16](#) As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, [Cited from Mal. 3:1](#) “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,
- 3 [John 1:23; Cited from Isa. 40:3](#) the voice of one crying in the wilderness: [Luke 1:76](#) ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”
- 4- [John 1:6, 7](#) John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming [Acts 2:38](#) a baptism of repentance [Matt. 26:28; \[Luke 1:77\]](#) for the forgiveness of sins.
- 5-And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, [Acts 19:18](#) confessing their sins.
- 6-Now John was [2 Kgs. 1:6; Zech. 13:4; Heb. 11:37](#) clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.
- 7-And he preached, saying, [John 1:15, 27; 3:30, 31; Acts 13:25](#) “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.
- 8- [John 1:26; Acts 1:5; 11:16](#) I have baptized you with water, but [See John 1:33](#) he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

{Elijah precedes The Messiah Malachi 4:5-6}

The Baptism of Jesus

9- For verses 9-11, see Matt. 3:13-17; Luke 3:21, 22; [John 1:32-34] In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10-And when he came up out of the water, immediately he [Acts 7:56] saw [Isa. 64:1] the heavens being torn open [John 1:32, 33; [Luke 4:18, 21; Acts 10:38]] and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11-And [John 12:28] a voice came from heaven, [ch. 9:7; Ps. 2:7; Isa. 42:1; Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:13; 2 Pet. 1:17; 1 John 5:9] “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Temptation of Jesus

12- [See Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13] The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

13-And he was in the wilderness forty days, being [Heb. 2:18; 4:15] tempted by [See 1 Chr. 21:1] Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and [Matt. 26:53; Luke 22:43] the angels were ministering to him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

14- [Matt. 4:12; 14:3; Luke 3:20; [John 3:24]] Now after John was arrested, Jesus [Matt. 4:17, 23] came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,

15-and saying, [Dan. 9:25; Gal. 4:4; Eph. 1:10; [Luke 21:8; John 7:8]] **“The time is fulfilled, and [See Matt. 3:2] the kingdom of God is at hand; [Acts 19:4; 20:21; Heb. 6:1] repent and believe in the gospel.”**