

Part One – The Leader

Mark 1:1-13

He is coming, get ready!

Affirmed by God as the Son of God - He is Divine.

Acknowledged by the enemy.

Part Two - Getting Started

Mark 1:14-39

His message. 1:14-15

His men. 1:16-20

His authority. 1:21-34

His field. 1:35-39

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.

Food for thought

How does John emphasize the greatness of the one who will come after him (Mark 1:7-8)?

Despite his greatness Jesus came to John for baptism. What does this tell us about Jesus' relationship to us?

How do the events surrounding Jesus' baptism prepare him for his temptation in the desert?

Many of Mark's readers in Rome were facing wild animals in the arena under the Neronian persecutions. How do you think they responded to Mark's description of Jesus' temptation (vv. 12–13)?

What encouragement do you find here for facing your own temptations?

How has Mark set the scene thus far for what's to come?

Think of those who have authority over your life—parents, employer, teachers, the government. Is your response to their authority usually positive or negative? Explain why.

How does Jesus exercise his authority differently from kings and dictators and other human authorities?

What practical differences can knowing this make in your own response to Jesus' authority?

We often think of the gospel solely as a message about the forgiveness of sins. Yet Jesus began his ministry proclaiming a different kind of good news. What was his good news and what response did it call for (vv. 14-15)?

What different factors contributed to the ready response of Simon and Andrew, James and John to Jesus' invitation (vv. 16–20)? (Don't forget 1:1–13!)

Ask God to prepare you more fully for the coming of the king through the study of Mark's Gospel.