



Mark 1: 1-11

Mark's Introduction

From the Introduction:

1. John Mark, the author of Mark's Gospel wrote down the _____ eye witness account of Jesus life and ministry. It not only stood the test of Apostolic authority, but also the _____ of other eye witnesses who were still alive to fact check his writings.
2. The Gospel of Mark was written to _____. This makes is particularly relevant to us.

Mark 1:1-3

1. **Mark identifies Jesus as the _____.**
 - a) "Messiah", "Christ", and "Savior" are all the _____ word. (Jewish, Greek, English)
 - b) Messiah was a promised _____ who would deliver the Jews from oppressions
 - c) Messiah was a King over _____ kingdom
 - d) Messiah was a _____ spiritual leader to save them from their _____.
 - e) Each Jewish sect typically took on only _____ aspect of the Messiah and ignored the rest. This created confusion and religious competition.
 - f) The concept of "Messiah" was _____ a clear concept to the Gentiles.
2. **Mark identifies Jesus as the _____.**
 - a) To the Jew: To be the "Son of God" is to be of the same nature as God. To claim to be of the same nature as God—is in fact to claim to _____ God
 - b) This is the very charge that the Jews brought up at Jesus trial (John 19:7)
 - c) Mark has just shared a _____ "Jewish" concept with his Gentiles readers.

3. Mark quotes _____ regarding the “Harold” of the Messiah.

- a) _____ was the most famous and respected and credible prophet to the Jew.
- b) _____ was the last prophet of the Jews.
- c) Both Isaiah and Malachi prophesied that the Messiah would be _____ by a messenger who would proclaim the Messiah’s presence to the Jews.
- d) Mark has brought a _____ “Jewish” reality into this Gentile conversation.

Mark 1:4-8 Mark identifies John the Baptist as the Harold whom the prophets spoke of.

Mark 1:9-11 Mark records Jesus official announcement, by _____, as the Messiah.

- a) The miracle of the Heavens being _____ was a proof to the Gentiles.
- b) The miracle of the Holy Spirits _____ was a proof to the Gentiles
- c) The _____ of God speaking from the heaven was a proof to the Gentiles
- d) The prophesied announcement by the prophesied Harold was further proof to the Gentiles, as it is to us.

“The Beginning” is Verse 1

- 1. Just the start. - Mark is going to give inexhaustible _____ that Jesus is God.
- 2. Right off the bat - Jesus _____ on the job - he was identified as God.
- 3. Long ago - The introduction of the Messiah is as _____ as the Old Testament.

Things for us to take home today:

- 1. Even today, we must embrace Jewish history, prophecy, and terminology to know and understand the gospel.
- 2. For our gentile friends to be saved, we must share with them a Savior whose qualification are given to us in the Old Testament and revealed to us in the New Testament.
- 3. We must show our gentile friends that Jesus is not just a historical figure, a good teacher, or forgettable prophet, but that He is instead, God.
- 4. To fully grasp what Jesus taught, we need to grasp who Jesus is.