

Good News
Mark 1:1-15

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



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- *Read Mark 1:1-15.* What are your first impressions of the way Mark begins his gospel? How is his prologue different from the other New Testament gospels? What is Mark emphasizing?
- What role does John the Baptist play in introducing Jesus? What is the significance of who he is, where he is, what he says, and what he does?
- Why does Jesus go to John to be baptized? Why does the Spirit lead Jesus into the desert wilderness? What is the result of each event?
- What is Mark revealing about Jesus' identity right at the beginning of his gospel? Why would this be important for his readers? Why is it important for us?
- What have been your primary sources of information about Jesus? Who has most influenced your understanding of who Jesus is? How has knowing Jesus been "good news" for you?
- How does Jesus still feel unknown or seem distant to you? How would you like to know Jesus better? How would your life change if you did?

For Family Discussion: Share about how you first learned about Jesus. Read Mark 1:1-15. Describe together what John must have looked like. Ask: *What does the voice from heaven say to Jesus when he is baptized?*

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