

Mark

A Study of the Gospel of Mark

Mark 1:4-11

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**And so John the Baptist appeared
in the wilderness, preaching a
baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.**



Mark 1:5

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 1:6

John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:7

And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

Mark 1:8

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

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is prophesied by the Prophets:

Isaiah 32:15

15 **till the Spirit is poured upon us
 from on high,
and the desert becomes a fertile
 field,
and the fertile field seems like a
 forest.**

Isaiah 44:3

**3 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.**

Ezekiel 11:19-21

19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. 20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and detestable idols, I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

Ezekiel 36:26-27

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 37:14

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' ”

Joel 2:28-29

28 “And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your old men will dream dreams,

your young men will see visions.

29 Even on my servants, both men and

women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Mark 1:9

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth (Matt 2:23) in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Essential Question: Why does Jesus need to be baptized?

Why Baptize Jesus?

1. It was an act of obedience, showing that Jesus was in full agreement with God's overall plan and the role of John's baptism in it.

Why Baptize Jesus?

Matthew 3:13-15

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

Why Baptize Jesus?

2. It was an act of self-identification with the nation of Israel whose heritage and sinful predicament He shared.

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Isaiah 53:12

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the
great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Why Baptize Jesus?

3. It was an act of self-dedication to His messianic mission, signifying His official acceptance and entrance into it.

Mark 1:10-11

10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.

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