

MARK

CHAPTER 1

John the Baptist Prepares the Way (1:1–8)

- ¹ This is the Good News about **Jesus** the Messiah, the Son of God.^a It began
- ² just as the prophet **Isaiah** had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way.^b
 - ³ He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the LORD’s coming! Clear the road for him!’^c”
 - ⁴ This messenger was **John** the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.
 - ⁵ All of *Judea*, including all the people of *Jerusalem*, went out to see and hear **John**. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the *Jordan River*.

- ⁶ His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.
- ⁷ **John** announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals.
 - ⁸ I baptize you with^d water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus (1:9–15)

- ⁹ One day **Jesus** came from *Nazareth* in *Galilee*, and **John** baptized him in the *Jordan River*.
- ¹⁰ As **Jesus** came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him^e like a dove.
- ¹¹ And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”
- ¹² The Spirit then compelled **Jesus** to go into the wilderness,

1:27.....Even evil spirits obey his orders!

1:41.....Be healed!

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES: 2

1:2.....Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will
prepare your way.

1:3.....He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the
LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!'

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