

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## SERVANTHOOD & SACRIFICE IN A SELFIE WORLD

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**Sermon Notes**

**HOPE From Heaven! | Mark 1:1-8**  
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1. Hope from heaven is delivered in \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1)
2. Hope from heaven is written in \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2-3)
3. Hope from heaven was announced by a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-7)
4. Hope from heaven is accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)

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### QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: Where is your favourite place to nap?

1. What difference does it make to you that Jesus is the Son of God [Mark 1:1]? Consult Matthew 14:33; Mark 5:7; Luke 1:35; and John 20:31 for more insights.
2. Malachi and Isaiah prophesied of a messenger preparing the way for Messiah's first coming [Mark 1:2-3]. We are awaiting Messiah's second coming. How do we best prepare ourselves [cf. Joel 2:12-13; Luke 1:17; and 1 John 3:2-3]?
3. What is the significance of "the wilderness" in Old Testament Jewish thinking [Mark 1:4]? What role does the wilderness play in God's dealings with people [cf. Exodus 3:18; Numbers 14:22-35; and Deuteronomy 8:2-5]?
4. What is repentance, and why is it essential to the forgiveness of sins [Mark 1:4]? Consider also Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; and Acts 26:18.
5. Why are John the Baptist's clothing, diet, and words recorded in the text [Mark 1:6-8], and how do these contrast with the religious leaders of his day [cf. Matthew 6:1; Matthew 6:5; and Matthew 23:5-7]? What do these details reveal about John's character that is worthy of emulation?
6. What are the results of Jesus baptising people in the Holy Spirit [Mark 1:8]? Examine also Acts 1:8; Acts 5:32, and 1 Corinthians 12:13.
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself or less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less." (Tim Keller)