

# Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 1)

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM

## Series objective

Regardless of what stage we are at in life, whether we are in the first steps to wanting to know more about God or 30 plus years of walking with Christ, we all need to know Jesus. By God's design, the best way to do this is by studying the Bible. The book of Mark gives us a very real and personal look at Jesus, almost as if we were sitting down with Him. Many people believe that the writing of Mark was significantly influenced by Peter, the disciple with whom many of us identify the most (often speaking and acting before thinking!!). Peter also loved Jesus in a very real way.

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that makes us look in the mirror. I think most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ and what He did for us.

## Background story

The power and influence of the Bible – from Wycliffe to Lincoln.

## Overview of Chapter 1

Verses 1–8	John the Baptizer (reference Isaiah 40:3-5)
Verses 9-13	Jesus' baptism and temptation in the wilderness (details in Luke 4)
Verses 14-20	Jesus calls the first disciples (apostles)
Verses 21-34, 40-45	Miracles of Christ and driving out evil spirits (consider verse 24)
Verses 35-39	Jesus prays

## Theological Question (**theos** is the *Greek word for God*; **-ology** means *study of...*)

What is Baptism (what is it *not*)? For additional background read 1 Peter 3:18-22.

## Application Question

Consider *being a Christian* in light of Jesus' calling the first disciples (followers) in Mark 1:14-20. Also consider Jesus' comments in Matthew 11:25-27.

Would you say that Jesus has called you to be His follower? If yes, how does this knowledge impact the way you live your life (or how *should it* impact the way we live)?

## Heads-up for our next lesson (March 6, 2019)

Read Mark 2. Try to develop a good understanding of the message conveyed in verses 1-12. Specifically, look at Jesus' question in verses 8 and 9.