

**Next week: The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit**



**Part 1:**

The Bombshell That Changes Everything

**A series on the Gospel of Mark**

**Who is Mark?** Secretary and translator to \_\_\_\_\_

**For about 30 years after Jesus. The Gospel was spread orally.**  
The reason for this is because it was hard for any distortions to take hold regarding Jesus life simply because there were so many eyewitnesses still living.

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. Luke 1:1-4

**Mark's Gospel Opens Dramatically:**

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1

Greek word **Christos**, means the “**Anointed King**” it is the Greek word for the Jewish Messiah.

## 1. Who is Jesus according to Mark?

as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"— 3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Vs. 2,3

*Mark is using a quotation of a prophecy of Isaiah Chap. 40*  
'Prepare the way for the **Lord**, make straight paths for him.'

The Hebrew word In Isaiah 40 Mark quotes  
is God's personal name-YAHWEH

Mark is saying Yahweh of Israel, creator God of the universe,  
has come earth in the form of Jesus Christ.

## Three ways we're impacted by God becoming Human.

- God's coming to us will change the
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- God's coming to us is the best resource to deal
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- God's coming to us is a great motivator for
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## 2. The Implications of Baptisms in the Desert

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness (desert), preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Vs 4

**This is biblical repentance:** acknowledging one's guilt of sin and turning to the LORD for forgiveness.

The outcome of John's baptism of repentance according to Mark?

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. Vs 5

The Desert is an analogy for a place where we cannot make it on our own. Water from the rock, manna dropped from heaven are all pictures of God's provision to us.

God met Moses in the desert, the giving of the law was in the desert, and the children wandered in the desert for forty years.

## 3. Two roads, two destinations.

He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him! Vs 3

Every other reference in Mark that refers to a road always speaks of the road to the cross.