

*Jeremiah 6:10 – 16 – “To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.”*

<sup>13</sup> *“From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. <sup>14</sup> They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace. <sup>15</sup> Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them,” says the LORD*

<sup>16</sup> *This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*Luke 6:47 – 49 – <sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup> he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. <sup>49</sup> But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”*

Resources:

*King’s Cross*, Timothy Keller  
*Dug Down Deep*, Joshua Harris  
*The Life Application Commentary*  
*The Gospel of Mark*, William L. Lane  
*Mark for Everyone*, N. T. Wright  
*Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*  
*Expositors Bible Commentary*



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Part 2

## The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

Mark 1:9 – 13

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Matthew 3:14 & 15 — John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness”

2 Corinthians 5:21 – For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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*John 15 “<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener . . . <sup>4</sup> Remain [lit, reside] in me, and I will remain [reside] in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains [resides] in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain [reside] in me . . . <sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains [reside] in me – and I in him – bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (Vs. 1, 4, & 5)*

**What is the *secret of life*?**

**What are the “*ancient paths*”? (Jeremiah 6 is on the back page)**