

Coming of the Messenger

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Mark 1:1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

• The Gospel is the Good News of the kingdom of God and of salvation through Jeus Christ.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Mark 1:2-3 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.

Isaiah 40:3 A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Malachi 3:1 I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.

Malachi 4:5 (ESV) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

John 1:20–21 (NLT) He came right out and said, I am not the Messiah. Well then, who are you? they asked. Are you Elijah? No, he replied.

Mark 1:4-5 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching (proclaiming) a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 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.

- Genuine repentance is a heartfelt change of mind and a willingness to forsake sin to open the way for a relationship with the Almighty God.
- Sin is disobedience to the principles of the Word of God.

Mark 1:6-8 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Joel 2:28 And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God

was on him.

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Mark 1:9-20 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." 12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, 13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him. 19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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