

**Jesus in Our Heart**  
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Mark 1:1-13  
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Synopsis:

“This is the start of the good news, which is Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.”

These are the words Mark uses to introduce his story of Jesus. We read the news for events, stories, and the people who are involved. The good news of God is not particularly an event, or a story. It is a person, Jesus the Messiah. When we meet Jesus, we meet the good news of God.

I.

**Good News**

Mark 1:1 “This is the beginning of the good news”

News this week: Iowa

Bible News: Bgd

Runner from battle: Marathon, 26 miles

Emperor proclamation: Augustus Sept 23 (Priene)

Always plural: good *news-es*

Mark: used proclamation word for biography of Jesus

Here singular: one good *new*

\*This is good news = good, now

II.

**According to Mark**

“The Gospel According to Mark”

BIBLE Mark superscript

Ancient Manuscripts: *kata markon*

-preserved in English “according to” Matt, Mark, Luke, John

-one gospel, four versions

-Matt = genealogy, David, Bible fulfill

-Luke = history details, John and Jesus

-John = hymn and deeper meaning

-Mark:

Papias and eyewitnesses 90 AD, knew John  
Peter, short narratives in preaching  
Aramaic to Greek  
Not ordered acc to proper historiography

\*This is real; this is preaching (missional)

### III.

#### **The Messiah**

Mark 1:1 “The Messiah (Christ)”

BIBLE Mark 1:2-3

Quotes:

Exod 23:20 Desert period, messenger  
Mal 3:1 Messenger before Lord returns to temple  
Isaiah 40:3 Prepare for Lord’s return in exile  
Mal 4:5-6 Elijah  
John the Baptist (Grunewald crucifix)

\*This is Israel’s Messiah coming for victory over pagans (Mal)

\*This is victory

### IV.

#### **Son of God**

Mark 1:1 “Son of God”

Baptism and Temptation:

BIBLE Mark 1:9-11

Baptism: Elements

Heavens split	God showing up
Spirit descends	God in peace (Gen 1)
Voice speaks	Psalm 2, 2Sam 7 (king is son)s
Jesus	

\*Jesus is God’s Son

\*God is present in Jesus

BIBLE Mark 1:12-13

Temptation: Satan and beasts

Spirit of God	God does it
40 days	Moses, people wander, Elijah
Satan	Real enemy, not pagans
Beasts	Matt 4 (angels), Luke 4 (nothing)
	Beasts in Rome (in arena Nero 64)

\*Jesus defeats Satan (cross), real beasts that attack us

\*This is God showing up

V.

**Starts with Jesus**

Mark 1:1 “The beginning”

BIBLE Mark 1:1

First word in gospel is *arke* = first, start of something

Good News

Real

Victory

God shows up

\*Where do I find this? Starts with meeting Jesus

\*Start something new this year: Jesus in your heart