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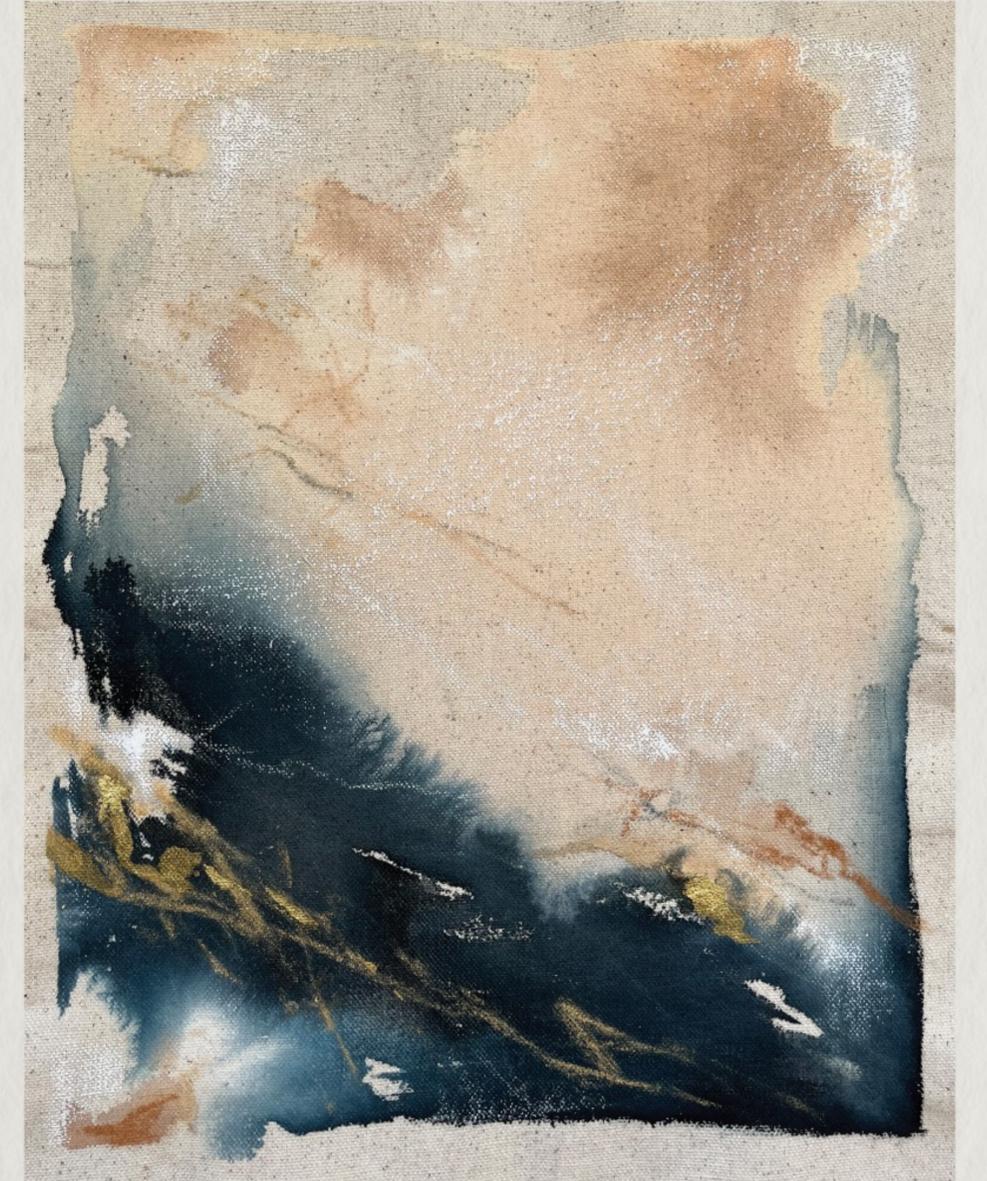
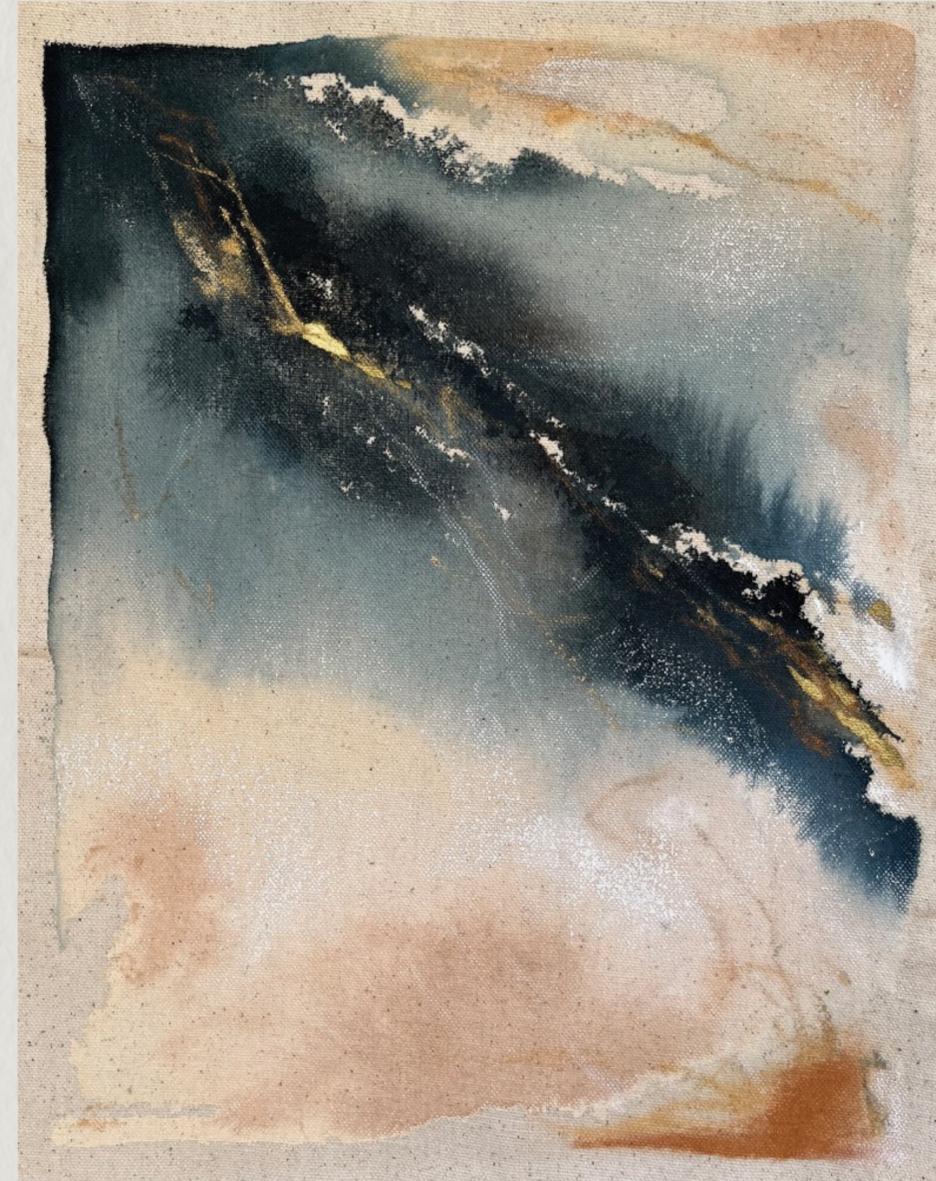
# Mark



**17** WEEK  
SERIES  
*April-August 2024*

**01** THE KING'S  
INTRODUCTION

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**Mark**



# What is Your Story?



THE KING'S INTRODUCTION:

# Is His Story Your Story?



**Mark 1:1-3** NIV

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,  
the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way”—  
<sup>3</sup> “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”



**Mark 1:4-8** <sup>NIV</sup>

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



**Mark 1:9-13** NIV

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.



**Mark 1:14-15** NIV

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”



ACT ONE:

**The Story is about King Jesus,  
the Messiah, God's Son (v.1)**



**Mark 1:1** <sup>NIV</sup>

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God...



While the gospel existed before creation, God began to accomplish the plan through the work of Jesus on earth. Mark links the appearance of the good news to the official beginning of the Messiah's public ministry. This is not just any official announcement; this good news concerns Jesus, who bears the title "Christ," which is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew title "Messiah." Moreover, this Christ is "the Son of God," an explicit assertion of His deity. The good news isn't a mystery to be unraveled.

**The good news isn't a philosophy to comprehend, a perspective to adopt, or a set of life principles to apply. The good news is a person. He is the long-awaited Messiah, God in human flesh, whose name is Jesus.**

Charles R. Swindoll, *Swindoll's New Testament Commentary, Volume 2: Mark*  
(Tyndale House Publishers, Carol Stream, Il., 2016, p.16)



ACT TWO:

# His Story is an Old Story (v.2-3)



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## Malachi 3:1a <sup>NIV</sup>

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.”



**Isaiah 40:3**

“He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the LORD’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”



**Exodus 23:20** NIV

“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.”



## Introduction and Preparation

Mark 1:1-13

A brief introduction sets Jesus' ministry in motion.

John the Baptist prepares the way.

Jesus is tempted in the wilderness.

### Emphasis

Service to others

### Scope

Ministry to the multitudes

### Sections

Action...Reaction...Confrontation

## The Servant at work

Mark 1:14 - Mark 8:30

An unbroken chain of events reveals Jesus helping people in need.

Because people are afflicted, He heals.

Because people are without hope, He encourages.

Because people are in bondage to satanic control, He liberates.

Because people are sinful, He forgives.

### Emphasis

Service to others

### Scope

Ministry to the multitudes

### Sections

Action...Reaction...Confrontation

## The Servant Rejected... then Exalted

Mark 8:31 - Mark 16:20

A growing discontent among the authorities leads to Jesus' suffering and death.

He presses the claim of being the Messiah.

He spends more time alone with His disciples.

He comes into open conflict with His enemies.

He is hated, deserted, tortured, crucified and buried.

He is raised bodily from the dead!

### Emphasis

Service for others

### Scope

Ministry to the Twelve

### Sections

Revelation...Crucifixion...Exaltation

### Theme

Jesus is the suffering Servant who gives His life to save the world.

### Key Verse

Mark 10:45

### Christ

Jesus suffered and died so that salvation would be available to all people.

ACT THREE:

# Our Story is a Sinful Story (v.4-5)



**Psalm 137:1-4** <sup>NIV</sup>

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.

<sup>2</sup> There on the poplars  
we hung our harps,

<sup>3</sup> for there our captors asked us for songs,  
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

<sup>4</sup> How can we sing the songs of the LORD  
while in a foreign land?

**Psalm 137:8-9** <sup>NIV</sup>

Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction,  
happy is the one who repays you  
according to what you have done to us.

<sup>9</sup> Happy is the one who seizes your infants  
and dashes them against the rocks.



**Romans 3:10** <sup>NIV</sup>

...“There is no one righteous, not even one.”

**Romans 3:23** <sup>NLT</sup>

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”



ACT FOUR:

# His Story is a Sinless Story (v.6-15)





**Jesus is Greater  
and more Worthy  
than John the Baptist**

**Mark 1:6-7** <sup>NIV</sup>

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**Jesus' Baptism would be  
of the Holy Spirit and bring  
Spiritual Transformation**

**Mark 1:8** NIV

“I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”





## Jesus Identified with Sinners through Baptism

**Mark 1:9** NIV

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**Jesus is Affirmed in  
His Deity by the  
Father and Holy Spirit**

**Mark 1:10-11** <sup>NIV</sup>

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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



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**“Even the devil is God’s devil.”**

-MARTIN LUTHER



ACT FIVE:

**His Sinless Story can change  
our Sinful Story (v.14-15)**



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If we simply believe in King Jesus!

If we simply let Him be King!



**Have you ever  
wanted to be King?**



# Is His Story Your Story?

