

The Voice is always there. When life becomes difficult and the way grows dark. When we hurt and fail one another, or lose someone we love. When faith grows dim. When our work grows wearisome. When we face an uncertain future. When we lift our hands to the heavens in fear or pain—like the man on Wall Street—the Voice is always there: “You are my Beloved, gifted by my Spirit, called and sent to join me at work in the world. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. You are precious in my sight and honored, and I love you. Do not fear, for I am with you” (Isaiah 43:1-5). “Beloved” is our name. And that makes all the difference!

# TAKEAWAY

## Discussion Questions—Mark 1:9-11

1. How does Jesus' baptism benefit the church?
2. Why did the voice from heaven say, “With you I am well pleased” (Mark 1:11)?
3. Is it hard for you to accept the fact that in Christ you are beloved by God (verse 11)?

## SERMON SERIES: GOSPEL OF MARK

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### Key memory verse: Mark 10:45 (ESV)

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”*

Week 1: Introduction of the Gospel According to Mark (1:1)

Week 2: The Proclamation of Jesus Christ, Son of God (Mark 1:1)

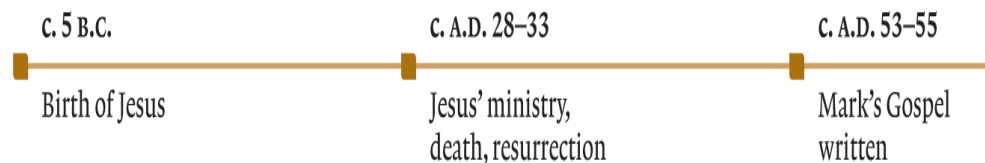
Week 3: The Old Testament Prophets and the Gospels (Mark 1:2-3)

Week 4: The Old Testament Prophets and the Gospels (PART 2)

Week 5: Aspects of John’s Ministry (Mark 1:4-8)

Week 6: The Inauguration of Jesus’ Ministry (Mark 1:14-20)

### Week 7: A Father’s Love for His Son (Mark 1:9-11)



### Outline

The Presentation of the servant	The servant’s ministry in Galilee	The servant’s journey to Jerusalem	The servant’s ministry in Jerusalem
Mark 1:1-13	Mark 1:14-9:50	Mark 10	Mark 11-16

ANSWERS: 1) Holy Spirit, 2) Son, 3) to fulfill righteousness

## AUTHOR, DATE, AND RECIPIENTS

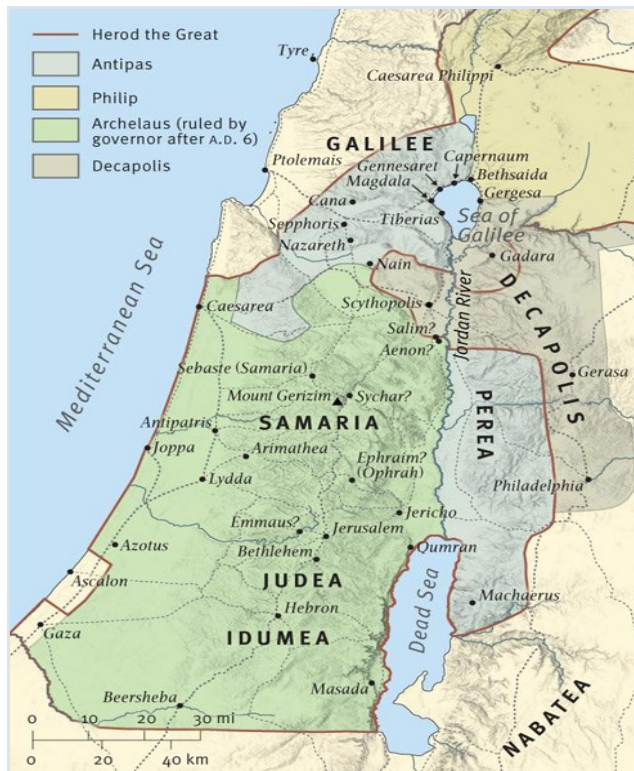
The apostle Peter passed on reports of the words and deeds of Jesus to his attendant, John Mark, who wrote this Gospel for the wider church as the record of Peter's apostolic testimony. The book was likely written from Rome during the mid- to late-50s A.D. (though the mid- or late-60s is also possible). Mark's audience, largely unfamiliar with Jewish customs, needed to become familiar with such customs in order to understand the coming of Jesus as the culmination of God's work with Israel and the entire world, so Mark explains them.

## PURPOSE AND THEME

The ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship. Mark returns often to this theme, categorizing his main audience as either followers or opponents of Jesus. Mark presents and supports this call to discipleship by narrating the identity and teaching of Jesus. For Mark, discipleship is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting Jesus, confessing him, observing his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him. Discipleship also means being prepared to face the kind of rejection that Jesus faced.

## THE SETTING OF MARK

The events in the book of Mark take place almost entirely within Palestine, from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Beersheba in the south. During this time Palestine was ruled by the Roman Empire. The book opens with Jesus' baptism by John during the rule of Pontius Pilate and the tetrarchs Antipas and Philip. It closes with Jesus' death and resurrection about three years later.



- 1) The heavens were opened, and the \_\_\_\_\_ descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove.
- 2) A voice from heaven proclaimed saying "You are beloved \_\_\_\_\_ with whom I am well pleased.
- 3) Jesus in being baptized did everything that was fitting \_\_\_\_\_.