

THINGS

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ABOUT JESUS

A STUDY THROUGH
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

WEEKS 1 - 4



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WEEK 1

JESUS GOT BAPTIZED.

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John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,^a the Son of God,^b as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”^c —

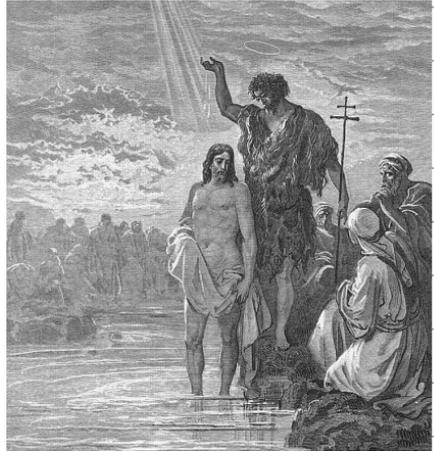
³ “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”^d

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching 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. ⁶ 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^e water, but he will baptize you with^e the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ 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.”

FOR NOTES



“THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN THE BAPTIST” BY GUSTAVE DORE (1832-1883)

^a 1 Or *Jesus Christ, Messiah* (Hebrew) and *Christ* (Greek) both mean *Anointed One*. ^b 1 Some manuscripts do not have *the Son of God*. ^c 2 Mal. 3:1 ^d 3 Isaiah 40:3 ^e 8 Or *in*

WEEK 4

JESUS WAS AN EXORCIST.

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Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

1 ²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!”

²⁵“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching — and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

5 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.^a ²When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you

want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!” ⁸For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

⁹Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” ¹⁰And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹²The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” ¹³He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁴Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. ¹⁵When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man — and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis^b how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

(continued on reverse)

^a 1 Some manuscripts *Gadarenes*; other manuscripts *Gergesenes* ^b 20 That is, the Ten Cities

