

MARK

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The Beginning Of The Gospel

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Mark 1:1-8

Intro. A. A few facts about the author.

1. MARK was not an Apostle.
2. Early writers claimed he was one of the 70.
3. His Mother's name was MARY, at whose house the apostles and early Christians assembled.
Acts 12:12
4. Peter referred to him as, "... my son",
I Peter 5:13. He was Peter's son in ministry in the same way that Timothy was Paul's son in ministry.
Col. 4:10 "... and Marcus sister's son to Barnabas..."
Acts 12:12 (Peter went to her house)
5. He adopted the Greek name, MARK, a common practice, and was also called John Mark.
6. He was at first a companion of Paul and Barnabas. Acts 13:25, 13:5
7. He was an object of contention. Acts 15:36-41
8. After this time he became a companion of Peter, I Peter 5:13. "... Marcus my son..." and traveled to Babylon.
9. At Paul's request he went to Rome with Timothy. II Tim. 4:11 "Only Luke is with me, Take Mark and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry."
10. He remained in Rome until Paul's death.
Col. 4:9-10, Philemon 24

B. MARK and Secular history.

1. Three early historians record that He went to Alexandria in Egypt where he built a church.
 2. He died in the eighth year of Nero's reign.
 3. We do not know when he wrote his history.
 4. Probably between 56 and 63.
- A.D. 64

[B.] God will send a voice.

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2. God did not send a charismatic, a character, a mover and shaker, an organizer, a builder, an administrator, but a voice.

3. "Voice" = φωνη = a sound, a tone, a cry.

4. "Crying" = βοω = "to bellow" "to shout".

[C.] The prophecies.

1. Isa. 40:3-4

2. Malachi 3:1-

[5.] John was in the

wilderness. Not a good location. Only people who wanted to hear came.

II. The Work of John The Baptist.

vs. 4 [A.] "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of Repentance for the Remission of sins".

1. "baptize" = βαπτισω = "immersing"

2. "wilderness" = ερημω = desert

3. "preach" = κηρυσσω = "proclaiming" To do the work of an herald, to announce publicly.

4. "Repentance" = μετανοιας = to change one's mind and to be so affected, as to change one's actions.

5. "Remission" = ἀφεσις = dismissal, discharge, setting free, Remitting one's debt or punishment.

Here, setting one free from the penalty of one's sins.

6. "Sins" = ἀμαρτια = evil generically, all forms, phases, movements of sin, the evil principle. This can be either thought or action.

7. "John the immerser appeared in the desert, proclaiming an immersion unto repentance [a token of] with reference to the forgiveness of sins.

8. In repentance one is loosed from the penalty of one's sins. Baptism is an outward sign or pledge of one's Repentance and change.

