

MARK

Mark 1:2 →

Our approach each week will be **REAP** (read, explain, apply, personalize). In this series, however, we won't wait to document the 'apply' and 'personalize' until the end of the lesson. As we see them, we'll capture them.

Read: Mark 1

Explain: Mark 1:2 →

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some questions.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Mark makes a reference to an Old Testament book. Whenever a New Testament author does this, we want to go back and see the context and purpose of that reference.

What do the words mean?

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John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 **The beginning** [G746: ἀρχή; **arche**; 1. (properly abstract) a commencement 2. (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank); occurs in **1:1; 10:6; 13:8; 13:19**] **of the gospel** [G2098: εὐαγγέλιον; *euaggelion*; 1. (properly) a good message 2. (specially) the good news of redemption through Jesus (i.e. the gospel of Jesus) 3. (also called) the good news; occurs in **1:1; 1:14; 1:15; 8:35; 10:29; 13:10; 14:9; 16:15**] **of Jesus** [G2424: Ἰησοῦς; *Iesous*; 1. Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites; occurs **79** times in **Mark**] **Christ** [G5547: Χριστός; *Christos*; 1. (literally) Anointed 2. (transliterated) "Christ" 3. (properly) the Messiah, the Anointed One of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 4. (by function) the (kinsman) Redeemer, the Saviour 5. (by identity) Jesus, Yeshua; occurs in **1:1; 8:29; 9:41; 12:35; 13:21; 14:61; 15:32**], **the Son** [G5207: υἱός; *huios*; 1. a "son" (sometimes of animals); occurs 33 times in **Mark**] **of God** [G2316: θεός; *theos*; 1. a deity 2. (figuratively) a magistrate 3. (by Hebraism) very; occurs 42 times in **Mark**].^[a]

2 **As** [G2531: καθώς; *kathos*; 1. just (or inasmuch) as, that; occurs in **1:2; 4:33; 9:13; 11:6; 14:16; 14:21; 15:8; 16:7**] **it is written** [G1125: γράφω; *grapho*; 3rd singular **perfect** indicative passive; 1. to "grave", especially to write 2. (figuratively) to describe; occurs in **1:2; 7:6; 9:12; 9:13; 10:4; 10:5; 11:17; 12:19; 14:21; 14:27**] **in** [G1722: ἐν; *en*; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] **Isaiah** [G2268: Ἡσαίας; *Hesaias*; 1. Hesaias (i.e. Jeshajah), an Israelite; occurs in **1:2; 7:6**] **the prophet** [G4396: προφήτης; *prophetes*; 1. a foreteller ("prophet") 2. (by analogy) an inspired speaker 3. (by extension) a poet; occurs in **1:2; 6:4; 6:15 (2); 8:28; 11:32**].^[b]

“Behold [G2400: ἰδοῦ; *idou*; 2nd singular 2nd aorist **imperative** middle; 1. (used as imperative) **lo!**; occurs in **1:2; 4:3; 10:28; 10:33; 13:21; 14:42**], **I send** [G649: ἀποστέλλω; *apostello*; 1st singular present indicative active; 1. set apart 2. (by implication) to send out (properly, on a mission); occurs 20 times in **Mark**] **my** [G1473: ἐγώ; *ego*; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 104 times in **Mark**] **messenger** [G32: ἄγγελος; *aggelos*; 1. a messenger 2. (especially) an "angel" of God 3. (of evil, Satan) a demon 4. (by implication) a person carrying forth a message from God, i.e. a servant (a disciple, pastor, elder, prophet, etc.) 5. (also, by implication) a thing or event carrying forth a message from God, i.e. a hardship (pestilence, wind, etc.), or an animal (donkey, locusts, etc.); occurs in **1:2; 1:13; 8:38; 12:25; 13:27; 13:32**] **before** [G4253: πρό; *pro*; 1. "fore", i.e. in front of, prior to 2. (figuratively) superior to; occurs in **1:2**] **your** [G4771: σύ; *su*; 1. thou; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] [G4675: σοῦ; *sou*; 1. of thee, thy; occurs 28 times in **Mark**] **face** [G4383: πρόσωπον; *prosopon*; 1. the front (as being towards view), i.e. the countenance, aspect, appearance, surface 2. (by implication) presence, person; occurs in **1:2; 12:14; 14:65**],

who [G3739: ὅς; *hos*; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 68 times in **Mark**] **will prepare** [G2680: κατασκευάζω; *kataskeuazo*; 3rd singular future indicative active; 1. to prepare thoroughly 2. (by implication) to construct, **create**; occurs in **1:2**] **your** [G4771: σύ; *su*; 1. thou; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] [G4675: σοῦ; *sou*; 1. of thee, thy; occurs 28 times in **Mark**] **way** [G3598: ὁδός; *hodos*; 1. a **road** 2. (by implication) a progress (the route, act or distance) 3. (figuratively) a mode or means; occurs 16 times in **Mark**],

3 the voice [G5456: φωνή; *phone*; 1. a tone (articulate, bestial or artificial) 2. (by implication) an address (for any purpose), saying or language; occurs in **1:3; 1:11; 1:26; 5:7; 9:7; 15:34; 15:37**] **of one crying** [G994: βοᾶω; *boao*; masculine singular genitive **present participle active**; 1. to cry, i.e. **shout** (for help or in a tumultuous way); occurs in **1:3; 15:34**] **in** [G1722: ἐν; *en*; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; 1. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **wilderness** [G2048: ἔρημος; *eremos*; 1. **lonesome** 2. (by implication) waste; occurs in **1:3; 1:4; 1:12; 1:13; 1:35; 1:45; 6:31; 6:32; 6:35**]:

“Prepare^[c] [G2090: ἑτοιμάζω; *hetoimazo*; 2nd plural aorist **imperative** active; 1. to prepare; occurs in **1:3; 10:40; 14:12; 14:15; 14:16**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; 1. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **way** [G3598: ὁδός; *hodos*; 1. a **road** 2. (by implication) a progress (the route, act or distance) 3. (figuratively) a mode or means; occurs 16 times in **Mark**] **of the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; 1. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **Lord** [G2962: κύριος; *kurios*; 1. supreme in authority 2. (as noun) controller 3. (by implication) Master (as a respectful title); occurs 16 times in **Mark**],

make [G4160: ποιέω; *poieo*; 2nd plural present **imperative** active; 1. to make or do; occurs 45 times in **Mark**] **his** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; 1. self; occurs 449 times in **Mark**] **paths** [G5147: τρίβος; *tribos*; 1. a **rut** or worn track; occurs in **1:3**] **straight** [G2117: εὐθύς; *euthus*; 1. straight 2. (literally) level 3. (figuratively) true 4. (adverbially of time) at once; occurs 36 times in **Mark**],”

4 John [G2491: Ἰωάννης; *Ioannes*; 1. Joannes (i.e. Jochanan), the name of four Israelites; occurs 25 times in **Mark**] **appeared** [G1096: γίνομαι; *ginomai*; 3rd singular 2nd aorist indicative middle deponent; 1. to cause to be ("gen"-erate) 2. (reflexively) to become (come into being); occurs 44 times in **Mark**], **baptizing** [G907: βαπτίζω; *baptizo*; masculine singular nominative **present participle active**; 1. to **immerse**, submerge 2. to make

whelmed or soaked (i.e. fully wet); occurs in **1:4; 1:5; 1:8 (2); 1:9; 6:14; 7:4; 10:38 (2); 10:39 (2); 16:16** **in** [G1722: ἐν; *en*; I. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; I. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **wilderness** [G2048: ἔρημος; *eremos*; I. lonesome 2. (by implication) waste; occurs in **1:3; 1:4; 1:12; 1:13; 1:35; 1:45; 6:31; 6:32; 6:35**] **and** [G2532: καί; *kai*; I. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in **Mark**] **proclaiming** [G2784: κηρύσσω; *kerusso*; masculine singular nominative **present participle active**; I. to **herald** (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel); occurs 14 times in **Mark**] **a baptism** [G908: βάπτισμα; *baptisma*; I. **immersion** (technically or figuratively); occurs in **1:4; 10:38; 10:39; 11:30**] **of repentance** [G3341: μετάνοια; *metanoia*; I. (subjectively) **compunction** (for guilt, including reformation) 2. (by implication) **reversal** (of (another's) decision); occurs in **1:4**] **for** [G1519: εἰς; *eis*; I. to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time 2. (figuratively) to or into a purpose (result, etc.); occurs 115 times in **Mark**] **the forgiveness** [G859: ἄφεσις; *aphesis*; I. **freedom** 2. (figuratively) pardon; occurs in **1:4; 3:29**] **of sins** [G266: ἁμαρτία; *hamartia*; I. a sin; occurs in **1:4; 1:5; 2:5; 2:7; 2:9; 2:10**]. **5 And** [G2532: καί; *kai*; I. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in **Mark**] **all** [G3956: πᾶς; *pas*; I. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 62 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; I. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **country** [G5561: χώρα; *chora*; I. room, i.e. a space of territory; occurs in **1:5; 5:1; 5:10; 6:55**] **of Judea** [G2453: Ἰουδαῖος; *Ioudaios*; I. Judaeen, i.e. belonging to Judah; occurs in **1:5; 7:3; 15:2; 15:9; 15:12; 15:18; 15:26**] **and** [G2532: καί; *kai*; I. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in **Mark**] **all** [G3956: πᾶς; *pas*; I. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 62 times in **Mark**] **Jerusalem** [G2415: Ἱεροσολυμίτης; *Hierosolumites*; I. a Hierosolymite, i.e. inhabitant of Hierosolyma; occurs in **1:5**] **were going** [G1607: ἐκπορεύομαι; *ekporeuomai*; 3rd singular imperfect indicative middle or passive deponent; I. to depart, be discharged, proceed, project; occurs 11 times in **Mark**] **out to** [G4314: πρὸς; *pros*; I. forward to, i.e. toward 2. (genitive case) the side of, i.e. pertaining to 3. (dative case) by the side of, i.e. near to 4. (accusative case, usually) the place, time, occasion, or respect (which is the destination of the relation, i.e. whither or for which it is predicated); occurs 59 times in **Mark**] **him** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; I. self; occurs 449 times in **Mark**] **and** [G2532: καί; *kai*; I. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in **Mark**] **were being baptized** [G907: βαπτίζω; *baptizo*; 3rd plural imperfect indicative passive; I. to **immerse**, submerge 2. to make whelmed or soaked (i.e. fully wet); occurs in **1:4; 1:5; 1:8 (2); 1:9; 6:14; 6:24; 7:4; 10:38 (2); 10:39 (2); 16:16**] **by** [G5259: ὑπό; *hupo*; I. under 2. (with the genitive case) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through) 3. (with the accusative case) of place (whither (underneath) or where (below) or time (when (at))). In the comparative, it retains the same general applications, especially of inferior position or condition, and specially, covertly or moderately.; occurs in **1:5; 1:9; 1:13; 2:3; 4:21 (2); 4:32; 5:26; 8:31; 13:13; 16:11**] **him** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; I. self; occurs 449 times in **Mark**] **in** [G1722: ἐν; *en*; I. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; I. the; occurs 70 times in **Mark**] **river** [G4215: ποταμός; *potamos*; I. a current, brook or freshet (as drinkable), i.e. running water; occurs in **1:5**] **Jordan** [G2446: Ἰορδάνης; *Iordanes*; I. the Jordanes (i.e. Jarden), a river of Israel; occurs in **1:5; 1:9; 3:8; 10:1**], **confessing** [G1843: ἐξομολογέω; *exomologeō*; masculine plural nominative present participle middle; I. to **acknowledge** or (by implication, of assent) **agree fully**; occurs in **1:5**] **their** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; I. self; occurs 449 times in **Mark**] **sins** [G266: ἁμαρτία; *hamartia*; I. a sin; occurs in **1:4; 1:5; 2:5; 2:7; 2:9; 2:10**].

Footnotes:

- a. **Mark 1:1** Some manuscripts omit *the Son of God* [this is a **textual variant**, part of **textual criticism**]
- b. **Mark 1:2** Some manuscripts *in the prophets*
- c. **Mark 1:3** Or *crying: Prepare in the wilderness*

Apply (What is the point?)

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

Our schedule plan

Next week we'll start with **Mark 1:_____**, and we'll go until we're finished.

Homework

1. Pray for help in understanding **Mark**
2. Hear **Mark** multiple times
3. Think about **Mark** often (day and night)
4. Talk with someone (dead or alive) about **Mark**
5. Share your insights about **Mark**
6. Invite a member and a non-member

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