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?

A new character is introduced—John. What else do we know about John?

What do the words mean?

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John the Baptist Prepares the Way

4 John [G2491:] Ιωάννης; Ioannes; 1. Joannes (i.e. Jochanan), the name of four Israelites; occurs 25 times in Mark] appeared [G1096: γινομαι; 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: βαπτιζω; baptizo; masculine singular nominative present participle active; 1. to immerse, submerge 2. to make overwhelmed 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: εν; en; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] the [G3588: ο; ho; 1. the; occurs 70 times in Mark] wilderness [G2048: ἑρμος; 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] and [G2532: και; kai; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in Mark] proclaiming [G2784: κηρυσσω; kerusso; masculine singular nominative present participle active; 1. to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel); occurs 14 times in Mark] a baptism [G908: βαπτισμα; baptisma; 1. immersion (technically or figuratively); occurs in 1:4; 10:38; 10:39; 11:30] of repentance [G3341: μετανοια; metanoia; 1. (subjectively) compunction (for guilt, including reformation) 2. (by implication) reversal (of (another’s) decision); occurs in 1:4] for [G1519: εις; eis; 1. 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: αφεσις; aphasis; 1. freedom 2. (figuratively) pardon; occurs in 1:4; 3:29] of sins [G266: ἁμαρτια; hamartia; 1. a sin; occurs in 1:4; 1:5; 2:5; 2:7; 2:9; 2:10]. And [G2532: και; kai; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in Mark] all [G3956: πας; pas; 1. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 62 times in Mark] the [G3588: ο; ho; 1. the; occurs 70 times in Mark] country [G5561: χωρα; chorai; 1. room, i.e. a space of territory; occurs in 1:5; 5:1; 5:10; 6:55] of Judea [G2453: Ἰουδαιος; louadaioi; 1. Judaean, i.e. belonging to Jehudah; occurs in 1:5; 7:3; 15:2; 15:9; 15:12; 15:18; 15:26].
and [G2532: καὶ; kai; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in Mark] all [G3956: πᾶς; pas; 1. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 62 times in Mark] Jerusalem [G2415: Ἰεροσολύμων; Hierosolymites; 1. a Hierosolymite, i.e. inhabitant of Hierosolyma; occurs in 1:5] were going [G1607: ἐκπορεύομαι; ekporeuomai; 3rd singular imperfect indicative middle or passive deponent; 1. to depart, be discharged, proceed, project; occurs 11 times in Mark] out to [G4314: πρὸς; pros; 1. 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; 1. self; occurs 449 times in Mark] and [G2532: καὶ; kai; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in Mark] were being baptized [G907: βαπτίζω; baptizo; 3rd plural imperfect indicative passive; 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; 6:24; 7:4; 10:38 (2); 10:39 (2); 16:16] by [G5259: ὑπὸ; hupo; 1. 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] to [G1161: εἰς; eis; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] the [G3588: ὁ; ho; 1. the; occurs 70 times in Mark] river [G4215: ποταμός; potamos; 1. a current, brook or freshet (as drinkable), i.e. running water; occurs in 1:5] Jordan [G2446: Ἰορδάνης; Iordanes; 1. the Jordanes (i.e. Jarden), a river of Israel; occurs in 1:5; 1:9; 3:8; 10:1], confessing [G1843: ἔξωμολος; exomolo ge; masculine plural nominative present participle middle; 1. to acknowledge or (by implication, of assent) agree fully; occurs in 1:5] their [G846: αὐτός; autos; 1. self; occurs 449 times in Mark] sins [G266: ἁμαρτία; hamartia; 1. a sin; occurs in 1:4; 1:5; 2:5; 2:7; 2:9; 2:10] and [G1510: εἷμι; eimi; 3rd singular imperfect indicative active; 1. I exist; occurs 163 times in Mark] to [G1161: εἰς; eis; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] clothed [G1747: ἐνδύω; enduo; masculine singular nominative perfect participle middle; 1. to invest with clothing; occurs in 1:6; 6:9; 15:20] with [G2574: καμήλας; kame los; 1. a "camel"; occurs in 1:6; 10:25] hair [G2359: θρίχος; thrix; 1. hair; occurs in 1:6] and [G2532: καὶ; kai; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in Mark] to [G1161: εἰς; eis; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] was [G1510: εἷμι; eimi; 3rd singular imperfect indicative active; 1. I exist; occurs 163 times in Mark] wild [G1193: δερμάτινος; dermatinos; 1. made of hide; occurs in 1:6] belt [G2223: ζώνη; zone; 1. a belt 2. (by implication) a pocket; occurs in 1:6; 6:8] around [G4012: περί; peri; 1. (properly) through (all over), i.e. around 2. (figuratively) with respect to; occurs 22 times in Mark] his [G846: αὐτός; autos; 1. self; occurs 449 times in Mark] to [G1161: εἰς; eis; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] the [G3588: ὁ; ho; 1. the; occurs 70 times in Mark] herald [G2784: κηρύσσω; kerusso; 3rd singular imperfect indicative active; 1. to herald (as a
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9 In [G1722: ἐν; en] 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] those [G1565: ἐκεῖνος; ekeinos; 1. that one 2. (neuter) that thing; occurs 20 times in Mark] days [G2250: ἡμέρα; hemera; 1. day 2. (literally) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours 3. (figuratively) a period; occurs 24 times in Mark] Jesus [G2424: Ἰησοῦς; 1. Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites; especially divine truth (the gospel); occurs 14 times in Mark], saying [G3004: λέγω; lego; masculine singular nominative present participle active; 1. (properly) to "lay" forth 2. (figuratively) to relate 3. (by implication) to mean; occurs 238 times in Mark], ‘“After’ [G3694: ὁπίσω; opiso; 1. to the back, i.e. aback; occurs in 1:7; 1:17; 1:20; 8:33; 8:34; 13:16] me [G1473: ἐγώ; ego; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 104 times in Mark] [G3450: μου; mou; 1. of me; occurs 33 times in Mark] comes [G2064: ἔρχομαι; erchomai; 3rd singular present indicative middle or passive deponent; 1. to come or go; occurs 81 times in Mark] he who is mightier [G2478: ἵσχυρός; ischuros; 1. forcible; occurs in 1:7; 3:27 (2)] than I [G1473: ἐγώ; ego; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 104 times in Mark] [G3450: μου; mou; 1. of me; occurs 33 times in Mark], the strap [G2438: ἵματος; himas; 1. a strap 2. (specially) the tie (of a sandal) or the lash (of a scourge); occurs in 1:7] of whose [G3739: ὁς; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 68 times in Mark] sandals [G846: αὐτός; autos; 1. self; occurs 449 times in Mark] [G5209: ὑπόδημα; hupodema; 1. something bound under the feet, i.e. a shoe or sandal; occurs in 1:7] I am [G1510: εἰμί; eimi; 1st singular present indicative active; 1. I exist; occurs 163 times in Mark] not [G3756: οὐ; ou; 1. no or not; occurs 103 times in Mark] worthy [G2425: ἱκανός; hikanos; 1. competent (as if coming in season), i.e. ample (in amount) or fit (in character); occurs in 1:7; 10:46; 15:15] to stoop down [G2955: κύπτω; kupto; masculine singular nominative aorist participle active; 1. to bend forward; occurs in 1:7] and untie [G3089: λύω; luo; aorist infinitive active; 1. to "loosen" 2. (by usage) to break, destroy, or dissolve 3. (maritally) to divorce; occurs in 1:7; 7:35; 11:2; 11:4; 11:5. 8 I [G1473: ἐγώ; ego; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 104 times in Mark] have baptized [G907: βαπτίζω; baptizo; 1st singular aorist indicative 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; 6:24; 7:4; 10:38 (2); 10:39 (2); 16:16] you [G4771: σύ; su; 1. thou; occurs 111 times in Mark] [G5209: ὑμᾶς; 1. you (as the objective of a verb or preposition); occurs 13 times in Mark] with [G1722: ἐν; en] 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] water [G5204: ὕδωρ; hudor; 1. water (as if rainy); occurs in 1:8; 1:10; 9:22; 9:41; 14:13], but [G1161: δὲ; de; 1. but, and, etc.; occurs 133 times in Mark] he will baptize [G907: βαπτίζω; baptizo; 3rd singular future indicative 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; 6:24; 7:4; 10:38 (2); 10:39 (2); 16:16] you [G4771: σύ; su; 1. thou; occurs 111 times in Mark] [G5209: ὑμᾶς; 1. you (as the objective of a verb or preposition); occurs 13 times in Mark] with [G1722: ἐν; en] 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in Mark] the Holy [G40: ἅγιος; hagios; 1. sacred 2. (physically) pure 3. (morally) blameless 4. (religious, ceremonially) consecrated; occurs in 1:8; 1:24; 3:29; 6:20; 8:38; 12:36; 13:11] Spirit [G4151: πνεῦμα; pneuma; 1. a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze 2. (by analogy or figuratively) a spirit 3. (humanly) the rational soul 4. (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc. 5. (superhumanly) an angel, demon 6. (divinely) God, Christ’s spirit, the Holy Spirit; occurs 22 times in Mark].”
occurs 79 times in Mark] came [G2064: ἔρχομαι; erchomai; 3rd singular 2nd aorist indicative active; 1. to come or go; occurs 81 times in Mark] from [G575: ἀπό; apo; 1. "off," i.e. away (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation); occurs 41 times in Mark] Nazareth [G3478: Ναζαρέθ; Nazareth; 1. Nazareth or Nazaret, a place in Israel; occurs in 1:9] of Galilee [G1056: Γαλιλαία; Galilaia; 1. known as the heathen circle 2. Galiloea, a region of Israel; occurs 12 times in Mark] and [G2532: καί; kai; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in Mark] was baptized [G907: βαπτίζω; baptizo; 3rd singular aorist indicative passive; 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; 6:24; 7:4; 10:38 (2); 10:39 (2); 16:16] by [G5259: ὑπό; hypo; 1. 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] John [G2491: Ἰωάννης; Ioannes; 1. Joannes (i.e. Jochanan), the name of four Israelites; occurs 25 times in Mark] in [G1519: εἰς; eis; 1. 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 Jordan [G2446: Ἰορδάνης; Jordanes; 1. the Jordanes (i.e. Jarden), a river of Israel; occurs in 1:5; 1:9; 3:8; 10:1].

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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