

Mark 1:1-11

Jesus Represents the People of
God

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Three Last Day Themes

1. Elijah: Malachi 3:1a Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me.
2. The Messiah: Isaiah 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him.
3. The Holy Spirit: Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted...

A New Day Has Dawned

Mark 1:1-4 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: **“Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, Who will prepare Your way; The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight.’”** John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Baptism And The First Exodus

1 Cor 10:1-2, 5 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea... Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

The Ultimate "Exodus Has Begun"

Mark 1:5-6 And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.

The Inauguration Of The Last Days

Mark 1:7-8 And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Isaiah 32:11 **Until** the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fertile field, And the fertile field is considered as a forest.

1. Jesus Represents The People

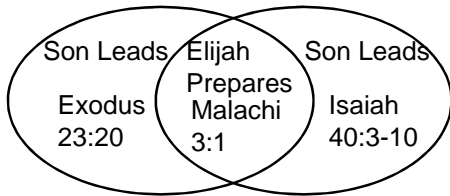
2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”

Application

2. We must understand that our baptism is the sign of our “identity in Christ.”

➤ **Old Exodus/New Exodus: Mark 1:2-3**



2. Baptism: Our Identity In Christ

- 1 Peter 3:20-21 Noah’s family baptized
- 1 Corinthians 10 Israel baptized with Moses
- Mark 1:4-5 John’s baptism of repentance
- Mark 1:9-11 Jesus baptized
- Matthew 28:19 Our baptism

Romans 6:4 Therefore **we have been buried with Him through baptism into death**, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

2. Baptism: Our Identity In Christ

Colossians 2:11-12 **in Him** you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried **with Him** in baptism, in which you were also raised up **with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Application

3. Biblical repentance involves our agreeing with God that we are sinners in desperate need of His mercy.

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Exomologeō = To concur with God's verdict!

3. Two Sides of The Same Coin

Pslam 51:4, 9 Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge... Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities...

Repentance
(confession)



Faith
