

(Mark 1:1-8) This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began ² just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. ³ He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’” ⁴ This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. ⁵ All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. ⁶ His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

- The story of Jesus doesn’t start with a _____,
it starts with a _____.

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Homework Questions

What in the message challenged you, encouraged you, or made you think?

Re-read one of the scripture passages shared. Record any new insights or observations below. **Challenge: choose one sentence in the passage to memorize.**

Based on what you learned from this message, what is your next step of obedience?

Announcements

Elder nominations are open today through July 19. Please prayerfully consider who should be nominated to the position of elder at New Anthem Church. The requirements for elder are listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9, and he must be a member of New Anthem for over one year. Fill out a Connection Card with your nomination!

Looking for a chance to use your skills or gifting? We have a few **volunteer opportunities** in Park City that have been brought to our church. If you'd like to serve, please fill out a connection card or contact cheri@newanthemchurch.com!

We want to celebrate our **re-opening!** On **Sunday, July 19**, join us for a celebration with free activities and food. Details to follow!