

## **The Life And Times Of Jesus**

**Society and culture, including Judaism, had never experienced anyone like Jesus. Who he was and what he did challenged their world. And that's just as true today as it was then. Who is Jesus and how does he impact my life?**

### **In Those Days**

#### **Mark 1.1, 9-13**

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;

11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

12 Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.

13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

**We can trust Jesus because he has an authenticity that no other person and no religion can legitimately claim.**

**Mark presents Jesus as someone who is unique. Someone who is qualified to do what religion cannot. Jesus is authentic.**

### **Mark 3.1-6**

1 He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered.

2 They were watching Him to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

3 He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!"

4 And He said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent.

5 After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 The Pharisees went out and immediately began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

**Jesus was fully human and lived a life that was fully human.**

**In Jesus, God revealed Himself and fulfilled His promises to us.**

**Jesus can do what no religion can. He can save us from our sin and bring us to God.**

**In those days people needed someone. Someone came. Someone authentic. Jesus.**