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My Message Notes

Mark starts his discipleship Gospel cleverly laying out so much of what we need to know about being a disciple or follower of Jesus. Mark uses John the baptizer as an example of a messenger and preparer who both understands their purpose and their place - to look like Jesus knowing we're not, like, Jesus.

Part 1 - The Beginning

Mark 1:1-3 ESV

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

2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

God is sending a **MESSENGER** and his role is to **PREPARE** the way of the Lord/King

Mark 1:4-11 ESV

4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by

John in the Jordan.

10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

As messengers OF Jesus our goal is to prepare
people FOR Jesus

When Jesus came the first time it was to SAVE the world from sin, when Jesus comes again it will be to SEPARATE sin from God's good world.

You don't have to STAND OUT but you should
STAND UP for your faith, more than your fame

John 1:29-37 ESV

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' **31** I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." **32** And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33** I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

Help every person possible find real life in Jesus and
then get out of the way

Part 2 next week!

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