

Breakthrough

Writing to a primarily Gentile audience, Mark's account of the life of Jesus provided a breakthrough for people who knew nothing of the God who loved them.

Breaking Into The World

1.1, 9-11, 14-15

In all of human history, Jesus broke into the world at a special moment in time. And he made possible something special, a breakthrough in the struggle with sin.

Mk 1:1 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** And 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 from the heavens: "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

The baptism of Jesus does three things.

It affirms John's ministry.

It identifies Jesus with the people.

It begins Jesus' ministry with authority and authenticity.

The baptism of Jesus provides credibility to Mark's readers that Jesus is the One sent by God

14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,
15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Jesus broke into the world calling us away from religious systems, depending on human will, and to trust him. Turn from sin, turn to Jesus. This was the breakthrough people had been longing for.

The time has come for you to put your faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

