

Mark 1:1-8

3 Assurances From The Coming Of The Savior Jesus



Background/Context

- Author: John Mark (cousin of Barnabas, friend of Peter)
- Audience: Primarily Roman audience
- Date Written: (64-65 AD)
- Themes: Mark is the gospel of action; one of favorite words is “immediately”
- Mark shows Jesus is Savior of whole world, not just Jews
- Unique introduction; Mark starts with beginning of Jesus’ ministry, not birth or early life

God Always Keeps His Promises

- (vv.1-3) Word, “beginning” points back to Gen. 1:1; Creation began by plan of God, so too arrival/ministry of Jesus orchestrated by God with purpose
- Events of Jesus’ life not by accident, or a fable
- Summary of book: “gospel” – “good news, God’s plan of salvation, forgiveness of sins, heaven, eternal life
- God promised He send a Savior, and He did; God promised to send forerunner and He did; God always keeps His word
- God’s promises can be believed and depended upon; His word will be fulfilled
- We can trust the Bible

- 2 Cors. 1:20, “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”
- Prov. 12:6, “The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.”



God Works Through Everyday People

- (vv.4-5) God's promises often fulfilled through people who serve and join in His work
- God planned a forerunner; John accepted this invitation from Lord and impacted countless lives (even today)
- When God chose this special mission, didn't call; Rabbi, religious leader, royalty, soldier, wealthy or famous
- God chose an everyday person who had a heart to serve
- John faithful to follow Lord's methods as well; God equipped him for mission: preaching, calling for repentance, confession of sin, baptism

- I Cors. 1:26-27, “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are mighty;...”



A Right Relationship With Jesus Will Influence Our Priorities

- (vv. 6-8) John faithful to serve: his relationship with Jesus made a difference in his life
- Faith made big difference in his thoughts, words, actions, decisions: he not like everyone else
- John, no formal religious training, religious credentials
- Wore different clothes, ate different food, preached different message
- People were impacted by John's relationship with Jesus because he lived it out
- Didn't promote self, had priority of exalting Jesus

- Matt. 11:11, “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist;...”
- Jer. 9:24, “But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me,...”

