

Sunday, March 19, 2023



**“Shout it Out Loud”**  
**Mark 1:1-11**

What is your favorite thing to cheer about? What gets you excited?

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We do not have much about Jesus’ early years in the gospels. We go from his birth, to his dedication and then there is silence again until he is about 30. When there is silence, doesn’t mean God has not been at work. Mark introduces Jesus’ ministry through his cousin John the Baptist. Isaiah 40 prophesied about John. Luke tells us about the beginnings of John’s life and what his ministry would be through an angel’s visit to Zechariah his father. Here John fulfills his calling so Jesus can begin his. Jesus starts with submission and baptism.

Baptism shouts “I am ready to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God”

Read *Mark 1:1-11* all the way through. What key phrases stand out for you?

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John proclaims a “Baptism of repentance.” What is your understanding of repentance?

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Read *Luke 5:31,32* and *Acts 3:19*. How do these verses help understand repentance?

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Is there anything in my life for which I need to repent?

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Baptism shouts who I \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*.

How would I define myself vs. how God defines me? What does it mean to me to be a new creation?

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How can believing and living as a new creation change the way I relate to God and others around me?

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Baptism shouts who Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

Read *Mark 1:9-11*.

How would you describe Jesus to someone who had no idea who Jesus was? How does John’s description of this event help in making it clearer?

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Read *Philippians 2:1-8*. How does Paul’s description fit with John’s description? How do they complement each other?

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This week

- Have you ever taken the step of faith of baptism? Why or why not?
- How can remembering your baptism today help you in what you may be facing in life?

Next Week: “Will This Be On the Test?”