

## The Centrality of Jesus

Mark 1:1-11

- I. John the Messenger: Getting people ready for Good News (Mark 1:1-6)
  - A. Mark's Purpose: To present the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus (1:1)
    - ✓ *Do I live as if the message of the gospel is the greatest news on earth?*
  - B. John the Baptist's Purpose: To get people spiritually ready for Jesus (1:2-6)
    - 1. Isaiah prophesied of John's preparation (1:2-3)
    - 2. John baptized people who expressed their repentance of sin (1:4-6)
      - ✓ *Is my heart in a condition that is prepared for God to work?*
  
- II. Jesus, God's Message: Meeting the One who is Above All (Mark 1:7-13)
  - A. Worthy: John exalted the ultimate supremacy of Jesus (1:7-8).
    - 1. Jesus was infinitely more powerful and worthy than John (7).
      - ✓ *Do I acknowledge Christ's supremacy over me or do I focus on what God can do for me?*
    - 2. John's baptism was the external; Jesus' would be the internal baptism of the Holy Spirit (8).
  - B. Beloved: God the Father declared that Jesus was His Beloved, Well-Pleasing Son (1:10-11).
    - 1. Jesus was baptized by John to identify with our sin and to be empowered by the Holy Spirit for His ministry (9).
    - 2. When Jesus was baptized, God the Father declared Jesus' identity and qualification for His mission as Savior (10-11).
      - *Do I appreciate who Christ is and the incredible sacrifice made to provide for my sin?*