



When God Shows Up...

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Mark 1:1-11

General ReMarks

1. Historically _____
1 Corinthians 15:6; Luke 1:1-4

2. Logically _____

It takes _____ to believe but it doesn’t require abandoning _____ to have _____

3. Scripturally _____
Isaiah 40:3, 52:7; Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6

Who Is Jesus? - Mark 1:1-11

1. Jesus is the _____
Ezekiel 39:29; Joel 2:28; Mark 1:3

- He requires a _____
Mark 1:3-4

- His way is the _____
Mark 8:34-35, 10:32-34

2. Jesus is our perfect _____
Mark 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22

3. Jesus is the _____ Son who makes us God’s _____ sons and daughters
Mark 1:11; Galatians 3:26; Hebrew 2:11-12

“He became what we are that we might become what he is.”
- Athanasius

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time today.
- Memorize Mark 1:11
- Commit to reading through the gospel of Mark
- Ask God to show me the crooked paths in my life that need to be made straight
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1. Historically **Reliable**

1 Corinthians 15:6; Luke 1:1-4

2. Logically **Rational**

It takes **faith** to believe but it doesn’t require abandoning **reason** to have **faith**

3. Scripturally **Rooted**

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Discussion Questions - Week #6

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Who Is Jesus?" Summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan to take any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- This weekend's message was titled "Who is Jesus?" If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" What would you say in three sentences or less?

- One of the most important points from Mark 1:1-11 is that Jesus is Lord. What do you think stands in the way for most people to respond to His Lordship with trust?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Each of the Gospel writers tells us who Jesus is. Read John 1:1-14. Who does John say Jesus is?

How does the introduction to John's Gospel differ from Mark's, and how is it alike?

If Peter (Mark's source) and John were both with Jesus, why do you think they differ in the details they present?

How does this passage affirm both Jesus' divine and human nature?

John says the world did not recognize him (v.10). Why didn't the world recognize who Jesus was?

How does this passage invite us to respond to Jesus?

2. Read Colossians 1:15-20. What stands out to you in these verses?

How would you summarize Paul's description of Jesus?

Where do you see good news in this passage?

How could a passage like this encourage you when facing difficult situations?

How might it challenge us to reorder lives and priorities?

FOR PRACTICE

Isaiah prophesied of the voice calling in the wilderness "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." Take some time this week to reflect and ask the Lord to show you the areas in your life where the path is less than straight. Is there any ongoing habit or behavior not aligned with His will for which you must repent? Repent! Then, share with a friend that they might pray for your continual victory in this area.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for ERBC and the churches in the Eagle Rock area to embrace our calling to reach our community with the good news of the gospel. Pray for passionate witnesses, open doors to share, and receptive hearts and minds in those to whom we witness.