

## The Mission of Jesus > Mark 1:9-20

**1:9-11** *The baptism of Jesus.* This section and the next show that God's plan for his Messiah-King is very different from how we would identify and select a leader. The Father miraculously and directly affirms Christ.

**1:12-13** *The testing of Jesus.* Jesus' fitness for ministry is shown here to be absolute: where Israel failed in their faithfulness to the Lord, Jesus succeeds. He is the kind of King that God's people desperately need!

**1:14-15** *The gospel Jesus preached.* Christ's mission is to call all people to turn from their sins and turn to faith in him. The message is simple and clear: the time to follow is now!

**1:16-20** *The disciples Jesus called.* The first disciples do not choose to be a part of Jesus' inner circle; instead, he chooses them. Christ calls them to a new task where they will follow him and carry forth on the disciple-making mission.

**Background:** Mark moves very quickly through pivotal events at the beginning of Christ's ministry. His goal is to show us that Jesus is the called Messiah who is on a mission.

**The Point:** Christ is more than worthy of our faith. Will you follow him? Will you turn and believe?

**Head:** The gospel call involves both believing and doing.

**Heart:** Believe that what Christ offers is where true life is.

**Hands:** Follow Jesus as a disciple. Believe in him!

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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