

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Voice in the Wilderness

Mark 1:2-8

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God in heaven, You are the promised One, You are the righteous, holy, eternal, glorious God. It is right for us to bow our heads & hearts to you this morning. We confess, LORD, that we are so independent that we seldom come to you as we ought. Cry out to your name & seek your face. Ask for your mercy and your grace. So this morning we come asking for this very thing. Oh that you will by the power of your Spirit, your Holy Spirit, Father would you grant us eyes to see Jesus. Grant us grace that we might not only see Jesus Christ but that we may glory in His name, that we may revel in His majesty and in His wonder and in the awe of Jesus Christ our Savior and our LORD. Oh grant us eyes to see that he is indeed Jesus the Christ, the very Son of God. And that we might worship you and lift your name high for you deserve all glory, and worship and adoration. We pray these things, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and LORD. Amen and Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Promise of John (vv. 2-3)
2. The Appearance of John (vv. 4-8)
 - A. Baptizing in the Wilderness (vv. 4-5)
 - B. Proclaiming a Baptism of Repentance (vv. 6-8)

Central Textual Truth

John the Baptist prepares God's people to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to be prepared to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.