**HANDOUT** Mark 1:1-8 **The Good News of Jesus Christ the Son of God** Sept 2, 2018

**Matthew** –Promised Messiah; “Abraham is our Father”- genealogy to Abraham.

**Luke** – Son of Man- the humanity of Jesus- back to Adam.

**John** – Son of God –deity -so back to God in eternity – Beginning was the Word, Word with God, Word was God 🡪 Word became flesh.

***Mark***- - Servant – the promised suffering servant and anointed King

**Point 1: Mark’s Declaration v1**

There is a name, title and description of his nature

**Jesus -**  ‘The salvation of Yahweh’ – Mat 1:21…call his names Jesus.

**Christ** or ‘the Christ’ (lit. ‘the Messiah’ 7x in Mk); anointed one….. anticipated coming king

He is God bringing His salvation.… the saving king.

**Son of God’**-marks out right claim to the divinity of Jesus:

-God knows- ‘*You are my beloved Son*” 1:1; - the demons know- ‘*You are the Son of God’* 3:11

-the disciples know- ‘*You are the Christ*’ 8:29; - the centurion knows- ‘*Was the Son of God*’ 15:3

**The beginning of the gospel…** its about salvation *AND* discipleship-

i.e. Chp 5 - Story of the **demoniac** in the graveyard-

*he could not stop talking* about Jesus

Chp 10 - **rich young ruler** who did not want to follow Jesus- went away disheartened and sorrowful

**\*\* If** the Gospel of Mark is about discipleship- And He calls his book the beginning of the gospel:

**then** we have to conclude that **being a disciple is good news** -> **courageous discipleship** is **really good news**!

**Point 2: John’s Preparation v2-7**

John was **not capable** of making any **internal transformation** in their lives.

He could only **make them aware** of their **need** for a Savior and a Redeemer.

John was **preparing them** for the One who ***could*** change them **from the inside**.

**Point 3: Our Transformation** v8

The OT speaks of this One coming not only **possessing the Spirit of God**, but **bestowing the Spirit of God**

Isaiah 32:15 Isaiah 44:3  Ezekiel 36:26 Joel 2:28-29

He is going to **baptize you** with the **Holy Spirit🡪**

John is saying when God comes in Jesus, he’s going to deal with

**real life**, **real change**, and **transformation** from the **inside out**.

**New heart**, my Spirit within you. It’s going to change you.

Jesus is **WHO** He claimed to be and **WHO** Mark declares Him to be: The Promised Son of God brining salvation.

John prepares us for **WHAT** Jesus is going to do.

The Promised Spirit is going to change you and lead you from the inside out into courageous discipleship AND joy on following Jesus.