

MORE THAN THE MESSAGE

(FOR PERSONAL, GROUP OR FAMILY STUDY)



“He Comes Among Us...As The Mighty One” (12/5-6/2020)

(Mark 1:1-8)

1. Who is someone you respect? What about them makes you respect them?
2. Read Mark 1:1-8 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What is one thing that sticks out to you from this passage? Why?
 - b. What is significant about John’s dress and diet?
 - c. What is the major difference between John’s baptism and the baptism of the “one who comes after me”?
 - d. Is this a good way for Mark to “begin” his Gospel account of Jesus? Why or why not?
3. Verses 2-3 contain passages that show the purpose of John the Baptist. Read the following passages from the Old Testament that contain these verses. What do these passages speak about? How do they point to John the Baptist? Why was he so important that he was given a prominent place in the Gospels?
 - a. Malachi 3:1-4
 - b. Isaiah 40:1-5
4. “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” is not just some general description of the “Mighty One’s” work. Read or skim Acts 2:1-41. What was happening in this passage that relates to Mark 1:8? According to this passage, what had happened prior?
5. What is the Good News God has shown you today through this study? How will you respond?