

**SEEING JESUS THROUGH THE EYES OF MARK
A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

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Title: The Pathway to Power

Text: Mark 1:1-13

Central Ideal of the text:

Jesus was empowered by God's Spirit, to empower God's people to walk in victory, and proclaim His Name, in His power.

Thesis/Big Idea:

The pathway to power is to be vitally connected to Jesus through The baptism and fullness of God's Spirit, and to be Spirit-led continuously.

Introduction:

The Book of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Mark emphasizes the superhuman power of Jesus Christ. Christ is presented as God's Son in action, demonstrating His divinity by His miracles. Mark introduces his Gospel informing us that the heavens parted and the Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove at His baptism. Mark closes his Gospel informing Jesus' followers that they too would have a Spirit-empowered ministry that impacted the world powerfully (Mark 16:15-20).

- I. The Power of Jesus' Ministry is Best Understood by His Personhood (Mark 1:1-7).
- II. The Power of the Believer's Ministry is Best Understood in Their Vital Connectedness to Jesus through the Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8-11).
- III. The Secret to the Power of Jesus' Ministry is Found in His Obedience to The Holy Spirit to Spend Time Alone with God (Mark 1:12-13), as it is also for the Believer.