



Grandpa Devotional #1

John the Baptist

These Daily Devotionals on the Gospel of Mark are designed for the young, i.e. the young in age and the young in their faith. Originally designed for our grandchildren, they are meant to be a starting point, a basic framework, for parents and mentors to launch out into further explanation, understanding and application of the scriptures to your specific life situations. Bible readings are taken from the New Living Translation.

Read Mark 1:1-4

- 1** This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began
- 2** just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way.
- 3** He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the LORD ’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”
- 4** This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.

What is the book of Mark called in v. 1? The Gospel (or the Good News).

What is the Good News/Gospel? Jesus died for our sins so we can be forgiven and can go to heaven. (Expand and ensure understanding).

Who are the Old Testament prophets that Mark quoted (v. 2)? Isaiah and Malachi

Who was the “messenger” and “the voice shouting in the wilderness” that Isaiah and Malachi were talking about in this prophecy (vv. 2-3)? John the Baptist

What was John the Baptist’s job (vv. 2-3)? Get the people ready (prepare their hearts) for the arrival of the Messiah (Jesus).

How would you describe John’s ministry? What did he do (v. 4)? He called the Jewish people to repent of their sins and He baptized them.

What does it mean to repent of your sins? To change your mind about your sin and not want to do it anymore and turn away from your sin and walk in the opposite direction toward God.

You can find the commentary from my study on Mark 1:1-4 that might be of help at: doctormikep.com