



One 2021: wk 2 Hope

Introduction: Mark begins his gospel at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The first thing that he tells us about is Jesus' baptism and subsequent temptation. That might seem like an unusual place to start-until you begin to see them as the beginning of hope being fulfilled.

Discussion Questions

1. What is something that you have/had hoped for, for a really long time? Are you still waiting or did it finally happen?
2. The Old Testament ends with a promise that the next prophet would be introducing the Messiah. Then there was silence for 400 years. Does that waiting period give us any help/insight on the wait on Jesus' return?
3. **Read Mark 1:2-11** Why do you think people went out to see/hear John the Baptist? Why were people baptized by John? What does John's hesitancy to baptize Jesus tell us about the purpose of that baptism?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:45** What does this idea of Jesus being the second or last "Adam" mean? How is the temptation of Jesus similar and different from the temptation of Adam?
5. In the sermon it was said that all 3 parts of the trinity were present for the baptism of Jesus. What does that demonstrate or what can we glean from that?
6. **Read 1 Peter 1:18-20** If Jesus coming was the plan "from the before the beginning of the world," why do you think it took so long to put that plan in motion? How can we have confidence in God's promises, when they don't happen according to our preferred timing?

Shaping Your Mind – *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.* Pr. 13:12

Moving Forward – Since Jesus was the one humanity has been waiting on from the beginning, don't lose patience waiting on his return.