

Meet the Servant

Mark 1:1-45

**Emmanuel Baptist Church
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Mark 1:1-11 (CSB) - *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
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worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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was baptized in the Jordan by John. ¹⁰As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came

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**1. His identity is
established.**

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**2. His authority is
displayed.**

Vv. 12-13 – Immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

Vv. 14-15 – After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: ¹⁵“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Vv. 16-20 – As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon’s brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

¹⁷“Follow me,” Jesus told them, “and I will make you fish for people.”

¹⁸Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹Going on a little

farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat putting their nets in order.

²⁰Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Vv. 21-22 – *They went into Capernaum, and right away he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. 22They were astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes.*

Vv. 23-28 – Just then a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue. He cried out, ²⁴“What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵Jesus rebuked him saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the

unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, shouted with a loud voice, and came out of him.

²⁷They were all amazed, and so they began to ask each other: “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once

***the news about him spread throughout
the entire vicinity of Galilee.***

3. His sympathy is revealed.

***Vv. 29-31 – As soon as they left the synagogue, they went into Simon and Andrew’s house with James and John.
30 Simon’s mother-in-law was lying in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 So he went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them.***

Vv. 40-45 – Then a man with leprosy came to him and, on his knees, begged him: “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him. “I am willing,” he told him. “Be made clean.”⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and

he was made clean. ⁴³Then he sternly warned him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴telling him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go and show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely

and to spread the news, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly. But he was out in deserted places, and they came to him from everywhere.