

Jesus on the Move

The Gospel of Mark tells us the good news of Jesus Christ in a fast-paced and dramatic style. Mark opens abruptly at the start of Jesus' earthly ministry and urgently reveals Jesus on the move through his baptism, testing in the wilderness, and authoritative teaching. By studying Mark's stories, we recognize the power and authority of Jesus still on the move, in and through his people, today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What is the definition of "gospel"?
- What events mark the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry?



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REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Some think that Mark's Gospel appeared first as a dramatic piece presented orally before it was ever written down. Try this experiment: Read [Mark 1:1-15](#), and then listen to a [dramatized reading](#) of the same passage. How does the delivery contribute to your comprehension of the passage? What are the benefits and drawbacks of reading and listening?
- In segment 2, guest Gary Burge notes that "...Every godly man or woman is going to go through the wilderness if he or she is going to discover what is truly in their hearts. In other words, the wilderness is there for testing—it is there to locate what is central to your faith and your identity." Can you identify a time of wilderness testing in your life? What was it like? How did it shape your faith and identity?
- The hosts remind us of three truths about the wilderness we learn from other parts of scripture: 1. Jesus brings peace in his wake (even in the wilderness); 2. God *led* the Israelites through the wilderness; and 3. God was *with* the Israelites in the wilderness. Reflect on the wilderness time you identified above. Can you see those truths in your own situation? How does Jesus' time in the wilderness give you hope for your own seasons of wilderness and testing?
- Over and over Mark records how the authority of Christ, revealed in his teaching and miracles, shocked the people. How can we remind ourselves of Jesus' power and authority in our lives today?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Isaiah 40:3](#), [Matthew 3:13-4:17](#), [Luke 3:21-4:13](#), [Deuteronomy 18:14-19](#), [Deuteronomy 6-10](#)

CONCLUSION

As he closes the episode, Scott Hoezee says, “*Mark reveals Jesus on the move; and thanks be to God, we know that by his Spirit this same Jesus is powerfully on the move in the Church today as well...*” Discuss or journal how you see Jesus moving in and through the Church today. Close your study by in prayer. Give thanks for the wilderness truths you’ve experienced in your life and pray for eyes to see the power and authority of Jesus on the move today.

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