

The Gospel according to Mark (ESV)

Mark 1:1-8

^{1:1} The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet¹,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,'"

⁴ John appeared,

baptizing in the wilderness

and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan,

confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair

and wore a leather belt around his waist

and ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ And he preached, saying,

"After me comes he

who is mightier than I,

the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down

and untie.

⁸ I have baptized you with water,

but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
