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→ OT Prophet
change in form / material

→ John came
change in character and location

→ Jesus came
change in character

→ voice came
change in character

→ Spirit sent to wilderness / desert
change in character and location.

Mark 1:1-13 (NIV)

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Notes .

Introductory to
PASSAGE - General
Statement

Look BACK to OT
connection.

John came
His PREACHING &
Acts of Baptism

Jesus came
His Baptism
AND SPIRIT

Voice came
and its contents

Jesus' First Action
AS Son of God.

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who: Jesus Christ = Son of God
what: Gospel

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who is the messenger?
Prophecy

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Fulfillment.

where: Desert 4x's
v3, 4, 12, 13

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what "EVERYONE confessing sins"

what: I baptize w/ water but he will baptize w/ Holy Spirit

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what: First action of Jesus after baptism & Anointing is to go to desert/wilderness
what does this mean & what are implications?

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what is precise meaning of word "Gospel" to MARK and what are the implications?

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what is precise meaning of "way" & implications

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Desert 4x's

5x's
Baptism, what is meaning - implications and how is John's being contrasted by Jesus'?

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what is the meaning of love / pleased & how does this help grasp relationship of Father - Son - implications

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all modifying the meaning and purpose of John's Baptism

After: temporal adverb

but: contrast

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at once - immediately. what is meaning and implication of this adverb?

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What does the word "gospel" mean in its 1st century world?

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Quotation is placed in ISAIAH. But text is a composite of IS 40, EX 23, MAL 3. What is historical significance?

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Who was actually baptized in Jesus' day? Jews or non-Jews?

How was forgiveness of sins received in 1st century Jerusalem?

What is cultural significance of the description of John? (2 Kings 1:8)

What did "Baptizing Holy Spirit" mean to 1st century people before the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)?

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These words echo OT passages; Psalm 2 & ISAIAH 42.1. What is cultural meaning and implications.

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What is 1st century meaning of Jesus' First Act to take place in wilderness/desert?

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Noun "beginning" being modified by three adjectives

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John came

John is modified by "baptizing"

John was "preaching"

"whole" & "all" are words of scope. Seems as if Judea & Jerusalem were that town as people were hungry for John's offering

John baptize w/ water
Jesus baptize w/ Holy Spirit

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Jesus came

I baptize "by means" of water
He will baptize "by means" of Holy Spirit

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→ Start of something fresh, new beginning

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Hope-filled & Patient. OT promises made all thru history now being realized.

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Frustration.

Jews who for centuries have gone to Temple in Jerusalem for forgiveness now go to John in the wilderness

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→ humble beginnings

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→ Presence & Pleasure of God. Glory language

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weary time, exhausting days of temptation/testing