



HOPE NORTH LAKES



*why start a
church?*

why start a church?



Ego / Personal Platform

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We know better!



Love God

Love others

**Share Gospel +
see *real* transformation**

“Everything that
is real was
imagined
first.”



-THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

**THANK
YOU**



The background of the entire image is a soft, artistic watercolor wash of light blue and white, resembling a bright, hazy sky with wispy clouds. The colors are more concentrated at the top and bottom edges, fading towards the center where the text is located.

WE EXIST TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE NORTH SUBURBS

START & STRENGTHEN

A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

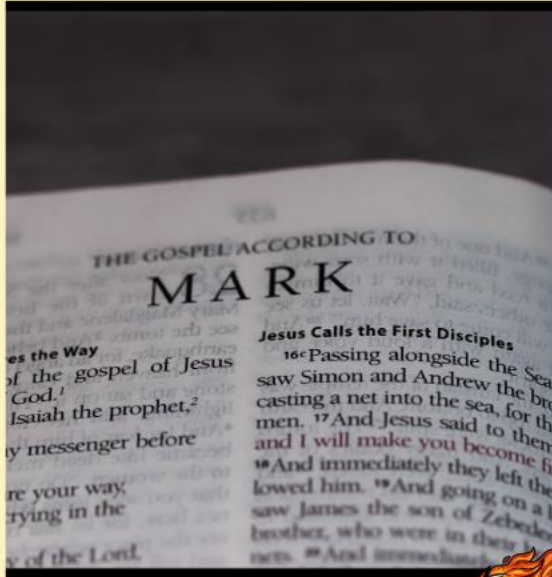
Tom Petty

I Won't Back Down





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THE GOSPEL OF MARK

NO. 2

KEY STATS

NICKNAME "LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION"

DEBUT SEASON 60-70 AD

AUTHOR INFO MARK, EVANGELIST,
CONNECTED TO PETER

AUDIENCE ROMAN, LIKELY GENTILE,
UNDER PERSECUTION

KNOWN FOR

>> FIRST GOSPEL

>> FAVORITE PHRASE: "IMMEDIATELY" - 40+ TIMES

>> MIRACLE COUNT: 18 (FASTEST MPC - MIRACLES
PER CHAPTER OF THE GOSPELS)

Mark 1:1-8

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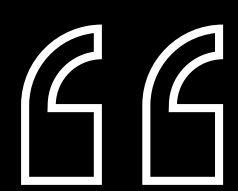
3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘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."

Mark 1:1

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If Mark is indeed the first Gospel, it merits the most careful consideration. Its author introduced to the Roman world a type of popular literature previously unknown. The form of the Gospel appears to have been shaped by the mission proclamation of the early Christian community. Here for the first time the words and deeds of Jesus were remembered and proclaimed in a written form. It is therefore appropriate to label Mark a *witness document* that found its creative impulse in the early apostolic preaching of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is intended to be neither a formal historical treatise nor a biography of Jesus, but proclamation.

The evangelist's intention is grasped when the opening line of the Gospel is paraphrased, "The beginning of the preaching of the joyful tidings." What follows is an historical narrative oriented around a crisis—the death of Jesus the Messiah.

~ William L. Lane, *The Gospel of Mark*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1974), 1.

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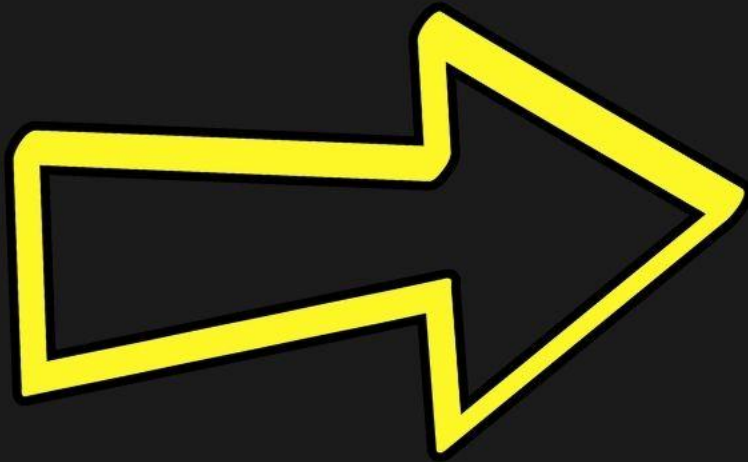


This story is the beginning of the good news, but every beginning is a consequence. By cross-referencing Scripture, Mark makes it clear that the gospel is bound fast to the promise of God in the Old Testament and is a continuation of the story of God's saving activity. Long before the promise-filled preaching of John the Baptizer, there was the promise-filled preaching of Isaiah, which shows that God had planned things out long before John appeared on the scene and was the one who initiated the action. The prophets' hope was not a pipe dream; their prophecy still rings forth, and it will be fulfilled by God.

David E. Garland, Mark, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 43.

HOW WE READ THE BIBLE

Creation Fall Redemption Restoration





Mark 1:4-5

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.

Mark 1:6-8

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."



WHO

WHAT

WHEN

WHERE

WHY



The first scene (1:1–8) emphasizes that John the Baptizer's ministry in the desert was the fulfillment of divine prophecy. A transcendent voice from offstage recites the Scripture and sets what follows in the perspective of salvation history. The reader now knows who John is from the divine perspective. He is the one who comes to bear witness to the more powerful one who comes after him, and Jesus must be that more powerful one promised in Scripture.

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Something Big Is About To Go Down

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(Mark 1:7-8)



The New Has Come

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

What About Your Life?

- New church!
- New School Year / New Grade
- New NFL season (Go Pack Go!)
- New ways for Vikings fans to be disappointed
- *"New year, New me"*



60 MINUTES  Overtime

2005



BRADY: ...There's times where I'm not the person that I want to be. Why do I have three Super Bowl rings, and still think there's something greater out there for me? I mean, maybe a lot of people would say, "Hey man, this is what is." I reached my goal, my dream, my life. Me, I think: God, it's gotta be more than this. I mean this can't be what it's all cracked up to be. I mean I've done it. I'm 27. And what else is there for me?

KROFT: What's the answer?

BRADY: I wish I knew. I wish I knew...

Tom Brady, 60 Minutes Overtime, 2005

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On my 40th birthday I made a bucket list of things I hoped to do or achieve. They were mainly accomplishments only a wonk could want: writing books and columns about serious subjects, teaching at a top school, traveling to give lectures and speeches, maybe even leading a university or think tank. Whether these were good and noble goals or not, they were my goals, and I imagined that if I hit them, I would be satisfied.

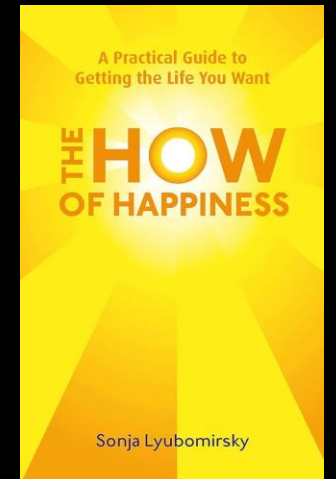
I found that list nine years ago, when I was 48, and realized that I had achieved every item on it. I had been a tenured professor, then the president of a think tank. I was giving frequent speeches, had written some books that had sold well, and was writing columns for *The New York Times*. But none of that had brought me the lasting joy I'd envisioned. Each accomplishment thrilled me for a day or a week—maybe a month, never more—and then I reached for the next rung on the ladder.

Arthur C. Brooks, How To Want Less, The Atlantic, 2022.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2022/03/why-we-are-never-satisfied-happiness/621304/>

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“Our expectations about what our lives should be like are greater than ever before; we believe that we can do anything, and we are profoundly disappointed when reality doesn’t meet or even come close to perfection.”



Sonja Lyubomirsky, PhD, *The How of Happiness: A Scientific Approach to Getting the Life You Want*

Psalm 14:1-3

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is none who does good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

3 They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.



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John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



Gospel Response

Start a relationship with Jesus Christ

Strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ