

Gospel for January 10, 2021 - lesson for 4th-6th grade

Read the below Gospel slowly listening for words or phrases that catch your attention. Read it again then think about the answers to the first couple questions. Read it again and think about the answers to the next couple questions. Continue to re-read the Gospel and think about possible answers. Do you think you get a deeper understanding by re-reading the story multiple times? Do you find yourself focusing on different parts? What word(s) or phrase(s) stood out to you?

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reminder, Mark is the second of four gospels in the New Testament. Although reading is here for you, can you find it in the Bible?

- ◆ Who is John talking about in verses 7-8?
- ◆ What does John say about Jesus?
- ◆ Who baptized Jesus?
- ◆ What happened next?
- ◆ What message did Jesus hear at his baptism?
- ◆ What happens in our church when someone is baptized?
- ◆ How are baptisms in our church similar to Jesus' baptism? different from Jesus' baptism?

Activity - If you have a red Book of Common Prayer find the baptism service and read through it. THINK about it! If you don't have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer you can find it online at <https://www.bcponline.org/>