

Where Good Things Begin Mark 1:1-11

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Good = positive in effect or outcome

New creation – beginning

- **God will come!**

Isaiah 40:1-3 "Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God.
²"Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins."

³A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God."

- **I can change!**

meta noia – "repent; change the way you think"
I can be clean!

- **Jesus Christ!**

"Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men?" (Mark 11:30)

"You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

"I know what good is."

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¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; ³ THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'"

⁴ John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ John was clothed with camel's hair and *wore* a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. ⁸ I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; ¹¹ and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."