

Jesus

Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him
to Live like Him

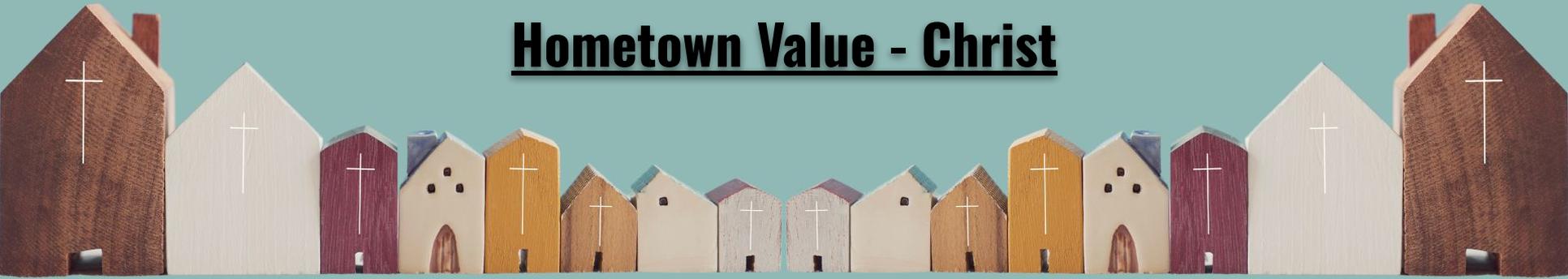


JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Why This Series?

“We value Jesus Christ, the life He lived, the sacrifice He made, and the living hope He is to us today. At Hometown we strive to emulate Him, love Him and share Him with others.”

Hometown Value - Christ



Why This Series?

”Jesus also came to live a life. He came to model a new way to be human. He came in the flesh to show us how to live in our flesh. We miss the incarnation when view Jesus only through His death on the cross instead of through His life in the neighborhood.”

-Hugh Halter - *Flesh*



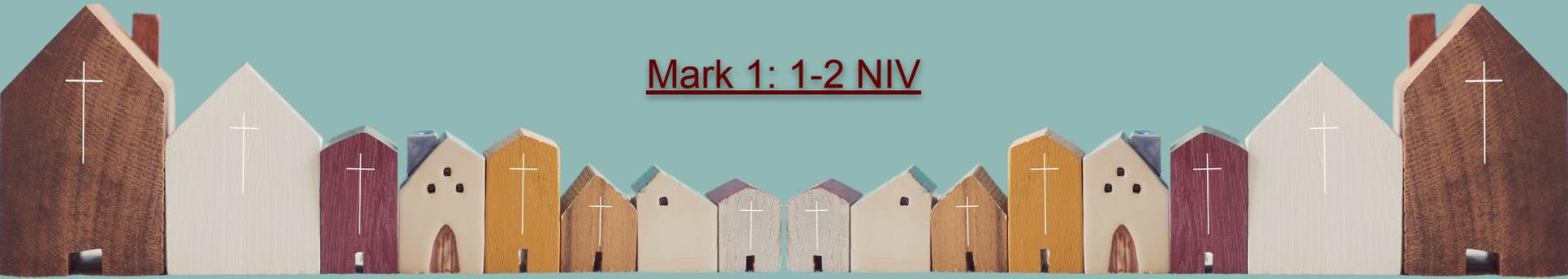
Overview of Mark

- ❑ **Author is John Mark**
- ❑ **Close associate of Peter**
- ❑ **Earliest dated Gospel**



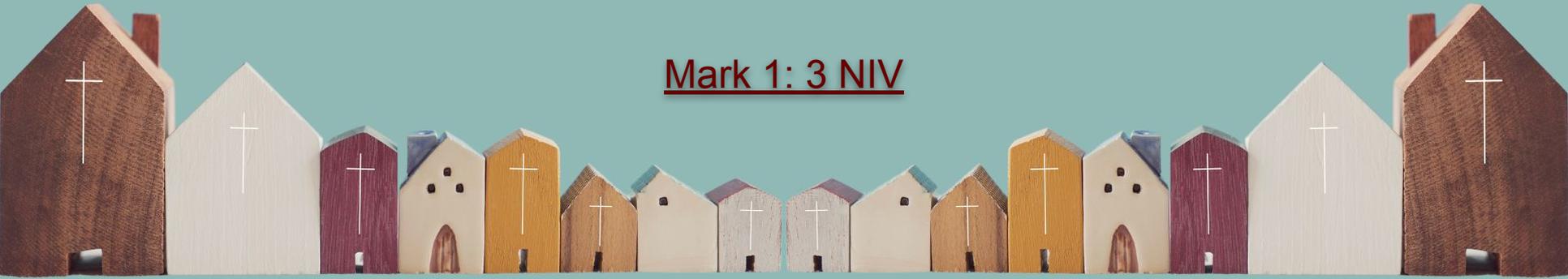
The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way

Mark 1: 1-2 NIV



**A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight
paths for him.’”**

Mark 1: 3 NIV



Introduction

- ❑ **Good news - hope of Israel**
- ❑ **Jesus will be announced by a voice in the wilderness**



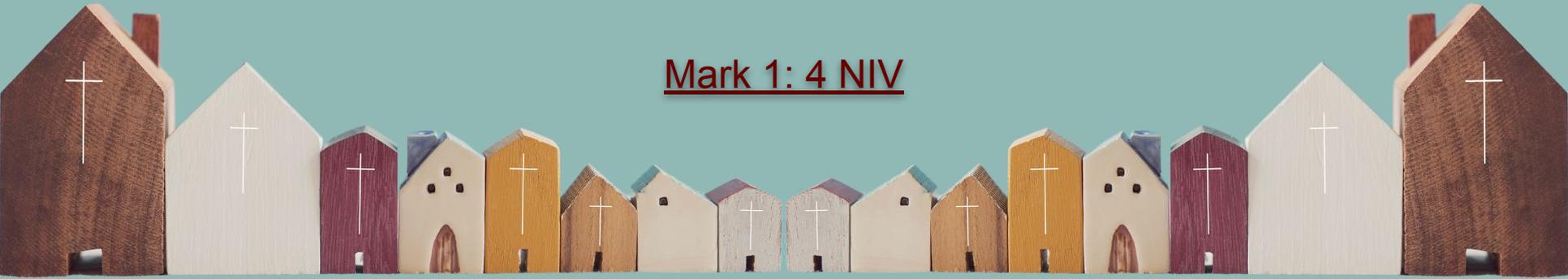
Punchline

**Be willing to go to the wilderness to walk
with Jesus**



And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1: 4 NIV



The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1: 5-6 NIV



And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1: 7-8 NIV



John the Baptist

- ❑ Teaches baptism of repentance
- ❑ People of Jerusalem WENT OUT to him
- ❑ Calling Jews to join a movement
- ❑ Getting people ready



Hype Man

YEAH

BOYEEEEEEEEEEEEEE



Who We Are

- ❑ **Our calling and giftings**
 - ❑ **Not a job or career**
 - ❑ **Can play out in different avenues of life**
 - ❑ **All important**



Who We Aren't

- ❑ **Jesus - don't have to be and shouldn't pretend to be**
- ❑ **Get out of His way**
- ❑ **This takes the pressure off**



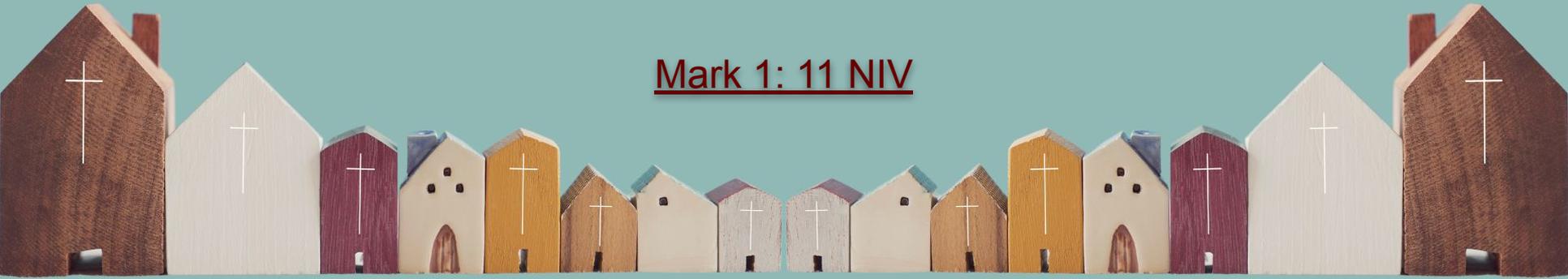
At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

Mark 1: 9-10 NIV



**And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son,
whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

Mark 1: 11 NIV



Jesus is Baptized

- ❑ Comes from Nazareth and is baptized
 - ❑ Initiation and joining of the new movement
- ❑ Total obedience and submission to the will of God



Jesus is Baptized

- ❑ **Voice of God “You are my son with you and I am well pleased.”**
- ❑ **He is approved of by His Father**
- ❑ **His Father is confident in Him, and pleased with Him**





Join the Movement

- ❑ **Repentance and obedience is part of it**
- ❑ **A change in behavior and obedience when the world around us might not be so obedient**



Obedience in a Sinful World

- ❑ Obedience is a two-sided coin
 - ❑ Prohibitions (Gal 5: 19-21)
 - ❑ Actions (Gal 5: 22)
 - ❑ Use both sides of the coin at the same time



See Ourselves in Light of Jesus

- ❑ **“Son in whom I am pleased”**
 - ❑ **God is the example of a loving Father**
 - ❑ **“You’re mine, I love you, I want you with me.”**



At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Mark 1: 12-13 NIV



Jesus is Tempted

- ❑ **Straight to the wilderness to be tempted for 40 days**
- ❑ **The angels are with Him as the presence of God**



You know you're tempted....



Temptation Will Come

- ❑ **Hard to resist, feels good, comes from every direction, is personal**
- ❑ **Direct sins**
- ❑ **Turn our focus from God**
 - ❑ **Satan loves when our focus is off of God**



Not Alone in Temptation

- ❑ God will help us through it
 - ❑ Be honest about your temptations
 - ❑ Share temptations with others
 - ❑ More prayer is never a bad thing



Go to the Wilderness

- ❑ **Prepare the way for Jesus**
- ❑ **Join the movement like Jesus**
- ❑ **Be ready for temptation**
- ❑ **Be willing to go the wilderness to walk with God**

