

Study Questions from 17.05.2020 sermon

Introduction

- i. If you were to go to Broad Street and interview 100 people and ask them who they thought Jesus was, what do you think the majority would say?

A. An imperial word

- ii. Read Mark 1:1. The Greek word which Mark uses for good news in v1 is the word which was used to refer to a good news message from the Senate in Rome or from Caesar himself. Why did Mark deliberately choose this word and what would it have meant for his original audience?

B. A strange fashion sense

- iii. Read Mark 1:2—8. What is the significance of John the Baptist, and why did he dress and eat strangely?

C. An unexpected baptism

- iv. Read Mark 1:9—11. Why did John baptise Jesus?
- v. Discuss what v10—11 teaches us.

D. A good news proclamation

- vi. Read Mark 1:14—15. Share with your group the best news you've ever received and your response.
- vii. Why is repentance good news?
- viii. Why is belief in Jesus good news?