

## CHAPTER ONE OF THE GOOD NEWS WRITTEN BY MARK

*Read through the first chapter, trying to understand as if for the first time.*

*Underline words that are meaningful to you.*

After you are done, reflect on the words you underlined. What do you find intriguing or compelling about them?

Why is John the Baptist included at the beginning of the story? Name two or more things his presence provides to this history/story.

Who hears the voice from heaven during Jesus' baptism? What does that suggest?

Where in this chapter do you see allusions to Eden – a place where creatures and spiritual beings dwell together. What might that be telling us about Jesus? (Vv 13 & 35)

Why do you suppose Jesus tells the demons and people who are healed not to talk about him? (v 25,34, 44)

What does Jesus say his purpose is? (v38)

**Join us on Sunday morning when we explore the final portion of Mark 1:40-45 and the concept of being seen.**