

Connect to the Source



Read the following passage. If all you knew about Jesus was based on Mark 1:7-17,

- What qualifies Jesus to lead a movement you would consider following?
- What expectations would you have if Jesus was leader in your class?

⁷ He (John the Baptist) was preaching: "Someone more powerful than I will come after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of His sandals. ⁸ I have 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 in the Jordan by John. ¹⁰ As soon as He came up out of the water, He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending to Him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: You are My beloved Son; I take delight in You!

¹² Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness 40 days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels began to serve Him.

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the good news of God: ¹⁵ **"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!"**

¹⁶ As He was passing along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Follow Me," Jesus told them, **"and I will make you fish for people!"**

Mark 1:7-17 (HCSB)

There are at least three reasons Jesus has the right to lead the work of our class:

1. He _____ completely with _____
2. He _____ with the _____ He came to _____
3. He _____ to be part of His _____