

**Christmas Sunday**  
**“Who do you say that I am?” Mark - Part 1**  
**The Beginning of the Good News...**  
**Mark 1:1-9**  
**December 25th, 2016**

Song: O Come All Ye Faithful  
Welcome and Scripture Reading? – Jake  
Song: Angels We Have on High/Hark the Herald  
Song: Away In the Manger  
Offering  
Song: Silent Night / O Holy Night  
Video and Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Sermon  
Closing Song - Joy to the World

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**“The Beginning of the Good News...”**

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***This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.*** And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. (1 Jn 3:16)

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**“The Beginning of the Good News...”**

**It is based on promises made in the past.**

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**“Prepare the way for the Lord...”**

**It is about people in the present.** (Comes in later)

**God always “incarnates” the message.** (Comes in later)

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## **At that time Jesus Came...**

**Who was and is and is to come.** (Comes in later)

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Col. 1:15-20)

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**The good news of Jesus...the good news of Christmas is just beginning.**

**We prepare a way for Him to live in and through us.**

**And then Jesus comes to the world around us.**

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