

Mark — Worksheet 1: Answer Key

Jesus' Ministry Begins — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. Who prepared the way for Jesus, and what was his message (Mark 1:2-8)?

John the Baptist, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and announcing one mightier than himself was coming.

2. What happened when Jesus was baptised by John (Mark 1:9-11)?

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended like a dove, and a voice from heaven declared Him God's beloved Son.

3. Describe the healing of the paralysed man in Mark 2:1-12. What did his friends do to bring him to Jesus?

They lowered him through the roof on his mat because of the crowd; Jesus forgave his sins and healed him.

4. In the Parable of the Sower, what happened to seed that fell on the path, rocky ground, thorns, and good ground (Mark 4:3-8)?

Path: eaten by birds. Rocky ground: sprang up but withered without root. Thorns: choked. Good ground: grew and produced a crop.

5. What did Jesus say the seed on good ground represents (Mark 4:20)?

Those who hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop.

6. Reflection: Which 'type of ground' from the Parable of the Sower best describes your life right now, and why?

Open, personal reflection.