

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: December 31, 2017**  
**Intro & Mark 1:1-8**

1. What type of book is the book of Mark?
  - a. An epistle.
  - b. A Gospel.
  - c. A Synoptic Gospel
  
2. Who wrote the Gospel of Mark?
  - a. Mark.
  - b. Church tradition suggests that it was written by John Mark, cousin of Barnabas (Acts 12:12).
  - c. Church tradition and history believe that Mark is the Gospel based on the stories told by the apostle Peter, who seemed to be very close to John Mark (See 1 Peter 5:13).
  
3. What are the two ways that Mark refers to Jesus in 1:1?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Where, according to Mark 1, does the story of Jesus begin?
  - a. With John the Baptist, who was to prepare the way for Jesus.
  - b. With the prophet Isaiah, who foretold the coming of Jesus and foretold the role of John the Baptist in preparing the way.
  - c. With the baptism and ministry of Jesus...unlike some of the Gospels, Mark does not tell us the story of the birth of Jesus or of Mary & Joseph.
  
5. How, according to 1:3-5, did John prepare the way for Jesus?
  - a. He was to "make straight paths for him."
  - b. He preached a baptism of repentance (change) for the forgiveness of sins.
  - c. He called for people to confess their sins and be baptized (symbolically washed and made clean).
  
6. What was the message that John preached, according to 1:7-8?
  - a. I am not the one.
  - b. After me, one will come who is more powerful...
  - c. I baptize with water, but the one who is to come will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
  - d. He preached repentance for forgiveness, but promised something more!
  
7. Have you prepared the way for Jesus to do something more in your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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