The Gospel According to Mark

Follow the Leader

"A Trustworthy Leader"

INTRO: *As author of one of our Bible's four Gospels, Mark announced the "Good News" (gospel) of Jesus as God's long-promised Messiah. But could Jesus be trusted to lead? In our opening study, Mark explored how Jesus qualified as God's Messiah to lead His people.*

I. God promised a _____ (1:1-3). *Messiah's arrival was **prophesied** to come via a **forerunner**, revealed as John.*

II. God _____ Jesus as His promised _____ (1:4-13). *Two events displayed God's confirmation of Jesus.*

A. Jesus' _____. *This affirmed John's ministry and identified Jesus with the people He came to save.*

B. Jesus' _____. *This demonstrated Jesus' sinlessness and spiritual authority.*

III. _____, and _____ that Jesus is worthy of being followed as God's promised _____ (1:14-15). *Because Jesus was confirmed by God as His promised Messiah, this is the only acceptable response.*

A. _____ is *changing one's mind* about _____ and need for a _____. *A change of mind undoubtedly also leads to a change in behavior.*

B. _____ is *absolute* and *resolute* _____. *Trusting absolutely in Jesus requires abject dependence.*