

MESSAGE NOTES

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CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark's Account – There are NO

- Angels
- Shepherds,
- Virgin Birth
- Bethlehem
- Magi
- Joseph or Mary

The lack of a Christmas narrative fuels two heresies:

1. _____
2. _____

Mark's Gospel *appears* to begin when Jesus is about 30 years old

Mark's Gospel

- The "and-then-Gospel" with a focus on the crucifixion – a _____
_____ for sufferers
- *The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God* Mark 1:1
- The action of Mark actually begins in the prophecies of the _____
_____ Mark 1:2-3 (Malachi and Isaiah)
- The initial fulfillment was from _____ exile – the ultimate fulfillment was from _____

And so, John came . . . Mark 1:4

- Israel was exiled in Egypt 400 years before Moses led them in the Exodus
- After 40 years, God led his people into the Promised Land by crossing the Jordan River
- Now, after a 400 year exile of God's silence – a new Exodus has come
- God leads his people into a new Promise – through the waters of Baptism Mark 1:5-8
- Jesus' Baptism – The Father's Declaration Mark 1:9-11

Mark's Gospel makes a personal connection when Christ is _____ in the heart of the believer in _____

- This in no way discounts the historicity of the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke
- Christmas takes root when the story comes alive in the human heart.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 12/1/2013 (REVISED BUDGET)

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
12/1	438	\$ 26,888	\$ 23,385	\$ +3,503
	Budgeted YTD \$ 514,470	Offerings YTD \$ 471,288		\$ -43,182

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Attendance 12/1 ~ 15 ~ Offering Received ~ \$ 10 ~ YTD ~ \$ 58

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