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Understand the Good News

Mark 1:1-4

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Mark 1:1-3 *This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written:*

"Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
and he will prepare your way. (Malachi 3:1) [About _____ years earlier]
He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming!
Clear the road for him!'(Isaiah 40:3)" [About _____ years earlier]

The Good News is a part of a _____ _____

The Bible is _____ story: The story of God _____ people

Mark 1:4 *This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.*

How do you get into the story?

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Be _____

Ephesians 2:3-5 *All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.*

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Love causes people to do _____ things

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

2 Plans for Good News:

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BOTTOM LINE: When I _____ God's story, He _____ my life.