

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
The Start of Something Big – Mark 1

1. What did Jesus come to do?
2. What's a Christian meant to do?
3. *Read Mark 1:1-13.* How is the start of Marks gospel different to the other 3 gospels? Can you think of any reasons Mark might have chosen to start the way he did?
4. As Mark tells the story, what is the purpose of Jesus baptism? Who is it for? (v9-11) Who saw? Who was spoken to? Why does Jesus need to hear and see these things?
5. What do we learn from Marks brief account of Jesus temptation? With so little detail why does Mark still include it for us?
6. What do verses 9-13 teach us about Jesus humanity? How should that be a comfort to us?
7. *Read Mark 1:14-45.* What does Jesus consider his number one priority? Where do we see this? How does this priority effect Jesus plans and actions?
8. Where does healing people fit into Jesus job description?
9. How can we follow the example Jesus sets in his priorities?
10. Why does Jesus tell the Leper to say nothing? (v44) Shouldn't Jesus be looking for good publicity?
11. Did the Leper do the right thing? Can you think of a time when you really felt like you knew better than Jesus?
12. What are your 'First Impressions' of this man Jesus in Mark 1?
13. What do you expect from him? (In the rest of the book AND right now)