

A STUDY OF

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INTRODUCTION

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Mark 1:1-3 *niv*

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Mark 1:4-8 *niv*

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Mark 1:9-13 *niv*

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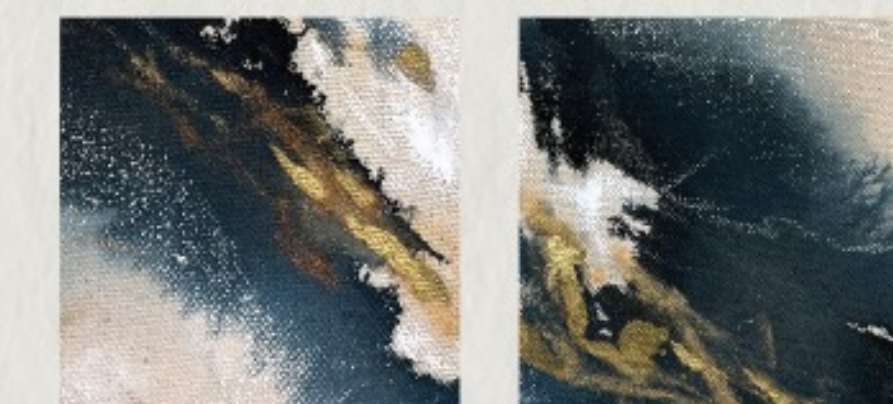


Who was John Mark?



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What is unique about the
book of Mark?



Unique Emphasis of the Four Gospels



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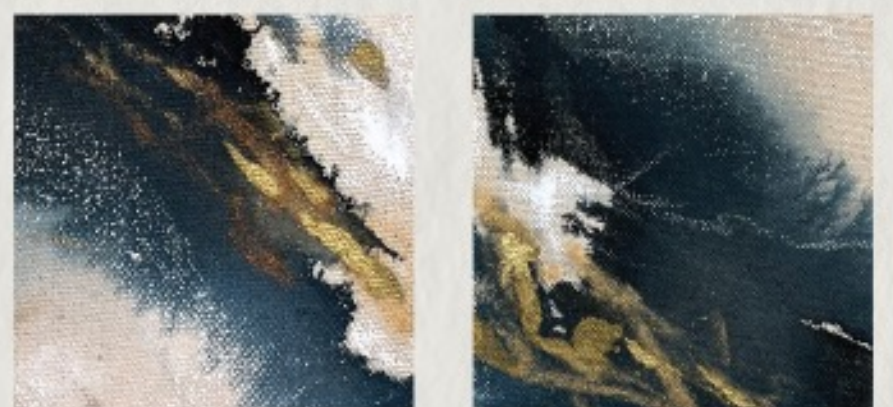


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Repentance (*not just “bummer” or “oops” or “I’m sorry”*)

...REAL repentance is doing a 180°



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Mark 1:6 *niv*

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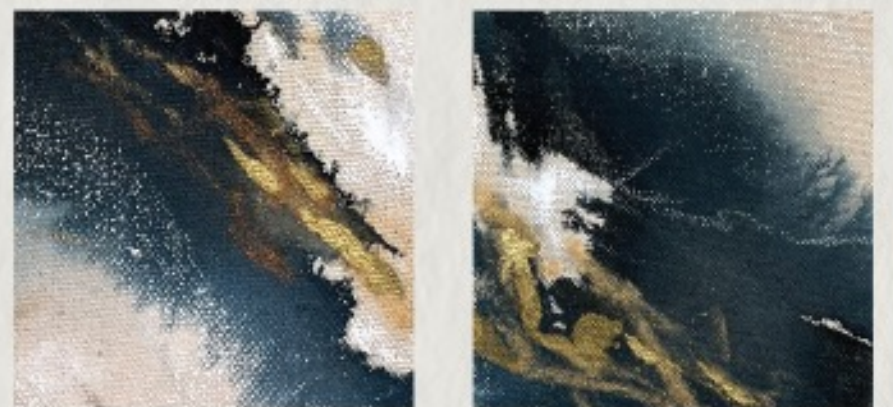


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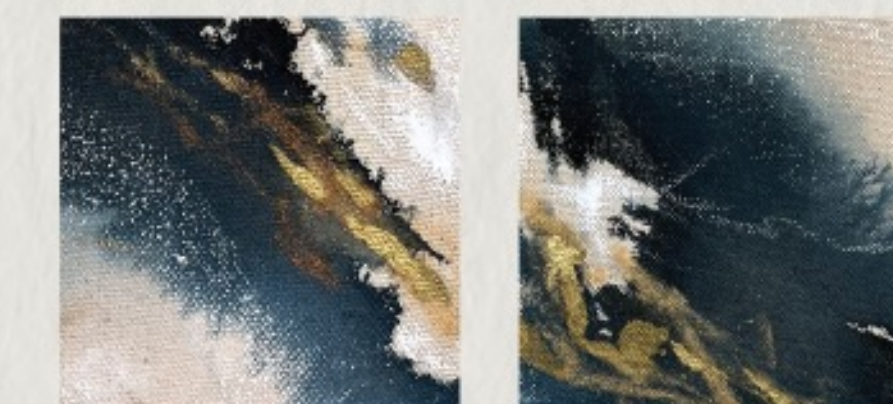


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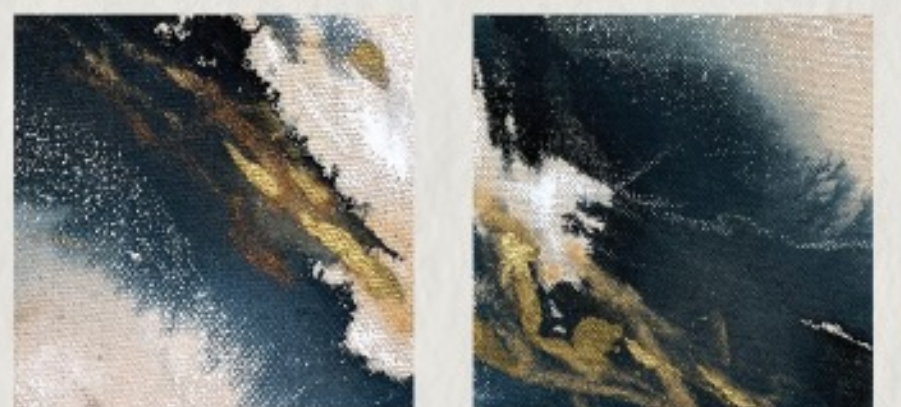
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Temptation isn't a sin...

having a thought enter your mind isn't a sin...

focusing on & dwelling on & visualizing can lead to sin.



***Jesus Announces
the Good News***

MARK 1:14-15

Mark 1:14-15 *niv*

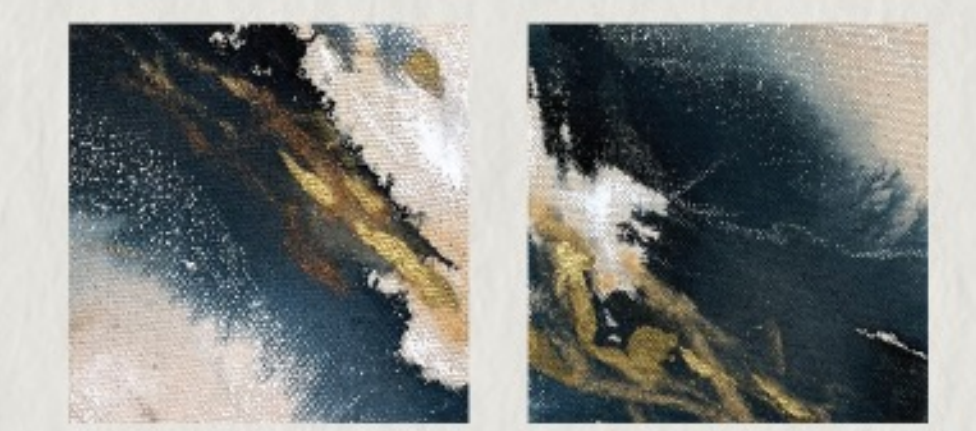
After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”



**wilderness of increased
*uncertainty...***



**wilderness of increased
*insecurity...***



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We can *spend* more time discussing, debating, and dividing over sexism, racism, ageism, and politics...

Rather than *investing* our time in reminding ourselves of and focusing on:

- WHOSE we are
- WHO He designed us to be & become
- WHAT He has promised
- HOW we can grow

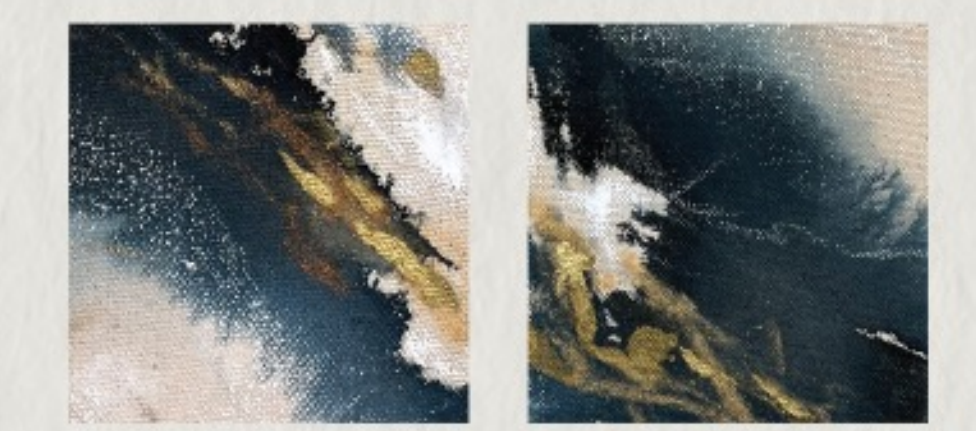


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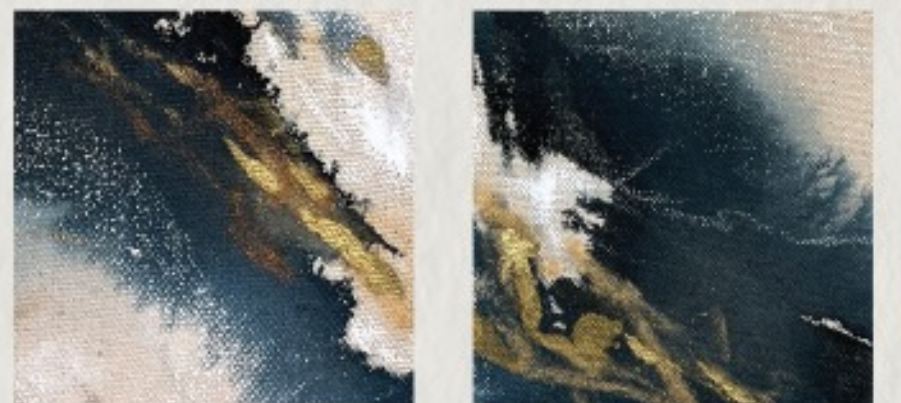
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We can CHOOSE to focus on how we might grow in
becoming men & women who over time are living, looking,
listening, loving & sounding a wee bit more like our Lord
Jesus Christ every day... but we can be so easily distracted.



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“Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you.

Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ – that's where the action is.

See things from *his* perspective.”

- COLOSSIANS 3:2 MSG

