

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

Contemporary Service

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor
Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS	Praise Band
WELCOME	Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Susan Quigley, Director of Children and Youth Ministries
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 1:1-11 ¹
THE MESSAGE	Series: Seeking the Truth <i>If Jesus Was the Messiah, Why Didn't He Reign on David's Throne as Predicted?</i> Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
PRAISE SONG	
BLESSING	
PASSING THE PEACE	

¹Mark 1:1-11 (CEB)

The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah: Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way, a voice shouting in the wilderness: "Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight."

John was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

Zoom Book Study with Woody Woodward, Assistant Pastor for Outreach

Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*

Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning January 25 for 8 weeks

(may be extended if participants wish)

Some copies of the book will be available at church (call first). Others are available at Cokesbury.com or amazon.com.

The Bible is the best-selling book in the world, but so many people have questions. If you are upset by some of the stories or can't decide what to think about God and Jesus, this study may answer some of your questions... and maybe ask a few of its own.