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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

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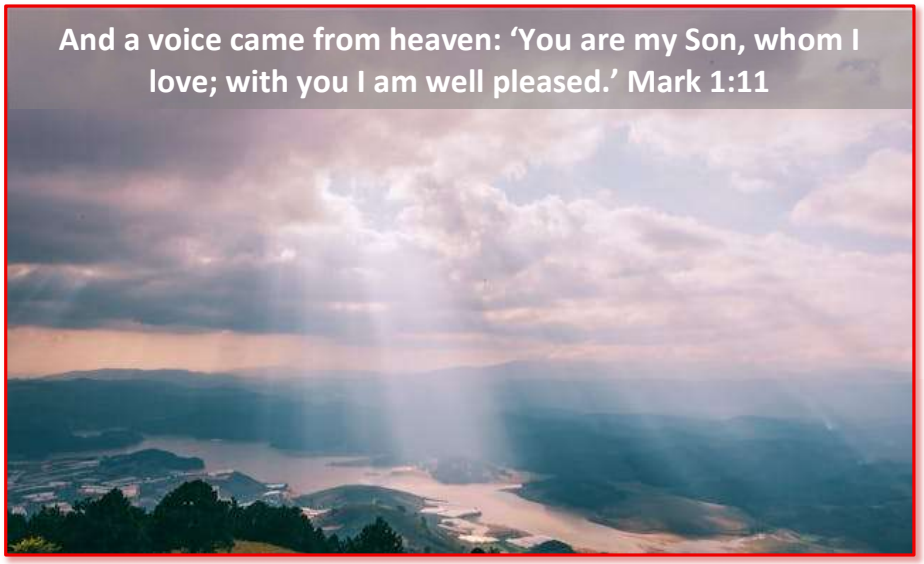

Series: The Magnificence of the Messiah!

Messiah – Heaven Open!

Mark 1:9-13

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE– Simon's band will be leading this communion service before Clive continues with part 2 of our new series 'The Magnificence of the Messiah'. Clive's talk is entitled, 'Messiah – Heaven Open' based on Mark 1:9-13.

In this new series we will encounter Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him — and be amazed again at who He truly is.

Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can't actually join us, you will be able to access the service at any time by going to -

https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

NEXT WEEKEND'S SERVICE – 25th January 2026. Simon will be continuing with our new series, 'The Magnificence of the Messiah!' as we reach part 3 based on Mark 1: 21-34 and entitled, 'Messiah – authority to heal!. Don't miss this.

TODAY'S FLOWERS - We have donated the flowers today in celebration of our granddaughter Faith's Baptism. We are so grateful to God that she has given her life to Him especially as she will be joining the RAF on 9th February. God bless you as He continues to bless us, love Mick and Liz.

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM – We're holding a baptismal service in May — a joyful celebration of lives made new in Christ! If you're a believer and haven't yet been baptised, why not take time to pray and ask: **"Is now the moment to take this step?"** Baptism is a beautiful declaration of faith — a public "yes" to Jesus, and a powerful picture of new life. If you'd like to explore this further, we'd love to chat with you. Simon and Derek.

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: Tinned tomatoes, Tinned vegetables, Sponge puddings, UHT orange juice, Sauces (ketchup etc)

Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer. Thank you very much.

JANUARY CHURCH MEETING – Our next Church family meeting is on Thursday, January 22nd 2026 from7.00pm –to 9pm. Please do make every effort to join us as we seek God's will for the future.

QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING – Saturday, January 31st 10am – 12noon. Our quarterly prayer gathering isn't just a meeting; it's a chance to seek God's heart for our church and community. When we pray together, things change — in us and around us. So, if you long to see God move in 2026, come and join us — every great move of God begins in prayer.

HOMEGROUPS – Are you a member of a homegroup? If not – why not? They are great places to dig into God's word, to really get to know people and share your prayer requests. If you want to know more, just talk to me. Derek.

This week's poem

"Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove."– *Mark 1:10 (NIV).*
In Mark's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks a breathtaking moment: **heaven opened**. But what does that mean for us here and now?
While we wait for the fullness of heaven, God gives us glimpses — in the beauty of creation, in the love of family and friends, and in the gentle presence of His Spirit. This poem invites us to imagine what heaven must be like… and to recognise the quiet ways it breaks through even now.

Heaven Opened

Can you imagine heaven's light,
Where sorrow fades and all is right?
A place where joy flows full and free,
And all is as it's meant to be?

And yet, down here, we catch a trace —
In ocean breeze, in mountain grace.
In laughter shared and meals made sweet,
In every kind and caring feat.

The love of friends, a child's wide smile,
The peace that holds us for a while —
They whisper of a world above,
Where all is healed by perfect love.

At Jordan's shore, the sky once tore,
And heaven opened wide its door.
The Father spoke, the Spirit came —
And nothing has remained the same.

So lift your eyes — the veil is thin,
For heaven's hope has entered in.
And through each glimpse, both soft and true,
God stirs our hearts for what is due.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

A MESSAGE FROM RIO- Thank you so much for making me so welcome and to everyone who has already filled in a questionnaire! If you haven't yet got one, please grab one from the desk today or during the week! I would love to hear from as many of you as possible, both in and not in homegroups. Also, if you are willing to be interviewed about your experience of pastoral care (either in a homegroup, or not in a homegroup) please come and find me after the service, or email me at 2023004@moorlands.ac.uk. I could do with a bit more input in this area.

Prayer Wall ... and finally

Please pray for:

- Ronnie Gayle as his eyesight hasn't improved after his recent operation. He cannot see well enough to drive at present and has been tod to rest and recover. Please pray for healing and patience.
- Ronnie's sister's mother-in-law, Audrey, who is nearing the end of her life. Please pray for peace of mind for all.
- Frank Yorkston who is still in a lot of pain from his right hip - this means Frank is really struggling at present. Please pray for urgent action by the medical staff and healing.
- Jo Lockkart is now back at home from hospital. Please thank the Lord and pray that she continues to recover back at home.
- Eileen Miller is in hospital with flu but is gradually improving. Please pray for ongoing healing.
- Margaret Beckett is in good spirits after her operation and is steadily improving. Do thank God for his healing hand and pray that Margaret continues to get stronger day by day.
- Marie as she adjusts to life in a wheel chair but that the Lord that she is at home and still very cheerful.
- Mary Edwards whose Father died this week after a long illness.

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