

“KNOWING THE SECRET” Mark 1:1-24 (The Baptism of Jesus)

Intro. *The Storyteller's Dilemma: When to Tell the Secret!*

I. ST. MARK HAS A WONDERFUL SECRET TO SHARE

- A. The secret is the identity of Jesus (Mk. 1:1; 11; 23-24)
- B. Many would not or could not recognize the secret (Mk. 8:29-33)
- C. We are to remember the secret when all hell breaks loose on Jesus at Calvary
- D. We are to remember the secret when all hell breaks loose in our lives

II. ST. MARK SAYS WHEN THINGS GET ROUGH, DON'T FORGET THE SECRET!

- A. Appearances can be deceiving... it was true for Jesus
 - 1. He is no stranger to suffering
 - 2. He is no stranger to our suffering

- *Jesus' promise to short people* (Matt. 28:20)
- B. Appearances can be deceiving ... it is true for us, yet in Christ we have:
 - 1. A sure identity (Galatians 3:26-27)
 - 2. An eternal destiny (Romans 8:35-39)
 - 3. An immeasurable worth (Mk. 1:11)

Conclusion: Two Baptismal Secrets: *Luther and the devil* and *Spitting in church*