

# “The Secret is Out!”

*(Luke 3:21; Mark 1:9)*

## THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

**INTRODUCTION:** *The storyteller’s decision:  
When to tell the secret!*

### I. ST. MARK HAS A WONDERFUL SECRET TO SHARE

- A. The secret is the identity of Jesus (Mark 1:1,11,23-24)
- B. Many would not or could not recognize the secret (Mark 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* (Matthew 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 (Mark 1:11)

**CONCLUSION:** Two more baptismal secrets:

*Luther and the devil & spitting in church*