

Sermon Notes

"Jesus' Baptism and Temptation"

Mark 1:9-13

March 16, 2025

6. How might the events in these verses prepare Jesus for his coming ministry? (Check out Isaiah's description of the ministry of the coming Davidic Messiah in Isa. 11:2ff.)

7. When have you been in a spiritual "wilderness"? What did you learn?

8. What difference does it make to you that the Holy Spirit allows you to be tempted?

9. How can we depend more on the power of God to help us resist temptation?

Let's Pray:

See the Bible Project's 10-minute video on the Gospel of Mark for a helpful summary of the book, it's design and flow of thought. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGHqu9-DtXk>

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 03-16-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 68; Lyman Coleman, et al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 88; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 9-12; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 24-25; Jason Meyer, Mark For You, The Good Book Company, India, 2022, p. 26.

Getting Started:

1. How do people typically show approval of others?

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 1:1-15 for context.

2. What do these verses reveal about the supernatural realm?
3. What does Mark 1:1-13 show us about the relationships between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
4. Do you think you take the devil too seriously or not serious enough? How does this passage correct your view?
5. What does God say to Jesus in verse 11? Consider the parallels in Psalm 2:7 and Isaiah 42:1. Why is this significant?