

Theme: The Gospel of Mark

Introduction:

The four gospels

Matthew – Jews – what Jesus said

Mark – Romans – what Jesus did

Luke – Greeks – what Jesus felt

John – world – who Jesus was

Last week:

Prophecy

This week:

Public ministry

Background:

Author: John Mark

Audience: Rome

Fun fact: Mark was Barnabas' cousin

Truths:

God keeps his promises.

God uses His people to answer the prayers of others.

Review: Ephesians 6:10-11 add a few more blanks

Passage: Mark 1:9-13

Title: From Well Done to Wilderness Wandering

Main Text:

2 questions and an observation

1. Why was Jesus baptized?
 2. Why was Jesus tempted?
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1. The Trinity is clearly seen in Vs. 9-11
 2. Jesus came vs 9
 3. The spirit descended vs 10
 4. A voice came from heaven vs 11

Mark 1:9

"In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee"

Why is this important?

Let's consider Jesus's track record:

- Born in a manger to a poor couple
- Born in the humble town of Bethlehem
- Birth first announced to shepherds
- Can anything good come from Nazareth?
- Galilee was despised because of its distance from Jerusalem and the "infestation" of Gentiles

"Was baptized in the Jordan by John"

- This was the launch of Jesus' public ministry.
- One of only a handful of events that is included in all four gospels.

Jesus' ministry kicks off in a less than ideal place.

- Judean Wasteland

Why was Jesus baptized?

- John's baptism was a baptism of repentance (did Jesus need to repent?)
- Jesus is identifying with sinful humanity

Why do we need to be baptized?

- It Identifies us with Christ
- It identifies us with a church
- It is an act of obedience

Mark 1:10-11

"he came up... The spirit descending on him like a dove"

"A voice came from heaven: you are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased"

- We see the Trinity
- In perfect unity
- In perfect submission

Mark 1:12-13

"Immediately the spirit drove him into the wilderness, he was in the wilderness 40 days"

Is there any significance with the 40 days?

Why was Jesus tempted?

- To identify with sinful humanity
- Hebrews 4:15

Why are we tempted?

- James 1: 14–15
- James 1:12

Take Aways:

We serve a Savior who:

- Understands us
- Loves us
- Wants the best for us