

The Gospel According to Mark
Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 2

Read Mark 1:9 – 15

Introduction: *To establish the deity of Christ, Mark begins by sharing Jesus' introduction into ministry. Jesus, who was about thirty years old at the time, traveled about fifty to sixty miles on foot to make His way to John the Baptist. He traveled from Galilee, the nethermost region of Israel, from a somewhat obscure town called Nazareth to an area east of Jerusalem. This is where John the Baptist was baptizing in the Jordan River before a huge crowd that had assembled there. God the Father had worked in a supernatural way to cultivate the landscape of human affairs into a perfect moment for Christ to begin His work. John the Baptist had accomplished his work of preparation and it was now time for this Sovereign Servant to be introduced to the world.*

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1. If John's baptism was for repentance from sin, why was Jesus baptized?
 - What was confirmed by the Father when Jesus was baptized according to Mark 1:10 – 11?

 - According to John 1:29 – 34 what was John the Baptist's testimony of Jesus concerning this event?

2. Mark 1:12 – 13 tells us after Jesus was baptized *immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness* where He was tempted by Satan for forty days. Read the account in Mark's gospel along with Luke's account in Luke 4:1 – 13. What insights do we learn from Jesus' temptation that can help us in our walk with the Lord?

3. In Mark 1:14 we read about John the Baptist being arrested and placed in prison. Read Matthew 3:7 – 12. Why do you think John the Baptist was arrested? Do you think he would be arrested today?

4. According to Mark 1:14 – 15 and Luke 4:14 – 15 what did Jesus do in Galilee?
 - What do we learn from Galatians 4:4 – 5?

5. What specific instructions did the Spirit give to Jesus according to Luke 4:18? How can we apply these same directives to our lives?