

Mark 1:9-13

3 Declarations From Jesus' Inauguration To Public Ministry



Context/Background

- Author is Mark; also called John Mark
- Wrote to Roman audience to show Jesus is the Savior of all people, not just Jews
- Mark's Gospel; also special attention to persecution and cost of discipleship
- Mark is the gospel of action; favorite word, "immediately"
- This section; Jesus baptism and temptation, shows full range and type of ministry
- Last week: initial verses showed assurances of salvation from a personal relationship with Jesus

Declaration Of Submissive Service

- (v.9) Verses, formal, public inauguration of Jesus' earthly ministry; Mark catapults reader straight into service of Jesus
- Here, Jesus approximately 30 years of age; begins mission Father gave Him
- Mission: to give His life so peoples' sins could be forgiven and they granted eternal life, heaven, live forever
- Mark's Roman readers surprised when reading "Nazareth" and "Galilee"; they proud of imperial city of Rome
- Jesus didn't begin ministry with press conference, parade, or party; came humbly, lowly, with attitude of service

- Isaiah 53:4-5, “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”



Declaration Of Divine Sonship & Supply

- (vv.10-11) Mark records powerful event; Jesus affirmed by the Father and empowered for ministry at baptism
- See whole of Godhead, complete Trinity in perfect agreement of Jesus and His service
- Word, “parting” – “to be torn, to be ripped in two”
- Sky is cut open and Holy Spirit lands on Jesus like a dove (symbol of love and peace)
- The Father voices His approval of Jesus and Holy Spirit equips Him for ministry
- Jesus given power to complete eternal mission from Father

- Is. 42:1, “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.”
- Psalm 23:1, “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not lack.”



Declaration Of Victory Over Satan

- (vv.12-13) Here Mark startles us! Drastic change; same Spirit who descended upon Jesus, now forcefully leads Him into barren wilderness
- Jesus faces extreme temptation from Satan himself for 40 days and 40 nights
- Humanity can't imagine evil Jesus faced in body, mind, and soul; "tempted" – lit. "continually tempted" , Temptation was on-going
- Can't know everything about this hardship, but can know, Jesus never sinned and completely defeated Satan
- Jesus showed Himself to be the One who has victory over Satan and can help others do same

- Heb. 2:18, “For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”
- Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

