

# *The Water & the Wild*

## The Gospel of Mark Series – Part 3

Scripture text – Mark 1:9-13

### Introduction

- These verses are striking for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' arrival and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mark's account.
- Jesus arrives in \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- As to the absence of detail, Mark wants to keep the focus on \_\_\_\_\_.

### In the Water

- The big question is \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus insisted on being baptized.
- Baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_ act.
  - 1) For us, baptism symbolizes identification with \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) For Jesus, baptism symbolized identification with \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus stood in \_\_\_\_\_ water that was made so by the sins of the Jewish people. He then \_\_\_\_\_ himself in the water as a representation of \_\_\_\_\_ he would save us. He would literally \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
- The presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of a \_\_\_\_\_ signaled another \_\_\_\_\_ -- in this case, the beginning of God's \_\_\_\_\_ of sinful humanity.

### In the Wild

- Oddly, Mark makes no mention of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Satan. We can suppose that he didn't want to give the impression that Jesus' confrontation with Satan was a \_\_\_\_\_ thing.
- The fact is, Jesus' life and ministry would be a \_\_\_\_\_ struggle with the spiritual forces of evil.
- We too are at \_\_\_\_\_ with the powers of this dark world.
- The wild (or wilderness) is a metaphor for the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world. Jesus entered into this mess in order to \_\_\_\_\_ it into a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus' death & resurrection proved to be the \_\_\_\_\_ and Satan was forced to hand over the \_\_\_\_\_ to the wild.

### Application

- We don't want to take anything away from what Jesus is doing \_\_\_\_\_. And yet, Jesus also entered into our \_\_\_\_\_ and took \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
- His promise is that it will not \_\_\_\_\_ us.