

I. Jesus Baptized 9-11 - And it was in those days

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee

And He was baptized in the Jordan by John

- A. Why baptized? Repent and confess?- important that Mark does not say.
1. Tied his ministry to J the B
 2. Tied his ministry to Jewish hopes
 1. Was Jesus' own call to public ministry- before that time, just carpenter- decisive moment
- B. Identification
- C. Coming up, Heaven opened, Spirit coming as dove-
- And coming up out of the water
- He immediately saw the heavens opening and the Spirit coming down upon him as a dove
1. descent of dove as equipment for the task, cf. Isa 11:1-2, 61:1-3 return of the Spirit
 2. Jesus' ministry in power of Spirit
 3. Jesus is the giver of the Spirit
- D. Voice reflects 2 (or 3) passages-
- And a voice was from the heavens
- You are my son, the beloved
- I am pleased with you
- affirmation of Messianic destiny
1. Psa. 2- King, vice-regent of God's overcoming all opposition from arrogant rulers- Messiah's triumph as King
 2. Gen 22- beloved son, God's provision- unique sonship
 3. Isa. 42:1 Servant song- all of Isaiah's promises and hopes wrapped up into one person-
- 4 'servant songs'
- 42:1-4
- 49:1-6
- 50:4-9
- 52:13-53:12
- looks forward to fourth servant song, Isa 53-
- servant who overcomes through suffering in place/ on behalf of others
- experiences suffering and death for the people of God
- E. Jesus' self-understanding
1. King – who He is
 2. and Suffering Servant- what He is about
 3. fulfillment of all hopes
 4. explains why he was misunderstood- no one put the two together, rule by suffering, victory by weakness

II. Jesus' Temptation 12-13-

And the Spirit drove him into the desert

And he was forty days in the desert

Being tested by the accuser/the Satan

And he was with the wild animals

And the angels ministered to him

Baptism and temptation go together, call and testing of call

- A. Spirit sent into desert- compelled, sense of destiny, necessity- lit. "threw"
- B. Desert for 40 days- exodus significance- Israel failed, Jesus succeeded.
- C. By Satan- power struggle-
from Mt. and Lk. the struggle is over what kind of messiah He would be-
Who am I? "if you are the Son of God"
What am I doing here? "turn stones to bread, throw self down, bow and worship"- power for self, shortcut around the cross, go the route of power and glory
We try to win the world with power and "show us a sign" but should we not try to win the world with service and weakness?
Kingdom is different from popular expectations
A military ruler who defeats Rome would not get to the real heart of the matter
- D. With wild animals
 - 1. universal significance
 - 2. away from Humans
 - 3. angels attended him