

**Opener:** Don't Blink or You'll Miss it! - **We have all heard the expression.** Ex: Small Town or a scene in a movie, etc

**Connect:** That's today's passage, five verses, **3 events covered really fast.** So I'm going to slow it down.

**Main Theme:** Jesus Christ is the son of God, **God's Suffering Servant and you need to make a decision to follow or not.** This is the servant who's on the move serving people's spiritual and physical needs.

**The Discipleship Gospel - Jesus is making disciples and showing them how to make disciples.**

**Definition:**

Disciplemaking is an intentional relationship to walk alongside someone who's been invited to regularly follow Jesus, living out his ways, words and works.

**Subject:** Today we are **going to slow it down so that we can see the theological significance** of these 3 key events in the life of Jesus and learn three life lessons, **because after all, information is not transformation** - application is transformation.

**Instructions:** If you brought your bible please **open it to Mark chapter 1:9-13**

**Text: Mark 1:9-13 NLT**

<sup>9</sup> One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

## **A CLOSER LOOK: THREE KEY EVENTS**

### ***The First Event***

① Jesus was Baptized by **JOHN**.

Mark 1:9/ Matthew 3:11-15/ Luke 3:2-3/ Matthew 28:19-20/ Romans 6:1-5

**Point:** This is a big deal because it was Jesus' way of identifying with us.

**Intent:** I want for you to understand the **difference between John's Baptism, our Baptism today and why Jesus got baptized.**

## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JOHN'S BAPTISM & CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

- John's Baptism: A public statement of **repentance** in order to be **forgiven**.

**Mark 1:4-5** This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. <sup>5</sup> All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

- the religious leaders of the day were **upset because this was required of gentiles wanting to convert** but not for Jews.

Ex: **It's like cultural Christians:** checking off a box & nothing changes, the fish magnet on the car but that's it. These were "bumper sticker Jews."

### **Why did Jesus get Baptized?**

- Jesus did it in the beginning of his ministry **to identify with us in OUR sin**, Matt 3:15. **He identifies himself with sinners** and in response they would be identifying with him as forgiven sinners.

- Our Baptism: A public statement of **following** Jesus because we've been **forgiven**.

- Identifying with his death, burial and resurrection. **It's a public statement of identification with Jesus.**

- That's why if you are a Jesus follower you need to get baptized **but Jesus doesn't send you to hell on a technicality.**

#### **The Second Event**

② Jesus was Empowered by the **HOLY SPIRIT.**

Mark 1:10-12/ Luke 4:14 & 5:17/ Mark 6:4-6/ John 14:15-17 & 16:7/ Ephesians 5:18

**Mark 1:10-12** As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." (*Identity, Affection and Affirmation*) <sup>12</sup> The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness,

- This is a big deal because **Jesus set aside his divinity to live as a perfect human being w/o sin nature.** That's why his testing would be important and the virgin birth is important.

- All the **miracles were empowered by the holy spirit**, he was led by the holy spirit.

**Mark 3:22** But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons.".....<sup>28</sup> "I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, <sup>29</sup> but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences."

- **The evidence that he was the son of God was not the miracles but the resurrection.**

- His life was guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, **the same holy spirit that you and I have.**

**John 14:15-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But

you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

**Ephesians 5:18** Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit

- So what's the difference between Jesus and us? **Jesus didn't have a sin nature** so he knew when he was being led.
- **We have "static on the line" because of our sin nature so that's why we use the word of God and wise counsel to test the inner promptings.** Where are the prophets now?
- The HS is not a power to plug into, **He guides and empowers us to do what God wants us to do.** Even Jesus couldn't do miracles in his own town.

#### **The Third Event**

③ Jesus was Tested by **SATAN.**

Matthew 4:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13/ 1 Corinthians 15:45, Hebrews 2:17 & 4:15  
2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24 & Isaiah 53:5

**Mark 1:12** The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

- The reason it's the first thing he does is because it fulfills his first assignment. **Jesus came to pass the test that Adam failed at the garden of Eden.**
- When Adam failed, **sin was passed to all his descendants** and the world was cursed. Ex: No one has to be taught to sin, animals attack.

**1 Corinthians 15:45** The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit.

- Jesus is the second Adam and **when he passes the test he could die for our sins** because he was the

perfect human being without sin, **demonstrating perfect obedience.**

**Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, *so that* he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. *Then he could* offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people./ <sup>18</sup> *Since* he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

**Hebrews 4:15** This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, *yet he did not sin.*

### **3 TEMPTATIONS WE ALL FACE**

1. WHO WILL YOU TRUST IN A **CRISIS**? (stones into bread)

- We all face that, tried it God's way, things aren't working, we get scared and sometimes we tell God we'll take it from here. Jesus didn't take the offer, he would live by the word of God.

3. WHAT WILL YOU DO TO **SPEED UP THE PROCESS**?  
(angels will rescue)

- Enemy takes to highest place at the temple and he tells him to jump and the angels would rescue him and people would see he is the Messiah.

2. WHAT WILL YOU DO TO AVOID **PAIN**? (kingdom given - godless shortcut)

- Enemy offers the kingdoms of the world, if he worships him. There's always a godless short cut to get out of pain.

### **A CLOSER LOOK: THREE LIFE LESSONS**

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

❶ It's not a sin to be **TEMPTED**.

It's a sin to **SIN**.

Mark 1:13/ Hebrews 4:15

- The enemy has us where he wants us when we think our temptation is our failure.

### **DIFFERENT TIMES OF TEMPTATIONS**

- If it's **inside out** temptation, run away. (fleshly desires)
- If it's **hardship** trial, dig in and stand firm. (natural response is the opposite)

❷ Sometimes the **CENTER** of God's will is in the **MIDDLE** of a **DESERT**.

Mark 1:12/ Mark 4:35-41/ Exodus 14:1-31/ Psalm 23:1-4/ 1 Peter 4:12/ Hebrews 5:8

OBEDIENCE + God's favor + Holy Spirit Leading = A Desert Experience

- Obedience takes us where we **need** to be, not always where we **want** to be.

❸ A **BLESSED** life is not necessarily an **EASY** life.

Luke 1:28/ Luke 2:4-7/ Luke 2:22-24/ Mathew 2:13-15/ Luke 3:23/ John 19:25

#### **Mary's Experience**

- Waddling to Bethlehem
- No room in the Inn
- Poverty
- Refugee
- Scorn & Rumors
- Widowed
- Watched her son be brutally killed

- Always judge God's goodness by the cross, not by today.

- Always stand firm because victory is in eternity.

Conclusion: