

Mark 1:8-15

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SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

Mark – The Author & Audience The Gospel of Mark was written by John Mark, a contemporary of both Jesus and the apostle Peter. He was probably a teenager during Jesus’ ministry – maybe even present at key moments – and later became closely tied to Peter. Most scholars agree his gospel reflects Peter’s eyewitness testimony.

Jesus Stands in Our Place (vv. 9–11)

Testing and trial are part of God’s perfect plan to usher in his Kingdom.

Matthew 3:15 (ESV)

15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

Matthew 16:23 (ESV)

23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Jesus Faces Our Struggle (vv. 12-13)

J.B. Gibson defines this kind of testing as: “being probed and proved, often through hardship and adversity, in order to determine the extent of one’s loyalty to a given commission.”

Satan was testing Jesus to abandon...

- Trust
- Obedience
- sacrifice

Jesus Announces Our Hope (vv. 14-15)

This is what theologians call the “already / not yet” of the kingdom.

Jesus’ coming launched the kingdom – it is already here. Every healing, every exorcism, every act of mercy is a foretaste of God’s reign breaking into the world.

But it is also not yet fully here. Sin, suffering, hatred, conflict, and death are still present until Jesus returns to bring the kingdom in all its fullness.

	Mark 1:5	Mark 1:9
<i>Baptizer</i>	John	John
<i>Location</i>	In the Jordan River	In the Jordan
<i>Baptizee(s)</i>	All Judaea/Jerusalemmites	Jesus
<i>Verb of motion</i>	“they went”	“He came”
<i>Action</i>	They were being baptized	He was baptized
<i>Size of group</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>One</i>
<i>Manner of baptism</i>	Confessing sins	[No confession of sins]

PRAYER TARGETS

- Pray that we would marvel at Jesus stepping into our place in baptism.
- Pray for strength and endurance for those facing trials and temptations.
- Pray that we would live with clear eyes on the “already/not yet” Kingdom.
- Pray for the gift of true repentance and faith in Christ.
- Pray for boldness to live out Jesus’ revolution of sacrifice and love.