

In Marks’ Gospel:

- Mark tells us Jesus is **GOD**.
- Mark tells us Jesus is A **SERVANT**.
- Mark tells us Jesus **SUFFERED**.
- Mark tells us Jesus **RULES**.
- Mark tells us Jesus IS **COMPASSION**.
- Mark tells us Jesus demands your **SUBMISSION**.
- Mark tells us Jesus is **LORD & MASTER**.

Harmonizing the four Gospels together in the baptism event:

- Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee to John to be baptized
- John tried to prevent him
- Jesus said: Permit it, it is fitting to fulfill all righteousness.
- All the people were baptized, then Jesus was also baptized.
- He came up out of the water and, while he was praying, the heavens were opened.
- The heavens parted, the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a dove and rested upon him.
- A voice came from heaven: “YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON: IN YOU I AM WELL PLEASED
- Then John came and cried out: “This is he of whom I said: he who comes after me is greater than I, for he was before me. For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given thru Moses; grace & truth were realized thru Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, HE has explained him! (John 1.15-18)

THESIS — Mark records for us Jesus’ baptism. From this account I want to help you think about this event around 3 key words:

*Baptism >> think of 3 key words: (1) **Identification**; (2) **Preparation** (3) **Affirmation***

I. IDENTIFICATION (9)**II. PREPARATION (10)**

- A. Remember Jesus came from Nazareth, in Galilee.

Mark 1:9-11 — “Jesus’ Baptism: Identification with John’s Message & Authentication from God the Father!”

1. Jesus grew up in Nazareth:
2. Joseph, Jesus’ legal father, had worked the carpenter’s trade (Matt 13.55)
3. Jesus grew up in Nazareth to manhood (Matt 13.55)
4. He was known as “The Carpenter” (Mark 6.3)
5. This was about the age of 30 for Jesus (Luke 3.23)

The heavens opened:

The Spirit of God came down:

Upon Him:

III. AFFIRMATION (11)

- Orthodox Christians believe in One God. And this One God exists in *3 persons* — The Father, Son and Spirit are co-existing, co-equal, co-eternal, co-essential. This text clearly shows this!
- When the **SON** is being baptized. The **SPIRIT** descends upon Him. The the **FATHER** rends the heavens and speaks. —3 persons, simultaneously exist, all truly God.

You are my Son:

In whom I am well pleased:

“The voice was the voice of God the Father. It declared the wondrous and ineffable love which has existed between the Father and the Son from all eternity. “The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand” (John 3.35). It proclaimed the Father’s FULL and COMPLETE approval of Christ’s mission to seek and save the lost. it announced the Father’s acceptance of the Son as the Mediator, Substitute, and Surety of the New Covenant.” (JC Ryle)

For what purpose did Mark recount this?

1. **Deity of Jesus** - So you would KNOW that Jesus is the True Son of God
2. **Worship of Jesus** - So that you would LOVE & WORSHIP Him as truly God
3. **Unity in the Trinity** - So that you would SEE THE INTERTRINITARIAN love & harmony.
4. **Love of Jesus** - indicates that the SON loves his people so much that he will suffer the pangs of divine hell IN THEIR STEAD.
5. **Power of Jesus** - The Spirit fully co-operates by strengthening Christ for His task.
6. **Father's Joy in Jesus** - The Father is so pleased with His Son that he rips the heavens to delightfully, publicly and perfectly affirm his SON and His Messianic glory.
7. **God's Delight in You** — As the Father delights in the Son, and as YOU are in the Son, so the Father delights FULLY in You.

GLORIOUS DAY (ONE DAY)

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
 One day when sin was as black as could be
 Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
 Dwelt among men, my example is He
 Word became flesh and the light shined among us
 His glory revealed

*Living, He loved me
 Dying, He saved me
 Buried, He carried my sins far away
 Rising, He justified freely forever
 One day He's coming
 Oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
 One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
 Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
 Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
 Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
 And took the nails for me

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
 One day the stone rolled away from the door
 Then He arose, over death He had conquered
 Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore
 Death could not hold Him,
 The grave could not keep Him
 From rising again

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
 One day the skies with His glories will shine
 Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing
 My Savior, Jesus, is mine*

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
 And to take Him at His Word;
 Just to rest upon His promise,
 And to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
 How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
 O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
 Just to trust His cleansing blood;
 And in simple faith to plunge me
 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
 Just from sin and self to cease;
 Just from Jesus simply taking
 Life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
 Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
 And I know that Thou art with me,
 Wilt be with me to the end.
 Refrain

MISSIONARY PRAYER

Pray for: Dorothy (STL area); Mike Heissler/David Varghese (seminary); Dr Kim (Myanmar); Ratan Konala (India)
 Thankfulness to Christ (Ps 136.1). Reflection in blessings we have *in Christ* (Eph 1.3). Prayer for our nation (1 Tim 2)