

REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

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Mark 1:12–15

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[12] *The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. [13] And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.*

[14] *Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*

Guiding Thought: God tests, equips, and empowers those he calls—including his Son.

JESUS' DESERT TEMPTATION (vs. 12-13)

Pruning is part of the necessary preparation for Christian ministry.

1 Peter 4:12–13—[12] *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.*

If we don't share in Christ's suffering, we will not share in his glory.

Why did Jesus need to be tried and tempted in the Desert?

1) In the wilderness Jesus displayed that he truly was the Son of God.

1 John 3:8—*The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

John Piper says, “In the end, Satan serves to magnify the power, wisdom, love, grace, mercy, patience, and wrath of Jesus Christ.”

2) In the wilderness Jesus embodied the identity of his people.

Hebrews 5:8—*Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.*

Jesus put himself through suffering and humiliation in order to accomplishing the obedience that is required of you and I.

Romans 14:12—*So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

JESUS GOSPEL PROCLAMATION (vs. 14-15)

The gospel is a message that is from God and not from man.

- 1) The gospel must be defined by God
- 2) The gospel is powerful

We exist to proclaim the gospel for the hope of the lost, the edification of the church, and the glory of God in Christ. —**CBC's Purpose Statement**

Galatians 4:4—*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son...*

What is the Kingdom of God?

“God's people, in God's place, under God's rule.” —**Grahame Goldsworthy**, Gospel and Kingdom

Jeremiah 17:9

*The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?*

If the Kingdom of God enters the heart of man, the heart of man can be transformed!

Ezekiel 36:26—*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

“...Jesus proclaimed the gospel, but he also was the gospel.”
—**James R. Edwards**, *The Gospel according to Mark*