

Preparation Before Preaching **Mark 1:9-15**

Jesus' preparation for ministry, 9-13

9 Baptized by John

John is really shocked, as noted in Matt. 3:13. Why baptize Jesus?
Later see Matt. 28:19,20 on why we should be baptized too.

10 Enabled by the Holy Spirit

The Heavens split apart (same verb used in 15:38). What a shocker!
The Spirit like a dove (Jn. 1:32-34, Lk. 3:21,22) . . . recall OT pattern?
See Act 10:38. "Immediately" (1st of 42x). Spirit today Eph. 1:13,14.

11 Confirmed verbally by the Father

Only 3x does such happen in NT: Mk. 9:7, Jn. 12:27-29. Note the
Trinity here. This confirmation recalls idea of Ps. 2:7 and Isa. 42:1

12,13 Tempted by Satan

What would seem to be Satan's hope here (Mk. 8:31ff.)? Recall 40
day fasts of Moses and Elijah and 40 yrs. of Israel in Wilderness.
Note how Jesus overcame temptations with scriptural responses.
What help do we get here for temptations and realistic expectations?

Jesus' preaching begins, 14,15

14 Ministry starts in Galilee after John imprisoned

Jesus begins His ministry as John's abruptly ends (see fate 6:14ff.).

15 Message is to "repent and believe"

With the King now present as prophesied, the Kingdom is even
closer. The urgent appeal is for the nation to repent (turn to God from
sin) and believe in the good news Jesus will explain, lest the King-
dom be missed and judgment come (as John warned, Matt. 3:2,7-12).

For "Repent and believe"
see Acts 20:21. The call
is to embrace God's plan
for living and to embrace
His plan for salvation.

