

The Message Notes



NOW WORD Covenant Church

Series: Cross Walk to the Resurrection

Today's Message: Christ's Cross Ministry

Sunday, March 15, 2020

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Introduction: We're starting a new series that will explore Jesus Christ's cross walk to His death and resurrection. We're going to renew our understanding of Christ's cross, the purpose of His resurrection, and our privilege to call ourselves Christ followers.

Scripture: Mark 1:9-18 (NLT)

Today's Message: Christ's Cross Ministry

1. Jesus _____ for ministry

v.9. One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John **baptized** him in the Jordan River.

- **Association** with mankind (Baptism)

Baptism of Christ symbolized:

- Fulfillment of prophecy
- Priestly sacrifice
- Sinners baptism in Christ

v.10. As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the **heavens splitting apart** and the **Holy Spirit descending** on him like a dove.

v.11. And a **voice from heaven** said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

- **Access** to an open heaven - "heavens splitting apart"
- **Anointing** of the Holy Spirit - "Holy Spirit descending"
- **Affirmation** from the Father - "My dearly loved Son"

v.12. The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness,

v.13. where he was **tempted by Satan** for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

- **Authority** over Satan and Sin

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2. Jesus' _____ (Good News)

v.14. Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he **preached** God's Good News. **v.15.** "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced "The **Kingdom of God** is near! **Repent** of your sins and **believe** the Good News!"

Preached God's Good News:

- Kingdom of God is here (in the person of Jesus)
- Repent and Believe
- Enter the Kingdom NOW

Luke 9:1 One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them **power** and **authority** to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. **2.** Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the **Kingdom of God** and to **heal the sick.** (NLT)

3. Jesus _____ to follow Him

v.16. One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they **fished for a living.**

v.17. Jesus called out to them, "Come, **follow me**, and I will show you how to fish for people!" **v.18.** And they **left their nets at once** and **followed** him.

- **Follow Me** – "identity and imitation"
- Call **before** competence – "show you how to fish for people"
- Forsake **all** – "left their nets at once and followed him"

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Next Week: Purpose of the Cross