

# SERMON NOTES

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**Text:** Mark 1:9-13

**Title:** Jesus Christ, the Son of God

**Big Idea:** Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Servant-King, and Serpent-crusher.



## I. SON & SERVANT-KING (vv. 9-11)

*9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)*

- A. The tearing of the heavens (v. 10)  
*Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
(Isaiah 64:1)*
- B. The descent of the Spirit (v. 10)
- C. The voice from heaven (v. 11)
  - 1. Servant (Isa. 42:1)
  - 2. King (Ps. 2)
  - 3. Beloved Son (Gen. 22)

## II. SERPENT-CRUSHER (vv. 12-13)

*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. (Mark 1:9-13)*

“From the gate of entrance, even to the door which closes life’s pilgrim way, the footprints of Jesus may be traced. Were you once in the cradle? He was there. Were you a child under parental authority? Christ also was a boy in the home at Nazareth. Have you entered upon life’s battle? Your Lord and Master did the same.... Are you alone? So was He, in the wilderness, and on the mountain’s side, and in the garden’s gloom. Do you mix in public society? So did He labor in the thickest press. Where can you find yourself, on the hilltop, or in the valley, on the land or on the sea, in the daylight or in darkness, without discovering that Jesus has been there before you?”

– **Charles Spurgeon**

# APPLICATION QUESTIONS<sup>1</sup>

*To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.*

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## **READ Mark 1:9-10**

What does Jesus do that is the same as the other people in verse 5?  
What happens that is different?

## **READ Isaiah 42:1-4**

What is the mission of this Servant?  
Why is this good news?

## **READ Mark 1:11**

## **READ Psalm 2:7-9**

What does this background add to what it means for Jesus to be God's Son?

## **READ Genesis 22:1-2**

How does the link with Abraham help us appreciate the enormity of God's love?

Has God ever driven you into a "desert" experience? Are you in one now? Why do you think He has done this? How do you believe He wants you to respond?

## **PRAY**

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<sup>1</sup> Some questions taken from *Explore Mark* by Dave Griffith Jones