

## **MARK 1:9-11 (PART 4) THE ONE MIGHTIER**

### **LESSONS FROM MARK**

#### **INTRO:**

- The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God!
  - In Marks gospel the phrase "Son of God" is used 10X.
  - Part 2 of Johns message; Jesus the baptizer.

*The coming of Jesus/ the why of baptism of Jesus/ the baptism/ the witness.*

- Read **Mark 1:9-11**

#### **THE COMING OF JESUS: (VS. 9)**

- John in verse 7 introduces Jesus by saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, both in personage and mission. (baptism)
- See this introduction in **John 1: 30-34**. I did not know Him.
- John needed the Messiah to be revealed to him.
- Jesus now makes His exalted appearance.
- Vs. 9) And it came to pass in those days
- This would be at least a 2 day journey, being about 45-50 miles.
- Jesus comes forward now after having lived an ordinary, hidden, self-emptying, simple life in Nazareth of Galilee.
- Here he lived in obscurity for a generation, undistinguished, undiscovered, unknown.
- Like John hidden in the wilderness, Jesus is hidden in the ordinary, the common, in the country.
- With a most common name, Jesus/Joshua.
- He comes; No halo on His head, no pigeons flying off His fingers. Ordinary.
- He comes from the place that Nathaniel said, "can anything good come out of Nazareth?"
- The area was always referred to by the Jews with contempt. Identified as "Galilee of the Gentiles." (Mt. 4:15)

#### **THE WHY OF JESUS' BAPISM:**

- Why did He make this 2 day journey? He had no repentance to make no sin to confess.
- See **Matt. 3:13, 14**. To fulfill all righteousness. All the prophecies that had been spoken of him, and to discharge all His duties.
- He followed through in His mission in perfect completion and obedience.
- He came to the Jordan and to John to identify with mankind. Here He associates Himself with guilty, sinful fallen man.
- In His baptism Jesus completely embraces His mission as the "God Man" as seen in Phil. 2:6b, taking the form of a bondservant, *and coming in the likeness of men.*

- **And Romans 8:3b, For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh**
- **Jesus did not have an issue in joining Himself to the human race and being identified publically as a member of mankind.**
- **This Jesus the savior of the fallen, the remover of sin and guilt, the unblemished sacrificial Lamb Who takes away the sin of the world, here humbles Himself and identifies Himself with the common, the ordinary, the fallen man.**
- **Jesus here is baptized as the "Representative" Man.**
- **He Himself was sinless needing no repentance or confessing of sin, but as the representative man He comes forward.**
- **Repenting for Israel, confessing the sins of Israel, and looking ahead to the horrible hour when He indeed would take the sin of His people upon Himself.**
  - **Heb. 9:28, So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;**
  - **1 Peter 2:24, Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,**
- **Jesus' baptism was His outward sign of acceptance of all that the Father's will would mean, what it would cost Him. It was a public showing of acceptance of His blessed ministry, Jesus our representative Man.**

### **THE BAPTISM OF JESUS:**

- **Now we come to the actual baptism of Jesus.**
- **See Jesus humbling Himself, then see the Father honor Him. This principal, this path, remains effective and true today.**
- **Notice the Spirit/Dove & Fire.**
  - **The dove is a gentle and meek creature.**
  - **This is how Jesus describes Himself in Mt. 11:29 "for I am meek and lowly in heart."**
  - **And in Mt. 12:20; A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench,**
- **Also the Holy Spirit coming as a dove was not only a sign of the Lord's gentleness and meekness, but also links His Messianic life to the lowly and humble sacrifice of the dove sacrifice.**
- **For the dove was the lowliest of sacrifices acceptable to God. The poorest of the poor were allowed to offer the doves for the covering of guilt.**
  - **Lev. 5:7, 'If he is not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD, for his trespass which he has committed, two turtledoves or two young pigeons: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering.**
  - **LK.2:22-24, Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what**

is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

- He is a sin offering for every poor sinner, nothing in our hands we bring.
- Luke alone brings out the detail that in His baptism He is seen praying. Communing with the Father and heaven. (Luke 3:21)
- Notice the closeness of Jesus' life with heaven. (mount of transfiguration)
- And here the heavens are opened, rent, torn.
- Notice the closeness of Jesus' life with the Father.
- A perfect fellowship, a complete obedience.
- His life, MY EXAMPLE!
- Do I pray like Jesus and thus accept the Father's will for my life without reservation or recall?
- Oh how we desire heaven to be rent when we pray. (Isa.64:1-4)

### **THE WITNESS OF JESUS:**

- In verse 11 we have the completion of a 4 fold witness of Jesus as the Son of God the Servant of God.
  - First: Mark's witness as he writes "this is the beginning of the gospel of "Jesus Christ the Son of God" Vs. 1
  - Second: We have the witness of the prophets in verses 2 & 3.
  - Third: We have the witness of the descending Spirit in verse 10 (Abiding on Him for service)
  - Forth: The Father "You are My Beloved Son." (VS. 11)
- Here the word "beloved Son" not only declares agape affections, but also carries the meaning of "ONLY ONE." (Lit. "the Son of Me!")
- "My Particular Son." None other like You, One of a kind in relationship. Jesus alone.
  - Jesus said similar in Jn. 5:18; Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.
  - John 10:30, 31; I and My Father are one."
- What had Jesus done to make the Father so pleased with Him?
- The hidden years. Obedience, patience, trustfulness...
- But mostly here the Father accepts Jesus offering Himself to the will of His Father to be His offering as the Lamb of God, the suffering Messiah.
  - As Jesus said in John 10:17, "therefore does My Father love me because I lay down my life.
  - Isa. 42:1. "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

### **CONCLUSION: What is our take-away?**

- My humble acceptance of God's call on my life. (my baptism a picture)
- Our joy, the Father's approval.....WELL DONE MY FAITHFUL SERVANT!