

## The Journey of Jesus

04/12/26- Pastor Zach

Mark 1:1-11, Matt 4:1-11, Malachi 3:1, Exodus 15:1, 23:20-21

Isaiah 43:19, 2 Kings 1:8, Heb 12:1-2 Eph. 1:6-7, Romans 5:19

**Connect:** Where have you experienced the light of Jesus coming into the darkness of your life?

**Engage:** Reread the gospels of Mark and Matthew, Zach gave us 3 movements

1. The beginning of the new exodus way through Jesus.
2. Jesus passes through the waters for us.
3. He is driven in to the wilderness.

The beginning of the new exodus way.

- a. 430 years Israel was in Egypt
- b. 430 years of darkness and waiting
- c. Where have you been in a long period of darkness, what was that like for you?
- d. Has this been a new concept for you with the Exodus of the Israelites and then the fulfillment of Christ? What strikes you with that thought?

2. Jesus passes through the waters for us.

a. What do you think of when Zach said He tore the heavens, the violence of that? Not a soft plan of God. Do you think of the spiritual battle that is taking place- between life and death? How does that impact you?

The other part of this, that is so important is the word of God, saying this is my son who I am will pleased – Identity before obedience.

How do you experience your belovedness with Jesus?

3. Jesus is driven into the wilderness.

How does that word driven sit with you?

The Israelites were driven into the wilderness – What do you think were the differences between Jesus and the Israelites being driven?

Because the living Christ lives in us – how should we respond to the wilderness we find ourselves in?

Zach talked about how Jesus combated Satan in the wilderness. How Satan tempted him with:

1. Hunger and provision
2. Testing God's protection
3. Idolatry and shortcuts

How are you doing with these temptations in your life? Do you realize every day that your battle is not against flesh and blood but against evil? How do you battle with that in every day life?

**Apply:** What is the invitation for you this week? Where do you need to look at your heart and not your circumstances? Pray and ask the Lord where your heart needs to change.

