Jesus Begins His Ministry

Mark 1:12-20

I. Review
   a. Theme—Mark 1:1; Mark 10:45
   b. Witnesses
      i. Mark—Mark 1:1
      ii. Prophets—Moses, Isaiah, Malachi
      iii. John the Baptist—John 1:29; 3:30,34-36
      iv. Holy Spirit, God the Father—Mark 1:10-1
         1. No greater testimony/witness needed

II. Mark 1:12-20
   a. Jesus' Temptation
   b. Jesus' Mission Statement
   c. Jesus calls four disciples

III. Marks audience and style
   a. Roman believers
   b. Fast-paced; practical; focused on Jesus as Suffering Servant
      i. Examples: vss. 1:4, 9, 13-14

IV. Jesus' Temptation—Mark 1:11-12
   a. Task to get to
   b. Impelled by Holy Spirit
   c. Not unwilling or afraid
   d. Satan is a relentless, fierce, conniving foe
   e. Example for believers
      i. Holy Spirit is always with us—James 4:7-8
         1. Submit—lineup under Christ
         2. Resist—take your stand with Christ
         3. Demons'—uncleans spirits—fear Jesus Christ—Mk. 1:24
   f. Tempted in every way; countless—Heb. 4:15
      i. Very end of the 40 days; hungry and tired; Satan tempts Jesus 3 last times
         1. Serve Himself—Deut.8:3
         2. Test God—Ps. 91:11-12; Deut. 6:16
         3. Worship Satan—Deut. 6:13
         4. Jesus responds to all with the Word of God

a. Not alone—call upon the Holy Spirit; study and know God's Word—there is escape; we will be able
    i. 1 Cor. 10:13; James 1:16-17
5. Jesus emerged sinless—2 Cor. 5:21
6. Wild beasts
    a. First Adam vs. Last Adam—Gen 4:17-24; Ps. 8:6; Heb. 2:8
7. Angels ministered
    a. *Diakoneo*—Greek—to serve; same root as deacon
    b. Angels fed and comforted Jesus
    c. Dispatched by the Father—who is well-pleased with His Son

V. Mission Statement
- a. Gospel of God— "Good News; specifically concerning Jesus Christ
    - i. From God—it is His will
    - ii. Brings people to God through Jesus Christ
- b. Time is fulfilled; kingdom of God is at hand
    - i. The Messiah/King has arrived
    - ii. He is here to establish His ministry and His kingdom
        1. Not a physical kingdom—spiritual kingdom in hearts of believers
            a. Born again—John 3:3
            b. Repentance—changing our minds on how we may enter the kingdom of God—blood of the Lamb—1 Pet. 2:24-25

VI. Four disciples called
- a. Andrew; Simon (Peter); James; John—fishermen/partners—Luke 5:10
- b. Not first encounter with Jesus—John 1:19-51
    - i. With John the Baptist—saw and followed Jesus
    - ii. Ran to tell Peter—we have found the Messiah (Christ)
        1. Believed/trusted
        2. Mark 1:17—call to discipleship—Luke 5:10

VII. Leave Everything
- a. Spiritual direction/service
    - i. Command—Matthew 28:18-20
- b. Jesus sees more in us than we do
    - i. As we are
    - ii. What we will become

VIII. Three questions
- a. Where does the Lord find you today?
- b. What is the Lord calling you to do?
- c. How long will it take you to say yes to the Lord's calling?