

Mark 1:8-13

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I baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit

Ezekiel 11:18-20

And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may walk in My statutes, and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Schizo: “split or tear apart”

Mark 15:38

And the veil of the temple was torn (*schizo*) in two from top to bottom

Exodus 14:21

Then Moses reached out with his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided (*schizo*).

Genesis 1:2-3 (Targum)

the Spirit of God fluttered above the face of the waters *like a dove* and God spoke: Let there be light.

Isaiah 42:1

Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations

Isaiah 11:1-2

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a brach from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

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John Piper

When Jesus was baptized along with all the repenting people who wanted to be on God's side, it was though the commander-in-chief had come to the front lines, fastened his bayonet, strapped on his helmet, and jumped into the trench along with the rest of us. His Father in heaven, who had sent him for this very combat, signified with the appearance like a dove that the Holy Spirit would be with Him in battles to come.

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- To foreshadow His own death, burial and resurrection

Mark 1:12-13

And immediately the Spirit brought Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving Him.

Russell Moore

Jesus refused to exchange the end-time exaltation by The Father for a right-now exaltation of a snake

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Exodus 4:22-23

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Israel is My son, My firstborn.” So I said to you, “Let My son go that he may serve Me”, but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your firstborn.

Why the wilderness?

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- To succeed where Israel failed
- To send a message to the enemy forces

**This is a spiritual world
filled with spiritual forces.
Some of these forces are
in complete opposition to
Yahweh and His plans**

**The first part of Mark 1 signals
the beginning of the end for
the kingdom of darkness...
and the re-establishment of
the Kingdom of God on earth**

How can we live like Jesus?

Gerald Hawthorne

The Holy Spirit was the divine power by which Jesus overcame His human limitations, rose above His human weakness, and won over His human mortality.

Bruce Ware

He lived His life as one of us. He accepted the limitations of His humanity and relied upon the guidance the Father would give Him and the power the Spirit would provide Him to live day by day in perfect obedience to the Father.

