

Session 3: The Baptism of Jesus and His Temptations

Matthew 3:13-4:11; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 3:21-4:13

The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

Matthew 3:13-17	Mark 1:9-11	Luke 3:21-22
<p><i>13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John to be baptized by him.</i></p> <p><i>14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"</i></p> <p><i>15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.</i></p> <p><i>16 And after being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him,</i></p> <p><i>17 and behold, there was a voice out of the heavens saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."</i></p>	<p><i>9 Now it happened that in those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.</i></p> <p><i>10 And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;</i></p> <p><i>11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."</i></p>	<p><i>21 Now it happened that when all the people were being baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,</i></p> <p><i>22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."</i></p>

The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11	Mark 1:12-13	Luke 4:1-13
<p>1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.</p> <p>2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.</p> <p>3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."</p> <p>4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"</p> <p>5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,</p> <p>6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON <i>their</i> HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"</p> <p>7 Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"</p>	<p>12 And immediately the Spirit drove Him <i>to go</i> out into the wilderness.</p> <p>13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.</p>	<p>1 Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was being led around by the Spirit in the wilderness</p> <p>2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had finished, He was hungry.</p> <p>3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."</p> <p>4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"</p> <p>5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.</p> <p>6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this dominion and its glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.</p> <p>7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."</p> <p>8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"</p> <p>9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here,</p> <p>10 for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,'</p>

<p>8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;</p> <p>9 and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”</p> <p>10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”</p> <p>11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and <i>began to minister to Him.</i></p>		<p>11 and, ‘ON <i>their</i> HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’”</p> <p>12 And Jesus answered and said to him, “It is said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’”</p> <p>13 And when the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.</p>
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Memory Verse:

10 And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; **11** and a voice came out of the heavens: “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”

Mark 1:10-11

‘Discussion Questions

1. Why was Jesus baptized? Is there a difference between Jesus’ baptism and our baptism?
2. What was the significance of the descending dove and the voice from heaven?
3. What was the significance of the three temptations? How do they apply to us?