

MARKED FOR GLORY

Marked for Glory at his Baptism

MARK 1:1-13

I. History _____ the coming of Jesus.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" vv. 1-3

II. The greatest man _____ to the way of Jesus.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." vv. 4-8

III. Heaven _____ the mission of Jesus.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." vv. 9-11

A. *The Son's purpose:* The Son _____ to a ministry to humanity (v. 9)

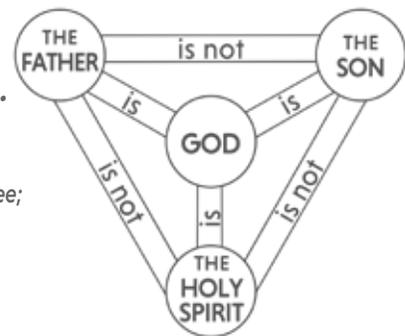
B. *The Spirit's presence:* The Holy Spirit _____ Jesus' ministry (v. 10)

C. *The Father's praise:* The Father _____ in Jesus' ministry (v. 11)

THE TRINITY: THE GODHEAD IS ONE IN ESSENCE, THREE IN PERSONS.

"I cannot conceive of the One without quickly being encircled by the splendor of the Three; nor can I discern the Three without straightaway being carried back to the One."

GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS (330-394 AD), *Orations* 40.41



IV. Satan _____ Jesus.

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. vv. 12-13

Application

_____ God's Way God's way.

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HOME GROUP LESSON

"Prior to being baptized, Jesus had lived the life of a peasant artisan in the Galilean town of Nazareth. For Jesus, being baptized was a turning point in his life—he would never return to that former life. The baptism was the point at which Jesus turned from his former peasant artisan life and turned to a life of ministry."

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... having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

COLOSSIANS 2:12

1. Do you struggle with the concept of the Trinity? How has this sermon helped your understanding?

2. Since coming to faith in Christ, have you been baptized? If you have, tell your group about the experience—why you chose to be baptized at that time, what you felt, how it affected your relationship with the Lord.

3. Read Acts 2:38-41, 8:36-38, 10:44-48, 16:30-34. In what order do *baptism* and *belief* happen in these passages, and why is that important? (*Note that verses such as Acts 3:19, 10:43; 16:31 and others show that our sins are forgiven through faith in Christ, and that baptism is not required for salvation.*)

4. Why does baptism matter to ...
 - your relationship with God?
 - the church?
 - those outside the church?
 - you?

5. Jesus was targeted by Satan just after His baptism. Why do you think this was the case? Does it surprise you? How does Jesus' experience encourage you?

6. Is Jesus Christ your only hope for heaven? Have you turned from trusting in your own good works, and instead trusted in Jesus alone to deliver you from God's judgment? If so, one of the first signs of following that new commitment could be baptism. Jesus Himself set the example for our obedience in baptism. If you'd like to talk to a pastor about being baptized, please contact David Green, our Connect Pastor, at DavidG@christchapelbc.org.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

READY TO CONNECT AT CHRIST CHAPEL? Take the next step and text "CCBCConnect" to 555-888. We'll send you all the info you need for making Christ Chapel your church home.

"CALLING ALL HEROES" IS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 1. Join the CCBC Pops Orchestra this Friday for a cape-waving, crime-fighting, heroic kind of night. They'll be performing music from "The Greatest Showman," "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "James Bond" along with tunes from "Batman," "Superman" and more. Invite friends and join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more info, swoop to www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

PARKING POSSE RECRUITMENT & APPRECIATION IS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3. The Parking Posse keeps things running smoothly around our campus on Sundays and they're looking for some extra help. If you're interested, come learn more next Sunday. We'll be in the Great Room from 8 to 11:30 a.m. with breakfast and info on what serving with the team looks like. Already serving with Parking Posse? Stop by for food and a big thank you from us!

CONNECTING POINT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3 AT 9:15 A.M. If you've been worshipping at Christ Chapel for a while but haven't connected any further, Connecting Point is a great place to start! You'll meet people who are putting down roots at Christ Chapel and the experience will introduce you to all the ways we're here to help you grow in your faith. Sign up at the Connect Kiosk or at www.ccbcfamily.org/connectingpoint.

CHECK OUT "HILLS TO DIE ON," OUR NEWEST THEOLOGY CLASS, NEXT SUNDAY. "Hills to Die On" explores the nonnegotiable beliefs of our faith. Grow Pastor Tyler Durham is kicking the series off by discussing the nonnegotiable truths we believe about Jesus and the Trinity—what those truths are and how we got them—next Sunday, March 3 at 11 a.m. in Link Classroom South. The class will run through Sunday, May 12. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10. Ready to pay off your loans and credit cards? Looking for financial wisdom for the future? This class is an excellent way to learn how to take control of your money and steward it well. Register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events. The class will meet for nine weeks at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall West.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME? JOIN A HOME GROUP! One of the best ways to connect at Christ Chapel is in a home group. Groups gather across the city to study the Bible and build community. Visit the Connect Kiosk in the Great Room or email Hailee at HaileeS@christchapelbc.org to join a group.