

MARK

Mark 1:12 →

Our approach each week will be **REAP** (read, explain, apply, personalize). In this series, however, we won't wait to document the 'apply' and 'personalize' until the end of the lesson. As we see them, we'll capture them.

Read: Mark 1

Explain: Mark 1:12 →

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some questions.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

We are introduced to several concepts in this passage: (1) the Spirit working in the life of Jesus, (2) Satan's efforts to thwart God's redemptive plan, (3) Jesus' pattern of isolation, and (4) the work of angels in Jesus' life (specifically during major events: birth, temptation, prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, and resurrection.)

Baptism is the first external step of obedience for a new believer. It demonstrates identification with Christ and belonging in Christ's church. Satan immediately tempted Jesus after His baptism. Perhaps we should expect the same.

What do the words mean?

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Review: The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized [*baptizo*; 3rd singular aorist indicative **passive**; 1. to immerse, submerge 2. to make whelmed or soaked (i.e. fully wet)] **by John in the Jordan.** **10 And when he came up** [*anabaino*; masculine singular nominative **present participle active**; 1. to go up] **out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit** [*pneuma*; 1. a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze 2. (by analogy or figuratively) a spirit 3. (humanly) the rational soul 4. (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc. 5. (superhumanly) an angel, demon 6. (divinely) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit; occurs 22 times in **Mark**] **descending** [*katabaino*; neuter singular accusative **present participle active**; 1. to descend] **on him like a dove.** **11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son;**^[d] **with you I am well pleased** [*eudokeo*; 1st singular aorist indicative active 1. to think well of, i.e. approve (an act) 2. (specially) to approve officially (a person or thing); occurs in **1:11**]."

Footnote: d. **Mark 1:11** Or *my Son, my (or the) Beloved*

The Temptation of Jesus

12 The Spirit [G4151: πνεῦμα; **pneuma**; 1. a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze 2. (by analogy or figuratively) a spirit 3. (humanly) the rational soul 4. (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc. 5. (superhumanly) an angel, demon 6. (divinely) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit; occurs 22 times in **Mark**] **immediately** [G2117: εὐθύς; **euthus**; 1. straight 2. (literally) level 3. (figuratively) true 4. (adverbially of time) at once; occurs 36 times in **Mark**] **drove** [G1544: ἐκβάλλω; **ekballo**; 3rd singular present indicative active; 1. to **ject**; occurs 18 times in **Mark**] **him** [G846: αὐτός; **autos**; 1. self; occurs 449 times in **Mark**] **out into** [G1519: εἰς; **eis**; 1. to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time 2. (figuratively) to or into a purpose (result, etc.); occurs 115 times in **Mark**] **the wilderness** [G2048: ἔρημος; **eremos**; 1. lonesome 2. (by implication) waste; occurs in **1:3; 1:4; 1:12; 1:13; 1:35; 1:45; 6:31; 6:32; 6:35**]. **13 And** [G2532: καί; **kai**; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in **Mark**] **he was** [G1510: εἶμί; **eimi**; 3rd singular imperfect indicative active; 1. I exist; occurs 163 times in **Mark**] [G2258: ἦν; **en**; 1. I (thou, etc.) was (wast or were); occurs 47 times in **Mark**] **in** [G1722: ἐν; **en**; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 111 times in **Mark**] **the wilderness** [G2048: ἔρημος; **eremos**; 1. **lonesome** 2. (by implication) **waste**; occurs in **1:3; 1:4; 1:12; 1:13; 1:35; 1:45; 6:31; 6:32; 6:35**] **forty** [G5062: τεσσαράκοντα; **tessarakonta**; 1. forty; occurs in **1:13**] **days** [G2250: ἡμέρα; **hemera**; 1. day 2. (literally) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours 3. (figuratively) a period; occurs 24 times in **Mark**], **being tempted** [G3985: πειράζω; **peirazo**; masculine singular nominative present participle **passive**; 1. to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline; occurs in **1:13; 8:11; 10:2; 12:15**] **by** [G5259: ὑπό; **hupo**; 1. **under** 2. (with the genitive case) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through) 3. (with the accusative case) of place (whither (underneath) or where (below) or time (when (at))). In the comparative, it retains the same general applications, especially of inferior position or condition, and specially, covertly or moderately.; occurs in **1:5; 1:9; 1:13; 2:3; 4:21 (2); 4:32; 5:26; 8:31; 13:13; 16:11**] **Satan** [G4567: Σατανᾶς; **Satanas**; 1. the **Adversary** 2. (figuratively) the **Accuser** 3. Satan, the **devil**; occurs in **1:13; 3:23 (2); 3:26; 4:15; 8:33**]. **And** [G2532: καί; **kai**; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in **Mark**] **he was** [G1510: εἶμί; **eimi**; 3rd singular imperfect indicative active; 1. I exist; occurs 163 times in **Mark**] [G2258: ἦν; **en**; 1. I (thou, etc.) was (wast or were); occurs 47 times in **Mark**] **with** [G3326: μετά; **meta**; 1. (properly) denoting accompaniment 2. "amid" (local or causal); occurs 49 times in **Mark**] **the wild animals** [G2342: θηρίον; **therion**; 1. a dangerous animal; occurs in **1:13**], **and** [G2532: καί; **kai**; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 531 times in **Mark**] **the angels** [G32: ἄγγελος; **aggelos**; 1. a **messenger** 2. (especially) an "angel" of God 3. (of evil, Satan) a demon 4. (by implication) a person carrying forth a message from God, i.e. a servant (a disciple, pastor, elder, prophet, etc.) 5. (also, by implication) a thing or event carrying forth a message from God, i.e. a hardship (pestilence, wind, etc.), or an animal (donkey, locusts, etc.); occurs in **1:2; 1:13; 8:38; 12:25; 13:27; 13:32**] **were ministering** [G1247: διακονέω; **diakoneo**; 3rd plural **imperfect** indicative active; 1. to be an attendant, to wait upon (mentally or as a host, friend) 2. (figuratively) to serve as a teacher 3. (technically) to act as a Christian steward (deacon); occurs in **1:13; 1:31; 10:45 (2); 15:41**] **to him** [G846: αὐτός; **autos**; 1. self; occurs 449 times in **Mark**].

Apply (What is the point?)

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

Our schedule plan

Next week we'll start with **Mark 1:_____**, and we'll go until we're finished.

Homework

1. Pray for help in understanding **Mark**
2. **Hear Mark** multiple times
3. Think about **Mark** often (day and night)
4. Talk with someone (**dead** or alive) about **Mark**
5. Share your insights about **Mark**
6. Invite a member and a non-member

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