

The Temptation of Jesus

Mark 1:12,13

- I.** In Mark 1:1, Mark made clear the purpose of Jesus' work, Salvation.
1. This is the message of the Gospel
 2. This was the work of the Messiah
- II.** In Mark 1:2-11, Mark shows that these things apply to Jesus through the testimony of John the Baptist and The Father.
- III.** When we get to Mark 1:12,13 we read of the temptation of Jesus.
- IV.** Marks account is very brief compared to what Matthew and Luke write. But I believe the reason for the shortness of his narrative is found in the point he is trying to make.
- V.** Mark is really focusing on Jesus as the Messiah in these first few verses. What we find in Marks account of the temptation follows that line of thought.
- VI.** Both Matthew and Luke provide greater detail into what happened to Jesus during the temptation, Mark doesn't. He boils it down to three points.
1. Jesus is impelled to go into the wilderness
 2. He was there 40 days in which time he was tempted by Satan
 3. The angels ministered to him.
- VII.** If we tie Marks account to what he has been saying about Jesus being the Messiah his account makes perfect sense.
1. This Jesus in the Messiah the one who takes away the sin of the world.
 2. The temptation of Jesus sums up his ministry as the Messiah
 - A. Jesus came to overcome sin, **John 1:29**
 - B. Jesus came to render powerless the adversary, **Heb. 2:14**
 3. In His temptation we see a mini summation of this taking place.
- VIII.** It seems Mark simply wants to make this point about the ministry and work of Jesus.

Trans: This is what we will consider tonight.

1. Jesus came to overcome sin,

A. Mark 1:13

B. We note that in v.12 Jesus is impelled by the H.S. to do this. It's not as if Jesus is forced, but along with the Spirit and Jesus' consent this takes place.

C. It's also interesting to note that this takes place right after Jesus is baptized. This took place immediately to set the tone for what Jesus would do from this point on.

1. Overcome sin
2. Defeat Satan

D. The temptations Jesus face are three fold and encompass all sin, **1John 2:15-17**

1. Lust of the flesh - **Matt. 4:2-4**
2. Boastful pride of life. **Matt. 4:5-7**
3. Lust of the eyes - **Matt. 4:8-10**

E. Jesus overcame the temptation to sin and thus in essence established His work of overcoming sin.

Appl: Again Mark doesn't go into great detail about Jesus' temptation. The question is why?

That's not Marks focus. He is showing Jesus to be the Messiah the Son of God, the one who takes away the sin of the world.

In briefly speaking of His temptation He does that.

2. Jesus came to overcome Satan,

A. In Jesus' Temptation Satan was present

B. Satan is the great adversary, **1Pet 5:8**

C. Satan is the one who had power to take us captive, **2Tim. 2:24-26**

D. Jesus, in refusing to give into Satans wiles lays the foundation for Satans final defeat, which renders him powerless.

E. One other aspect of this is the mention of the ministering angels. This supports what Mark has been saying about Jesus.

1. Angels are ministers of God, **Heb. 1:13,14**
2. By the fact that these angels are from God and they are ministering to Jesus, shows God's approval of Jesus.

Appl: In the temptation of Jesus we see a foreshadowing of the downfall of Satan. We see a foreshadowing of the culmination of Jesus' ministry.

In Jesus temptation we see him accomplishing what He was sent here to do. Overcome sin and defeat Satan.