

## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### Come With Me

#### Mark 1:1-15 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began <sup>2</sup> just as the prophet Isaiah had written:

“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
and he will prepare your way.

<sup>3</sup> He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming!  
Clear the road for him!’”

<sup>4</sup> This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. <sup>5</sup> All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.

<sup>7</sup> John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

<sup>9</sup> One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

<sup>14</sup> Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. <sup>15</sup> “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!””

#### NOTES:

“The gospel” was used among the powerful, rich Romans to proclaim new conquests, lands or kingdoms subjected to the Roman empire. Mark uses “the gospel” with a completely different audience; he announces Jesus among the poor, rejected and marginal segments of the people as the Lord and Savior.

#### 1. Jesus is Baptized.

This was a symbolic action as a witness to the people, signaling the beginning of Jesus ministry.

#### 2. Jesus is tempted by Satan.

The Holy Spirit led him to be tempted not to see if he would sin, but to prove that he could not sin.

- A. Testing or going through temptations, is inevitable for the believer.
- B. Being tempted is not sin.
- C. Do not worry if you are constantly being tempted or tested by sin.

#### 3. Jesus initiates his Ministry.

After John the baptist is taken to prison, Jesus starts preaching three things.

- A. The time was fulfilled.
- B. The kingdom of God was at hand.
- C. Repent and believe the gospel.

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