

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus—[Mark 1:9–13](#)

Topics:

Affirmation, Angels, Approval, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Satan, Temptation, Testing

Open It

1. How do people typically show approval of others?
2. When was a time you were affirmed by others?
3. What is one form of recognition you received growing up, whether at school, at home, or from friends?
4. *What does the word “temptation” bring to mind?

Explore It

1. Who baptized Jesus? Why? ([1:9](#))
2. Why was this event significant? ([1:9](#))
3. What does Jesus’ baptism tell us about His character? ([1:10](#))
4. What happened after Jesus was baptized? ([1:10](#))
5. How were the three persons of the Trinity present in this event? ([1:10–11](#))
6. To whom was the voice from heaven speaking? ([1:11](#))

7. What did the voice from heaven say about Jesus? ([1:11](#))
8. *What happened right after Jesus' baptism? ([1:12](#))
9. Who sent Jesus into the desert for forty days? Why? ([1:12-13](#))
10. *What happened to Jesus in the desert? ([1:13](#))
11. Under what conditions was Jesus tempted? ([1:13](#))
12. *What role did angels play in this event? ([1:13](#))

Get It

1. How should we respond to Jesus' example of baptism?
2. In what ways can we imitate Jesus' attitude of humility and submission?
3. What implications does Jesus' experience of temptation have for the temptations we face?
4. What difference does it make to you that the Holy Spirit allows you to be tempted?
5. What might God be trying to teach you through tempting situations?
6. How does it affect you to know that Satan is a force behind temptation?

7. *What temptations are difficult for you to resist?

8. *How can we depend more on the power of God to help us resist temptation?

Apply It

1. *What concrete steps can you take this week to resist temptation?

2. How can you remind yourself that Jesus understands the temptations you experience, and that He can help you resist them?