

Jesus According To Scripture

Mark 1:1-13

1. Divine Identity vs. 1

God himself, the author and originator of all that is has initiated the age of the gospel through Jesus.

- The promised Messiah: Father God's appointed agent of salvation for God's people.
- The Son of God: the unique Son who not only represents Father God, but is God Himself.

2. Divine Attributes vs. 2-8

John the Baptist and his ministry is a fulfillment of scripture (Exodus 23:20, Malachi 3:1, and Isaiah 40:3) in the preparation of God's people for the arrival of God's Messiah; Jesus will come in divine power.

When God acts on behalf of His people, He calls them to get ready to respond. Jesus came in divine power; providing the way for those who choose to repent to live a new life with Him.

3. Defined Unity vs. 9-11

As John baptizes Jesus, a supernatural occurrence took place revealing the unity between Jesus, Father God and the Holy Spirit. Emphasizing Jesus as the Son of God who Father God loves and is greatly pleased to do His will, initiating gospel ministry.

Jesus is the Son of God who Father God loves and is greatly pleased with, as Jesus willingly obeyed Father God's will.

4. Denied Satan vs. 12-13

The Holy Spirit sends Jesus into the wilderness where he faced temptation from Satan, the supernatural enemy of God. Jesus being tempted reveals that He is sovereign and free to do the will of the Father, as Satan is powerless against Him.

Reflection:

Are You Becoming Complacent In Your Walk With The Lord?

- Lack of Concern
- Not Taking Initiative in Your Walk with the Lord
- Staying within Your Comfort Zone
- Taking God for Granted
- Lost Your Passion for the Lord

Mark forces his audience to confront the question...

Do you really recognize Jesus for who he is, and do you really understand what he requires of you?

As we see Jesus as God, we should also recognize our need to submit to Him. Our submission to Christ impacts every area of life. To follow Him as God is to obey Him fully and to follow Him at all costs.