

God's Servant Tempted **Mark 1:9-13, 21-28**

The gospel is personal. It offers each one of us an invitation into God's kingdom through faith in Jesus. Yet the gospel is also cosmic. It declares the end of Satan's power over all the earth.

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8 [ESV](#))

Main Idea: God sends His servant King into the world to upend the devil's kingdom and destroy his works. Jesus is offering every person entrance into the kingdom of God.

The Servant King's Coronation (1:9-11)

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:31-33 [ESV](#))

Three qualities about Jesus that we learn from His baptism.

Quality #1: Humility: This King identifies Himself with sinful people. He is a serving King.

Quality #2: Power: This King is anointed by the Holy Spirit with power. He is an omnipotent King.

Quality #3: Authority: This King is commended by God as His beloved Son who pleases the Father in His goodness, His righteousness, His humility, His purity and His love. He is a rightful King.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45 [ESV](#))

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory." (Mark 13:24-26 [ESV](#))

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice." (Isaiah 42:1-3 [ESV](#))

The Servant King's Conflict (1:12-13)

Truth: The 40-day temptation of Jesus proves to Satan that Jesus is the conquering King. God wants Satan to know the agony of defeat.

Truth: The 40-day temptation of Jesus proves to us that Jesus is the conquering King. God wants us to know that we have a King who is not corrupted nor conquered by Satan.

“We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.” (1 John 5:19 [ESV](#))

*“following the course of this world, **following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience**—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.” (Ephesians 2:2-3 [ESV](#))*

“Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.” (John 12:31 [ESV](#))

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“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.” (Romans 16:20 [ESV](#))

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13-14 [ESV](#))

The Servant King’s Conquest (1:21-28)

Truth: All demons shriek with panic in the presence of Jesus because they know His victory is certain and His judgment is inescapable.

A number of important truths immediately emerge from this encounter:

1. Demons are real.
2. Demons come to church.
3. Demons oppress people who are in church.
4. Demons know who Jesus is. They have good theology, but no salvation.
5. Demons know that Jesus has the power and authority to destroy them.
6. Demons shriek in panic in the presence of Jesus.
7. Jesus is not afraid of demons.

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (Hebrews 2:14-15 [ESV](#))

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith,” (1 Peter 5:8-9 [ESV](#))