

The Gospel in Action (1)

It All Begins in the Wilderness

Mark 1:1-13

Intro: Wandering in the Wilderness

I. The Voice in the Wilderness (v. 1-8)

II. Baptism in the Wilderness (v. 9-11)

III. Temptation in the Wilderness (v. 12-13)

Conclusion: Leading Us from the Wilderness

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think it's significant that the ministry of Jesus begins in the "wilderness"? Why does Mark emphasize that fact?
2. Why do you think Jesus was baptized in the same manner as the sinful people? What was different about His baptism, and why are those differences so significant?
3. Why do you think the Holy Spirit sent Jesus to be tempted by Satan? How was this part of God's carefully orchestrated plan?
4. Looking back at your own life, what things can you think of that didn't make a lot of sense at the time... yet now you are able to see that God was orchestrating those events for His own purposes?