THE PERFECT LIFE OF JESUS

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MARK 1:9-13

Mark 1:9-13 ⁹ In those days Jesus came from I. Jesus perfectly ______. (9) Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when 1. He shows humble _____. he came up out of the water, immediately 2. He has humble _____. he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a 3. He comes from a humble _____. dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with II. Jesus perfectly . (10-12) you I am well pleased." ¹² The Spirit immediately drove 1. He is by the Father. him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days. 2. He the Spirit's leading. being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were III. Jesus perfectly . (13) ministering to him. 1. He continually resisted while he was _____, and _____, and _____. 2. He continually resisted ______. 3. He continually resisted as an for us. 4. He continually resisted as a for us.

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Application Questions

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One great way to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

- 1. <u>Read Mark 1:9</u>. Why does it matter that Jesus gets baptized and therefore perfectly identifies with sinful humanity? What are some ways that you struggle to identify with other people's sin?
- 2. <u>Read Mark 1:10-11</u>. Has the Spirit of God come into your life? And does God see you as his beloved child with whom he is well pleased? If so, how is this possible?
- 3. <u>Read Mark 1:11</u> again. Is God pleased with you because of your righteousness or because of Christ's righteousness? What are some ways you are tempted to view your righteousness as coming from yourself? What are some ways you are tempted to view yourself as "more pleasing to God than other people?" What can you do to correct/repent of this prideful thinking?
- 4. <u>Read Mark 1:12</u>. Why does the Holy Spirit send Jesus into the wilderness? Why does he choose to send us into the wilderness of testing?
- 5. <u>Read Mark 1:12</u> again. Has anyone experienced more temptation than Jesus? Why do those on the front lines of ministry often experience more temptation and suffering than others? Should we expect those on the front lines of ministry to deal with especially difficult struggles?
- 6. Read Mark 1:13. Would you be able to withstand what Jesus went through without shipwrecking your faith? Why or why not?
- 7. What is the good news of the gospel according to Mark 1:9-13? And how does this good news help you follow Jesus today?