

Title: The Coronation of the King
Passage: Mark 1:9-11

Introduction:

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- title and theme of this book in the Bible
- “gospel”
 - In first century, word was associated with the ascension/coronation of a king
 - Here, pointing to Jesus’ identity - the Messianic kingship.

Context of Passage:

John the Baptist:

Mark 1:7-8

And he preached, saying, “After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Passage: Mark 1:9-11

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Jesus baptism

- mentioned in all 4 gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- First public act that began Jesus’ ministry

Mark 11:27-33

And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me.” And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But shall we say, ‘From man?’—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

- When Jesus’ authority was questioned by religious rulers, Jesus pointed to John’s baptism.
- Key to discern the truth/significance of John’s baptism.
 - Those who do not acknowledge what happened miss everything else

Mark 1:9

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Baptism

- ritual by full immersion into water was not a normal part of Jewish religious practices
- At most, it was used when a Gentile was converting to Judaism
- To apply to Jews, then would have been offensive to Jews who viewed themselves as superior to others

Mark 1:4

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

- Baptism: outward symbol of repentance of sins

Jesus’ was without sin

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Jesus knew no sin)

Why did Jesus come to be baptized?

Matthew 3:13-15

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "*Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*" Then he consented.

- Jesus' baptism was necessary to "fulfill all righteousness"
- Righteousness = all that is required by God
- John's baptism was from God and Jesus chose to participate it
- Jesus' purpose of His life was to submit and do the will of the Father
 - Jesus identified with the very sinners He came to save (for who He came)
 - His baptism looked forward to the cross (why He came)

Mark 1:10

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

Immediately

- used over 40 times in this gospel

Came up

- Same word as Jesus was raised from the dead

He saw the heavens being torn open

- Torn open = used with tearing of the temple's veil at the moment Jesus died
 - Veil = previously used to separate God and man

Matthew 27:51

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

The Spirit descending on him like a dove.

- "*like a dove*"
 - Visual of of God the Spirit
 - A description of the visual (not "as a dove")
 - not that the Spirit was a dove
- fulfillment of Messianic prophecy

Isaiah 42:1-2

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;

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Mark 1:11

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

A voice came from heaven

- Trinitarian coronation of Jesus (God the Son)
 - Visual anointing by God the Spirit
 - Audible affirmation from God the Father
- Coronation of Jesus the King where all three Persons of the Trinity are present.
- Other affirmations by God the Father

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

John 12:28

Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

You are my beloved Son

- Son of God = declaration of Jesus' deity = Jesus is God

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Be in awe of worship of Jesus, King of kings

Revelation 19:11-16

- Jesus' robe dipped in blood (the blood of His enemies)

APPLICATION

If you are a believer:

- recognize your faith is granted to you by God's grace. He chose for you to receive His gift by faith through grace

Preach the Gospel to yourself

- In Christ, understand who you are: a child of God who is loved and well-pleased
- You are not defined by your sins
- You deserve hell because of your sins, but Jesus has already covered you (atoned) and loved you.

Philippians 3:9

and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

Parable of Prodigal Son

- Picture of God's love - the father ran to meet the son

Be baptized (if you haven't)

- Full immersion into and out of the water
 - Not to be saved but as an outward symbol/profession of your faith in Christ

If you are not a believer:

- Continue to listen
- Come to Jesus
 - recognize you are a sinner
 - Believe in Jesus as your Savior
 - Make Jesus as your Lord

Romans 10:9

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Related Passages

Revelation 5:11-13

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”