

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 7, 2018
Mark 1:9-15

1. What is the significance of the things that Mark tells us in verse 9?
 - a. Mark tells us that Jesus was from Nazareth. Matthew spent time on this as a significant point in Matt 2:13-23, explaining Joseph's dream, the escape to Egypt, and the family's return to Israel. Matthew declares this as a fulfillment of prophesy.
 - b. Mark tells us that Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan. Matthew tells us in Matt 3:13-15 that John tried to deter him, but Jesus said that this was necessary to fulfill all righteousness.
 - c. They don't seem very significant. It is almost as if Mark is skimming over these things to get to the good part.

2. What does Mark tell us in verses 10-11?
 - a. When Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.
 - b. A voice came from heaven saying "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

3. What do you think was the most compelling affirmation of Jesus's life and ministry, according to Mark? _____

4. What does Mark tell us happened in verses 12-13?
 - a. The Spirit sent Jesus into the wilderness for forty days.
 - b. Jesus was tempted for forty days by Satan.
 - c. Jesus was with the wild animals.
 - d. Angels attended him.

5. What do we learn in Matthew and Luke that Mark doesn't tell us (see Matt 4:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13)?
 - a. Jesus was fasting for forty days and forty nights and was hungry.
 - b. Jesus was tempted to look first to his own needs instead of the will of God, to test God's provision and care, and to seek fame.
 - c. Jesus responded to temptation with scripture.

6. How do you respond to temptation? _____

7. Do you think that Jesus is the only one who experienced temptation when beginning his ministry? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. When, according to verse 14, did Jesus go into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God?

9. What message was Jesus preaching, according to verse 15? _____
