### **03 Baptized, Beloved, and Tested Mark1V9to13**

### Mark 1:9.In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.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. 11.And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."12.The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.13.And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

**P [1] The Baptism of Christ**

* Jesus was baptized in the river by John (Mk 1:9).
* John's baptism was for sinners who needed repentance and forgiveness.
* Jesus had never sinned, yet chose to be baptized like a sinner.
* He did this to fulfill all of God’s requirements for man.
* **He identified Himself with us—sinners.**
* He identified with sinners like prostitutes and greedy tax collectors.
* **Ap:** People don’t like to identify with the lowly, despised, or immoral.
* **Eg:** “I’m from Changi Prison,” “I’m from the Institute of Mental Health.”
* **Eg:** “I’m from a university” vs “I dropped out of school.”
* Jesus loves sinners and those society calls “losers.” He identifies with them.

**P Eg:** Pastor Jeremiah Steepek disguised himself as a homeless man.

* We are all equal and precious in Jesus’ sight.
* **Jesus’ baptism was the public inauguration of the Messiah.**

**P Eg:** Presidents/PMs have inauguration ceremonies when they begin their office.

* **Eg:** These include parades , speeches, oaths, music, and blessings.
* the King of the universe, demonstrated true humility.
* He wasn’t angry or disappointed with His Father for not giving Him these things.
* In humility he receive his official appointement, the beginning of his ministry

**P [2] The Affirmation of the Father and the Anointing of the Spirit**

* Jesus, God’s Son, stood in the water (Jn 1:1–3).
* **God the Fathe**r said, “You are my Son, and I love You!” (Mk 1:11)
* Jesus is the perfect Son who obeys all God’s commands.
* God loves and accepts us based on Jesus’ merit and atonement.

**P** John 1:12.But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

* **Ap:** we often feel hurt when ppl look down at us. We ought to remember that we are children of God
* **Ap:** remember the Father’s voice: “You are My Son; in Jesus Christ, I love you.”
* **The Holy Spirit** descended like a dove (Gen 8:11).
* The dove symbolizes peace (Gen 8:11).
* Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6).
* The Spirit is invisible, but sometimes visibly manifested.
* **OT:** Cloud and glory in the Tabernacle; pillar of cloud and fire in the wilderness.
* At Jesus’ baptism: Spirit descended like a dove (Mk 1:9).
* At Pentecost: tongues of fire appeared (Acts 2:3).

**P** Eph 1:13.In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,God has given us His Spirit to strengthen our hearts.

**P** Eph 3:16 – Strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being.

* **Trinity is shown**: Father is not the Son, not the Spirit. Three divinepersons

### **P [3] Jesus Faces Temptation**

* Right after His baptism, the Spirit sent Jesus into the wilderness (Mk 1:12–13).
* Why did the Spirit lead Jesus to face Satan’s temptation?
* Jesus, as the righteous man, had to defeat Satan.
* He was tempted by Satan and He relied on the Holy Spirit and the Word to defeat Satan.
* Wild animals were around Him, but God protected Him.
* **Contrast:** Adam & Eve were tempted in paradise and failed.
* Jesus was tempted in a harsh wilderness—and won!
* Ap harsh environment, hunger, wilderness, pressures “we will see our temper flare”
* After victory, angels came and cared for Him (Mt 4:2–11).
* **What it means:** Jesus defeated Satan for us.
* Like Jesus, we’ll face temptation from Satan and the world.
* When tempted, Jesus understands and helps us (Heb 2:18).

**P** Heb 2:18 – He suffered when tempted; He is able to help us when we’re tempted.

**ASK: What happens when we fail in temptation?**

* Christ has pardoned our sins, but falling into sin still has serious consequences.
* Sin is enjoyable for a while but brings bad consequences for us.
* Sin distances us from God. Eg Facing a angry father who love us
* Sin brings God’s loving discipline.
* **Response:** Go to Jesus. Cry out to Him when tempted.
* Confess your struggles to your pastor; ask for prayer.
* Do not neglect fellowship.

**P** Chloe baptism today “Baptized, Beloved, and Tested”