

# The Baptizer & The tempter

(Mark 1:1-15)

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**Mark 1:1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [Matthew 3:1-6, Luke 3:3-6]

1. No one is \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian.

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**Mark 1:5** And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 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. 8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." [Matthew 3:11-12, Luke 3:15-18]

2. Who can you \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ?

3. How to defeat pride: Understand God gave you \_\_\_\_\_, and make it your job to lift \_\_\_\_\_ up.

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**Mark 1:9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with us so we can \_\_\_\_\_ with him!

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**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. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." [Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23a]

5. Whose \_\_\_\_\_ are you seeking, God's or man's?

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**Mark 1:12** 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. [Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13]

6. How to defeat temptation: \_\_\_\_\_ your identity, \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God, and \_\_\_\_\_ for God's Spirit to empower you!

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**Mark 1:14** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." [Matthew 4:12, 17, Luke 4:14-15]

7. Have you repented and \_\_\_\_\_?

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John Mark references: Acts 12:12, 12:25, 15:37-39, Col. 4:10, 2 Tim. 4:11, Philemon 1:24, 1 Peter 5:13

Trinity references: Matthew 28:19, Luke 1:35, John 15:26, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 2:18, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-5, 1 Peter 1:2