

God's Son Presented & Proven

Pronouncing & Preparing the Messiah - Mark 1:9-13

With His way having been prepared by John, Jesus came. As He humbly submits to baptism, He is attested to by the Holy Spirit and the Father – *a great Trinitarian passage*. His victory in a 40 day fierce battle with Satan prepares Him to start His ministry.

From Obscurity: *Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee*

In Humility *and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

& Humanity:

- James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, & he will lift you up.
- Luke 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Anointed by the Spirit: *the Spirit descending on Him (Heb. 1:5; Ps. 89:26; 2 Sam. 7:12)* The one who would baptize us by the Spirit

Attested to by the Father: *And a voice came from heaven (9:7)*

Identification: *You are my Son (Ps. 2:7; Jn 1:14)*

Affection: *Whom I love (Is. 42:1)*

Approval: *with You I am well pleased.*

Tested & Readied: *the Spirit sent Him out into the desert*

A Full Test *He was in the desert forty days*

A Fierce Test *being tempted by Satan*

A Fearful Test *He was with the wild animals*

A Fragile Test *angels attended Him*

Jesus Can & Does Identify - Truly “Feel your Pain”

Heb. 2:¹⁴ “...He too shared in [our] humanity so that by his death he might destroy ... the devil... ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God & that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Heb. 4:¹⁵ “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”