

Greek Readings
Series B, Lent 1
Mark 1:9–15

• **Verse 9**

- Why might Mark have included the words τῆς Γαλιλαίας in the phrase Ἰησοῦς ἀπὸ Ναζαρὲτ τῆς Γαλιλαίας? _____.
- Parse ἐβαπτίσθη. _____. What type of genitive is ὑπὸ Ιωάννου? _____.

• **Verse 10**

- In what way does the expression καὶ εὐθύς connect v.9 with vv.10-11 and how does this help the hearer understand the events? _____.
- Parse σχιζομένους. _____. Give the dictionary entry. (cf. BDAG, p.981) _____.
- Look up Isa 64:1 MT and Isa 63:19 LXX. In what way may Mark align itself closer with the MT? _____ How do the accounts in Matt. and Luke compare to the MT and the LXX? _____.
- The phrase ὡς περιστεράν can be translated adjectivally or adverbially. What is the difference in these translations and how do they affect the meaning? _____.

• **Verse 11**

- What connection do these verses have with the “voice from heaven”? (cf. Ps 2:7; Isa 42:1; Gen. 22:2, 12, 16; Exod. 4:22-23) _____.
- Look up Ps 2:7 LXX. How does it compare with Σὺ εἶ ὁ νιός μου? _____.
How might also Isa 42:1 LXX compare with v.11? _____.
- Why is Jesus referred to as ἀγαπητός? _____.
- For what reason does the Father say, ἐν σοὶ εὐδόκησα? _____.

• **Verse 12**

- How does the phrase Καὶ εὐθύς here connect vv.9-11 to 12-13? _____.
What might this connection between Jesus’ baptism and his wilderness temptation be significant theologically? _____.
- Why does the Spirit send Jesus into the wilderness? _____.
- Parse ἐκβάλλει. _____. Does this word seem unnecessarily strong in its emphasis? _____.
- What themes does the phrase εἰς τὴν ἔρημον bring to mind? _____.

• **Verse 13**

- Why might Mark reiterate the phrase ἐν τῇ ἔρημῳ in vv.12-13? _____.
- How might the following OT passages relate to v.13, Gen. 7:4, 12; Exod. 34:28; 1 Kgs. 19:4-8? _____.
- Parse πειραζόμενος. _____. What is the meaning this term? (cf. BDAG, p.793, 4) _____.
- Mark uses the more Semitic name Σατανᾶ in his account. How does this differ from the parallels in Matthew and Luke? (cf. Matt 4:1; Luke 4:2) _____.

- What do we actually learn about Jesus temptation in the wilderness in the gospel of Mark? _____.
- What does it mean that Jesus was μετὰ τῶν θηρίων? (cf. Ps 91; Ezek 34:5, 8, 25) _____.
- Parse διηκόνουν. _____ . What is the meaning of this term? (cf. BDAG, p.229, _____). What might this imply the angels were doing for Jesus? (cf. 1 Kgs. 19:1-8) _____.
- **Verse 14**
 - How does v.14 correspond to Mk. 6:17-29? _____ . Why might Mark end John's ministry so abruptly? _____.
 - Parse παραδοθῆναι. _____ . How does this term correspond to 9:31; 10:33; 14:21, 41? _____ . Who is the agent of this verb? _____.
 - How might one describe v.14 as epiphanic? _____.
 - How is Jesus' preaching different from that of John? (cf. v.7, 14) _____.
 - What is the meaning of τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ θεοῦ? (cf. v.15) _____.
- **Verse 15**
 - How does the phrase Πεπλήρωται ὁ καιρὸς καὶ ἥγγικεν ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ correspond to Dan.7:22; Ezek. 7:12; 9:1; 1 Pet 1:11; Rev. 1:3? _____.
 - Parse Πεπλήρωται. _____ . What is the meaning of this term? (cf. BDAG, p. 828, 2) _____.
 - Does ὁ καιρὸς refer to a fixed time or a expanse of time? _____.
 - Parse μετανοεῖτε. _____ . In what way does Jesus call the people to "repent"? _____.
 - How do these other passages inform us about the phrase "repent and believe" Acts 11:17, 18; 20:21; Heb 6:1? _____.

Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.