The Baptism And Temptation Of Jesus

Mark 1:9-15

Intro. A. John came with a purpose.
   1. Not many people know God’s purpose so far ahead of maturity;
      a. He was to be a messenger.
   2. John had a message.
      a. He preached in the desert.
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      b. He preached in a prophet’s clothing.
      c. He preached repentance.
      d. He exalted Jesus.
      1. They confessed their sins.
      2. He immersed them in water.

I. The Baptism Of Jesus.

A. Jesus came to John for baptism.
   1. John was sent by God.
   vs. 9  2. John baptized Jesus in Jordan River.

B. Jesus was revealed at His baptism.
   1. John had been told by God to watch for certain manifestations. John 1:33.
   2. “And straightway coming up out of the water...”
      evdeis = “immediately,” of time, “straight,” “forthwith.”
   3. “he saw the heavens opened.” = ὄπνευσεν = “to split, to rend, to divide with violence, prop. of wood.”
C. The Specifics of His Temptation.
   1. Matt. 4:1-11
   Vs. 2-4. 2. He tempted Him with hunger.
   Vs. 5-7 3. He tempted Him in regard to God's care.
   Vs. 8-11 4. He tempted Him in regard to God's plan of worship and kingdom reign.

III. After These Two Events, Jesus Began His Earthly Ministry.

A. Jesus began to preach.
   Vs. 14. 1. "preaching" = κηρύσσω = "to be a herald" "to make public announcements." This does not mean to teach.
   2. "gospel" = "the good message."
   3. It is the good news of God's Kingdom

B. The specific message.
   Vs. 15. 1. It is not His death, burial, and resurrection.
   2. "The time is fulfilled..." "The time is ripe", "the time has finally come".
   3. "and the kingdom of God is at hand..." The reign of God is near. That is, God would establish a Theocracy.
   4. "...Repent ye and believe the gospel."
   5. "Repent" = met' a pov =
   6. "believe" = πιστεύω = to rely upon, to trust, Trust the truths of God.