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Mark 1:9-11 The Incarnation of Jesus

Club Talk Help Sheet

TALK TIPS

Visuals are almost a must, people learn differently and they also help keep the attention up front. (Mt 6:26).

Don't use "Christian words". Disciple, Pharisee, Temple, Glory, etc. either take time to explain them or use something familiar (instead of disciple, say that Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends who spent a lot of time with Him.) See John 1:38.

Read out of the Bible (Heb 4:12, 2 Tim 3:16, Eph 6:17), hold it for at least part of the talk. Then they know it's not just something you made up, the Bible has authority and we want to model looking there for them.

Mark 1:9-11

9At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Main point / Last sentence idea

Jesus is God. If we want to know what God is like, we look at Jesus.

Introduction ideas

- Story about how you are similar to your family.
- Good or bad first impression you had of a friend or they had of you

Illustration ideas

- Turn the lights out and talk about how people were somewhat in the dark about who God is until they were able to see with their eyes Jesus (turn the lights on).

Things you might use or say when talking about the Bible passage:

- You might be thinking, "Wait, how can Jesus be God and God's son?" Kind of like I am a "Jones", but am also the daughter of a "Jones". We share DNA—made up of the same stuff. Jesus is made up of the same stuff as God.
- The only person who has the right to identify Jesus as God's son is God. We don't believe Jesus is God because other people told us; we believe Jesus is God because God said so.
- He saw heaven tear open. What might this look like? You could tear a sheet in half and say that we hope at Young Life we want you to see a picture of Jesus as if heaven cracked open for a moment right now. Maybe it will tear up your assumptions or your misunderstandings. Maybe it will just help you appreciate what you already know.
- The Spirit descended on him like a dove. This is the Holy Spirit. In this moment we see Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God the Father all together at once. Clearly this was the beginning of something unusual and very special.



- Other scriptures you could use: John 1:14, Colossians 2:9, Hebrews 1:3a

Application/Challenge Ideas:

- God identified Jesus to us so we can see God; be up close and personal in a relationship that we understand because it is put into human terms. If God did that for us, isn't it worth it for us to step closer and check Jesus out?
- If the creator of the universe, God, became man, you should see what this man Jesus has to do with your life. Keep coming each week to Young Life.
- No matter what your first or most recent impression is of Jesus, I challenge you to decide for yourself who you believe he is.