

## Mark 1:9-15 Quiz

Jesus came from Nazareth to be baptized in the River Jordan, and the Spirit descended on him like a dove. An actual dove did not descend from heaven and light on Jesus. The Holy Spirit came down softly as a dove.

At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness -- the desert wilderness -- a deserted, lonely place where people were put to the test by God. While he was there, Satan tempted him. To \_\_\_\_\_ is to entice a person to do what is wrong; to test is to give a person the opportunity to choose what is right. To tempt is to hope for failure; to test is to hope for success.

Jesus went to Galilee preaching: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!" Jesus called us to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for the kingdom of God. He said: "Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

The kingdom is ours for the taking, but we have to accept the gift of the kingdom, we have to go into the kingdom - become a part of it. We have to be there when the Spirit calls. The Spirit offers us change. The Spirit offers to make us new people.

Christ calls us to repent--to make a 180 degree turn in a new direction--to change from the old person we were to the new person we can be--to see the world from a different perspective--to see it through Jesus' eyes -- from Jesus' perspective. Jesus calls us to care less about \_\_\_\_\_ and more about GOD. Jesus calls us to care less about \_\_\_\_\_ and more about OTHERS.

Repentance means - a change of mind--a change of heart--a change of direction. It means opening ourselves to the possibility of Jesus making us a new person -- the person we are called to be.

The Word of God comforts the afflicted, but the Word of God also afflicts the \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes the Word of God afflicts even those who are just trying to get comfortable.

We must remember that "The intention of Christianity was to change everything" by Soren Kierkegaard

Luther Burbank, a great horticulturist said of his contributions to the world, "If I have made any worthy contribution to the world, it is the advancement and proof of the great principle in botany that a plant, born a weed, or a plant degenerated by the conditions of nature, does not have to remain a degenerate.... I have enunciated the principle that there is no plant so great an outcast that it cannot with skill and care be redeemed."

Jesus proved that there is no person who cannot be saved. There is no person so bad or so good that Jesus cannot make a wonderful difference in his or her life. We are neither so bad as to be \_\_\_\_\_, nor so good as to be beyond improvement. It's not our badness or goodness that counts, but only our willingness to place ourselves in Jesus' hands.

Anna Quindlen said: "The life you have led doesn't need to be the only life you have."

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| A. comfortable | C. hopeless | E. THINGS |
| B. tempt       | D. prepare  | F. SELF   |