



“THE PERILS of SERVING”
How Jesus Prepared
MARK 1:9-13

“Most people wish to serve God -- but only in an advisory capacity.”

“A person's greatness is not measured by their talent or wealth, as the world measures, but by what it takes to make them quit.”

The Gospels → *“The King is a _____; the Man is _____!”*

- MARK 10:45

BAPTISM Prepared Jesus for...

PERILS of SERVICE vs. 9-11

1. **PUBLIC PERILS of _____** MATTHEW 3:13-15
 - *Baptism Demonstrated His _____* JAMES 1:8
2. **PUBLIC PERILS of _____** vs. 4
 - *Baptism Clarified His _____*
3. **PUBLIC PERILS of _____** vs. 10
 - *Baptism Defined His _____*
4. **PUBLIC PERILS of _____** vs. 11
 - *Baptism Confirmed His _____* PSALM 139:16

TESTING Prepared Jesus for...

PERILS of SERVICE vs. 12, 13

1. **PRIVATE PERILS of _____** 1 JOHN 2:16
 - *Always Use God's _____* PSALM 119:11
2. **PRIVATE PERILS of _____** MARK 10:35-37; 1 TIMOTHY 3:6
 - *Always Be God's _____* MATTHEW 20:25, 26

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED “*In your opinion...*”

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on how the Baptism and Temptation of Jesus (*the Dunking and the Desert*) prepared Jesus for his ministry to humanity. Of anything that you remember, was anything helpful?
2. Did you identify with any of the “*Perils of Serving*”? What are some difficulties in serving you could add to the list?
3. Do you agree it is “*miraculous*” when someone serves Jesus their entire life? Explain.
4. What has helped you continue to serve Jesus and His church even though it became difficult?

GOING DEEPER “*According to the Bible...*”

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** What are the two things involved in being a disciple of Jesus? What might keep Christians from being baptized? If you have never been baptized, do you have any questions about it?
- **Read Psalm 119:11.** How does the word of God help us in our struggle against temptation and sin?
- **Read Matthew 20:20-28.** What might have compelled *Mrs. Zebedee* to ask Jesus for a special place of power for her two sons? How do you think Jesus’ response, *servng others*, guards us from the corruptions brought on by power?
- **Read 1 Peter 4:10, 11.** Do you realize every Christian, including you, has a spiritual gift? What does God want us to do with that gift? How can someone learn to put their gift into practice?

LIVING OUT

- Are you willing to imitate Jesus to prepare for the public and private perils of serving?