Cornerstone Community Fellowship

"Two for One" (4/14/24)

A. HIS BAPTISM (Mark 1:9-11)

- 1. BEGINS HIS **PUBLIC MINISTRY** (vs 9)
 - a. "came from Nazareth in Galilee"
 - b. "was baptized by John in the Jordan"

QUESTION – Why would the sinless Son of God need to be baptized?

- 2. DECLARES HIS **IDENTITY** (vs 10-11)
 - a. "As Jesus was coming up out of the water..."
 - b. "He saw heaven being torn open." -

FIRST – Visibly as the Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit

c. "the Spirit descending on Him like a dove" –

SECOND – Audibly as the Son was affirmed by the Father

- d. "a voice came from heaven" -
- e. "whom I love" -
- f. "with you I am well-pleased" –

THE POINT

- 1. Jesus did not need a baptism of repentance.
- 2. By His baptism he identifies with sinful humanity, without sin and paves the way for sinful man to be reconciled to a Holy God.

B. HIS TEMPTATION (Mark 1:12-13)

- 1. JESUS PROVIDES HOPE
 - a. "at once" -
 - b. "the Spirit sent Him into the desert" -
 - c. "He was in the desert forty days" -
 - d. "being tempted by Satan" -

THE POINT – Satan is encouraging Jesus to take a short cut, to bypass the cross and gain the whole world by worshipping him. The long agony of the cross or the immediate exaltation by bowing the knee.

"But thanks be to God . He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Cor 15:57)

2.JESUS PROVIDES A **MODEL**

- a. Jesus had God's Word in His heart and mind.
- b. Jesus rejected temptation quickly.

Conclusion -

"But for those who fear you, you have raised a banner to be unfurled against the bow. Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered." (Psalm 60:4-5)