

SERMON NOTES

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MESSAGE: WHY THE WILDERNESS, GOD?

Key Scriptures: Mark 1:9–14, 17, 20–45

1. Public Affirmation

- **Mark 1:9–10**
- **Romans 8:14–17**
- Jesus was publicly affirmed by the Father—identity is established before testing begins.
- God confirms who you are before He calls you forward.

2. Personal Assignment

- **Mark 1:12**
- **Hebrews 13:5**
- **Matthew 28:20**
- The wilderness is not accidental—it is a divine assignment.
- God’s presence remains constant (“I will never leave you”).

3. Private Affliction

- **Mark 1:13**
- **John 11:3, 17–18, 21, 32**
- **2 Corinthians 12:7–10**
- **Daniel 3:16–18**
- The wilderness includes unseen battles—testing, suffering, and spiritual confrontation.
- Jesus faced temptation privately.
- God allows trials but sustains us through them.
- Weakness becomes the place of God’s strength.
- Faith is refined in hidden seasons.

4. Public Anointing

- **Mark 1:14, 17–23, 27–28, 32, 34–35, 37–39**
- **John 14:12**
- After the wilderness comes power, purpose, and public ministry.
- Jesus emerges preaching, healing, and delivering
- What is developed privately is revealed publicly

Conclusion

- **Isaiah 43:2**
- God does not waste the wilderness. He walks with you through it and brings you out with purpose.