Dennis R. Wiles First Baptist Arlington June 9, 2024

## **SUMMER 2024**

Together . . . in the Gospel

June 2 - August 3, 2024

Preaching Voice: Evangelist

The Good News: The New Exodus

Mark 1:9-13

Theme for 2024: Together

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**Summer - Evangelistic Sensitivity** 

Sermon Title: The Good News: The New Exodus

Text: Mark 1:9-13

The Good News is . . . Jesus!

CONTEXT FOR THE MINISTRY OF JESUS: Jesus entered the world at a definite point in human history. His ministry was connected to and contextualized by the cosmic battle between evil (Satan) and good (God) and the revelation of God through the life of Israel.

CONSIDER THE BAPTISM OF JESUS AND THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS IN CONTEXT:

• Wilderness – Jesus begins his ministry in the wilderness – evoking so many Old Testament images.

- The Glory of God this is a cosmic story, and His ministry will be accompanied by heavenly signs. Moses was used by God for the parting of the Red Sea Jesus' ministry will be bracketed by the parting of the heavens and the parting of the veil of the Temple.
- The Spirit of God God's Spirit was present at creation, in the deliverance of Israel, and remains present in the story of re-creation.
- God heard the cry of the Israelites in Egypt and sent Moses to deliver them. He now has responded to the desperate condition of all humanity by sending Jesus to deliver us all!