



## desert breeze community church

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**Jesusology**

### “Ultimate Reality”

Mark 1:9-13

What is ultimate reality? Are we nothing more than cosmic accidents or are we here by Divine design? If we are cosmic accidents, then there is no ultimate reality. If we are here by divine design than what is that design? It only makes sense to live life contrary to that design would bring utter frustration, perpetual emptiness and eventually despair.

Mark 1:9-13

**Ultimate Reality is...**

#### 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationships. (vv.10-11)

The doctrine of the Trinity: (Gen. 1:1-2, 26; 3:22; 11:6-7; Isa. 48:16; Luke 1:35; Matt. 3:16-17, 28:19-20)

The word trinity is not in the Bible, but the idea clearly is. The word trinity means “tri-unity” or “three-in-oneness”.

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ being who eternally exists in \_\_\_\_\_ persons.

“God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God” (Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 226).

*As St. Augustine once said concerning the doctrine of the Trinity, “Spend your life trying to understand it and you will lose your mind; but deny it and you will lose your soul.”*

- The trinity means that God is, in essence, \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 4:8)
- At the heart of the trinity is \_\_\_\_\_. (Divine Romance). (John 1:18; 16:14; 17:4-5)

### 2) The Greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of my Life.

- I was made to enter this \_\_\_\_\_!
- I enter it by living my life for \_\_\_\_\_.
- To live life for God’s Glory is... (1 Chron. 16:23-36; Ps. 104:24-34; 1 Cor. 10:31)
  - ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Intellectually - recognize His supreme excellence!)
  - ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Emotionally – find in Him your deepest pleasure!)
  - ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Volitionally – make Him the most important in your life!)
- Why did God create us? He created us not to get, but to \_\_\_\_\_ us joy! To invite us into this Divine Romance.

### 3) Only found in the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.

(vv12-13)(John 3:16)

- This is the beginning of Jesus’ ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ with Satan which climaxed at the cross.
- I have a real \_\_\_\_\_ who is doing everything he can to keep me from this Divine Romance. (2 Cor. 4:4; 11:3)
- This Divine romance gives me \_\_\_\_\_ over Satan and sin. (Col. 2:15; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:16; 5:5)

**Conclusion:** To get to know a God like this...

- I need to be committed to a community of followers of Jesus Christ.
- I need to make praise a higher priority than petition in my prayer life.
- I need to be willing to give my life to Jesus Christ unconditionally even if it cost me my life.

January 18

“Following Christ”

Mark 1:14-20

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“Spiritual Warfare”

Mark 1:21-34

February 1

“Jesus’ M.O.”

Mark 1:35-45



# Growing

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1) If we are cosmic accidents, then there is no ultimate reality. If we are here by Divine design it only makes sense to live life contrary to that design would bring utter frustration. Explain.

2) In Mark's incredible economy of style he packs a lot in a small amount of space. Read Mark 1:9-13. How is the essential Christian Doctrine of the Trinity seen in this text? Define Trinity. What is at the very heart of the Trinity?

3) I have been created in the image of a God who is a community of persons who have loved each other for all eternity. Therefore, I was created to enjoy this Divine Romance by living my life for God's glory. What does it mean to live for God's glory? What are the alternatives and the consequences?

4) Mark 1:12-13 is the beginning of Jesus' ongoing conflict with Satan which climaxed at the cross. What is your adversary ultimately trying to do (2 Cor. 4:4; 11:3)? How does this Divine Romance keep me from the pull of Satan and sin?

5) What do I need to do to get to know a God like this (see end of sermon notes)? What is the greatest insight you have gained from this study? Spend time in praise of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (2 Cor. 13:14)