

## Mark 1:9-15 God as Triune Being

<sup>9</sup> One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." <sup>12</sup> The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness,<sup>13</sup> where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him. <sup>14</sup> Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. <sup>15</sup> "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

Interesting note: "he saw the heavens splitting apart" = same word used in Mark 15:38

"You may ask, "if we cannot imagine a three-personal Being, what is the good of talking about Him?" Well, there isn't any good talking about Him. The thing that matters is being actually drawn into that three-personal life, and that may begin at any time..." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

### A world created by a Triune God has some Wild Implications on reality:

(Adapted from Tim Keller, Jesus the King)

#### God's Reality is Like a Dance

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C.S. Lewis "In Christianity god is not a static thing...but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance."

Cornelius Plantinga adds, "The persons within God exalt each other, commune with each other, and defer to one another...Each diving person harbors the others at the center of his being. In constant movement of overture and acceptance, each person envelops and encircles the others...God's interior life overflows with regard for others."

#### So God Created Us for the Dance

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#### How We Get into the Divine Dance

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Genesis 1-3 the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam faced temptation in the Garden about a Tree and chose to disobey God

Romans 5 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Jesus, obeys about the Tree = this time it is a Cross

*“Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.<sup>15</sup> But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift...<sup>18</sup> Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.*

Three Reality Check Ins about the Dance: