

INTRODUCTION

- * “The Life of Christ” - we have considered
 - His Birth (examining the Nature and Timing of His Coming) and
 - His Youth (examining the Person and Purpose of Christ – specifically, that He was focused on glorifying His Father since childhood)
- * Today we move forward into the time of His ministry. For the sake of the timeliness of this series, I have condensed that time, Lord willing, into seven sections: His Preparation, His Proclamation, His Power, His Parables, His Passion, His Pattern, and His Promises
- * Let’s begin by considering the Preparation of Christ for Ministry

INSTRUCTION

I. HIS BAPTISM (cf. Matthew 3: 13-17)

A. By John

1. THE M_____ OF THE BAPTISM (cf. Luke 16:24; John 13:26; Leviticus 4:6-7)
2. THE S_____ OF THE BAPTISM
 - a. It Served As A Testimony of His D_____ & S_____
 - * cf. Matthew 20:21-23; Luke 12:50
 - b. It Served As A Testimony of His S_____ & O_____
 - * cf. Matthew 26: 39, 42; Luke 22:42; Matthew 28:19-20

B. By The Holy Spirit

1. FOR THE C_____ OF HIS MINISTRY
 - * cf. John 1:31-34; Luke 4:14-21; Isaiah 61:1-2
2. FOR THE E_____ OF HIS MINISTRY
 - * cf. Luke 4:14-15; Acts 10:34-38

II. HIS TEMPTATION (cf. Matthew 4:1-11)

A. The F_____ of the Temptations (cf. I John 2:15-16)

1. LUST OF THE FLESH (v. 1-4)
2. LUST OF THE EYES (v. 8-10)
3. PRIDE OF LIFE (v. 5-7)

B. The B_____ of the Victory

1. HAVING AN EXISTING & FUNCTIONING C_____ LINE
 - a. Prayer (cf. Luke 22:39-46; Hebrews 4:15-16; James 5:16)
 - b. Fasting (cf. Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Matthew 6:16-18)
 - * cf. Ezra 8:21-23; Nehemiah 1:4; Esther 4:16; Daniel 9&10; Jonah 3; Luke 2:37; Acts 10:30-31; 13:1-3; II Corinthians 6:4-10
2. HAVING AN EXISTING & FUNCTIONING S_____ LINE
 - a. Reading The Scriptures (cf. Psalm 119:105; 119:130; Hebrews 4:12; II Timothy 3:16-17)
 - b. Memorizing The Scriptures (cf. I John 2:13-14; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:11; Joshua 1:8)

| FOR US | |
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| The Mode – | |
| The Significance – | It reveals |
| | Our A_____ of Christ |
| and | |
| | Our A_____ to Christ |

| FOR US | |
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| The Certification: | |
| The Empowerment: | |
| To _____ The Truth: | John 14:15-17; 16:7-14; |
| | I John 2:20; |
| To _____ the Truth: | Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8 |

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT ABOUT YOU?
 - HAVE YOU SUBMITTED TO CHRIST AND BEEN DIPPED/IMMERSED
 - IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT?
 - HOW ARE YOU DOING ON “RESISTING THE DEVIL” ?
- * WHAT DOES YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL LOOK LIKE?
 - DO YOU TAKE TIME TO PRAY? DO YOU SPEND TIME IN GOD’S WORD?