

INTRODUCTION

- * "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew."
- * Matthew was a Jewish man writing about the Jewish Messiah to a Jewish audience. As we study his account of the life and ministry of Jesus (Y'shua) we need to keep looking at it from that context.
- * Last week we considered the Forerunner of Messiah - John the Baptist (the Immerser).
- * Today, we pick up the narrative with the arrival of Jesus to begin the inauguration of His Messianic ministry.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE BAPTISM OF MESSIAH (3:13-17)**

A. The S _____ (cf. John 3:23)

B. The N _____

1. THE OBJECTION OF JOHN (v. 14) ... I need to be baptized by You!
2. THE RESPONSE OF JESUS (v. 15)
 - a. His S _____ A _____
 - b. His S _____ A _____
 - i. ITS P _____ (cf. 1 Cor 11:13; Eph 5:3; 1 Tim 2:10; Titus 2:1)
 - ii. ITS P _____ (cf. Phil 2:5-8; Heb 7:26)
 - iii. ITS P _____ (cf. John 13:15; 1 Cor 11:1; 1 Pet 2:21-24; 1 John 2:6)

C. The C _____

1. ... OF THE SPIRIT (v. 16)
2. ... OF THE FATHER (v. 17)

II. THE TEMPTATION OF MESSIAH (4:1-11)

A. The O _____ **of Temptation**

1. SATAN (cf. Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6; Luke 22:31-22; 1 Cor 10:13)
2. SELF (cf. James 1:13-15)
3. THE WORLD (cf. 1 John 2:15-17)

B. The C _____ **of Temptation (cf. Heb 2:14-18; 4:14-16)**

1. LUST OF THE FLESH (v. 1-4)
2. LUST OF THE EYES (v. 5-8)
3. PRIDE OF LIFE (v. 9-12)

C. The W _____ **Against Temptation (cf. Ephesians 6:10-18)**

1. PRAYER AND FASTING (cf. Matthew 17:19-21)
2. THE WORD OF GOD (Psalm 119:11, 165)

INTROSPECTION

- * HAVE YOU FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST BY BEING IMMERSED (Matthew 28:19-20)?
IF NOT, WHY NOT?
- * HOW PREPARED ARE YOU TO WITHSTAND THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED ONE?
- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PRACTICE OF PRAYER?
- * WHAT COMMITMENT ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE TO GROW IN THIS AREA?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * If we as individuals need to be on guard against the wiles of the devil (in the realm of the three categories of sin & temptation), how does it affect us as the body of Christ?
- * How should Jesus' example of being immersed and fasting impact us as the body of Christ?