

A photograph of a person walking on sand. The person is wearing a red and white dress and sandals. The camera is positioned low, focusing on the person's feet and the sand. The background is a bright, sandy beach.

The Ministry of the Messiah

A Devotional Study in Luke 3 - 5

Winter, 2019

Trinity Fellowship
Friendswood, Texas

Prepare Luke 3:1-20

Preaching Date: January 6, 2019

Key Sentence:

Let John's teaching help you be ready to walk with Jesus

Objective:

That we would walk with Jesus forgiveness, fruit and fear

Outline:

I. John's Mission - forgiveness (Luke 3:1-6)

II. John's Message - fruit (Luke 3:7-14)

III. John's Messiah - fear (Luke 3:15-20)

Luke 3:1-3 *In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

“This truth has an immensely practical implication: if you think you are saved but do not have a repentant spirit, you are perhaps not saved at all. If there are sins of which you refuse to repent and in fact, if truth be known, are becoming more and more comfortable with, it is possible that you are not a child of God. (I am not referring to a person who is struggling with sin and often losing but really desires victory, but rather to the person who has no desire to repent.) Scripture and my own experience have taught me that an ongoing spirit of repentance—repenting not only of overt sins, but of unbelief, negative attitudes, self-centeredness, moral omissions—is not only a sign of salvation but is a necessity for spiritual health.”

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Whose Son is He? Luke 3:31-38

Preaching Date: January 13, 2019

Key Sentence:

We need him to be who He is, Son of God and Son of Man

Objective: That we embrace God's promise and its fulfillment.

Outline:

I. Divine Son (Luke 3:21-22)

II. Heir of God's Promises to His People (Luke 3:23-38)

***Luke 3:21-22** Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

“if we study the account just in Luke, we have to come to the conclusion that Jesus was baptized as the inauguration, the anointing of His ministry. This symbol is present in the other accounts as well, but is the one that stands out in Luke. Jesus' baptism was a public declaration on his part of his commitment and readiness to begin the work to which God had called him. And God's response is a public declaration of approval on that ministry.”

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Temptation

Luke 4:1-13

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Key Sentence: Temptation is resisted with the Word of God.

Objective: That we learn from the Sinless One to use the Word to overcome temptation.

Outline:

Introduction: James 1:13-15, 1 John 2:15-16

I. The desires of the flesh (Luke 4:1-4)

II. The desires of the eyes (Luke 4:5-8)

III. The boastful pride of life (Luke 4:9-13)

1 John 2:15-16 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

A more homey illustration of temptation might be making oatmeal. When you put the liquid and the oats on the heat nothing seems to happen. until the surface of the mixture begins to move and bubble a bit. And if at that moment you choose to look away, next thing you know this whole mixture has bubbled up over the top of the pot. Here we have the sudden bursting forth of temptation, but also the slow boil, the conditions that make that sudden temptation possible.

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Good News of Great Joy

Luke 4:14-30

Preaching Date: January 27, 2019

Guest Preacher, Murry Billingsley (This is probably not Murry's outline, but you can use it to look at the passage)

Key Sentence:

The Good News confronts us through the ministry of Jesus.

Objective:

That we would be engage in the ministry of Jesus

I. The Good News (Luke 4:14-21)

II. Confronts Us . . . (Luke 4:22-30)

Isaiah 61:1-4 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

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Missing the Point Luke 4:31-44

Preaching Date: February 3, 2019

Key Sentence:

The merciful authority of Jesus points us to the person of Jesus.

Objective: That we would recognize him as the Holy Son of God

Outline:

- I. Authority in teaching (Luke 4:31-32)
- II. Authority over demons (Luke 4:33-36, 41)
- III. Authority over disease (Luke 4:37-40)
- IV. Authority in teaching (Luke 4:41-44)

Luke 4:33-35 *And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,*
³⁴*“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”*
³⁵*But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!”*
And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

Throughout the gospels, when a demon speaks, he almost always identifies Jesus by some important title of recognition. The Son of God, the Holy one of God, the Son of David. They know who Jesus is. For a long time only persons who recognize him are these demons - and he repeatedly tells them to be quiet and not say anything. And yet in another sense they were left free to say it in the first place by God. He allowed them to speak, and it can only be so that they would be a witness to this Son of God, to his deity, his power and his authority.

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The Lord's Levels of Inconvenience

Luke 5:1-11

Preaching Date: February 10, 2019

Key Sentence: Jesus is calling you to fuller and fuller discipleship

Objective: That we would accept, obey and follow Jesus

Outline:

I. Acceptance – Can I use your boat? (Luke 5:1-3)

II. Obedience – Can I tell you what to do? (Luke 5:4-7)

III. Discipleship – Will you give me everything? (Luke 5:8-11)

Luke 5:8 *But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."*

This is the proper response to God. When Isaiah "saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted" (Isaiah 6:1), his first thought was not adoration but fear. He felt such moral trauma in respect to his own sin that he cried, "Woe to me!" (Isaiah 6:5). Job had much the same experience: "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5, 6). And John would write in the book of Revelation, "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead" (Rev. 1:17). This response to Jesus is a great grace, because moral agony, an inner writhing over one's sin, is a necessary prelude to the grace of forgiveness. Peter was in the spiritual posture of Isaiah 61—poor, imprisoned, blind, oppressed (cf. Luke 4:18).

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The Red Letters

Luke 5:12-32

Preaching Date: February 17, 2019

Key Sentence:

Let Jesus speak to your heart the simple words of life.

Objective:

That we receive cleansing and forgiveness and follow him.

Outline

I. "I am willing: Be clean" (Luke 5:12-16)

II. "Friend, your sins are forgiven" (Luke 5:17-26)

III. "Follow me" (Luke 5:27-32)

Luke 5:20-21 And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

The real paralytics that day were the Pharisees and teachers of the Law. In marked contrast to the four stretcher-bearers, they were just "sitting there" (Luke 5:17). As religious leaders charged with the care of their people, they should have been directing traffic to Jesus. Or at least when the roof parted, they should have reached up to receive the poor cripple. But instead of love, they showed indifference. Instead of faith, they issued criticism.

Of course, Jesus knew exactly what was going on. Knowing that the religious officials were looking for something to pin on him, he gave it to them, or so they thought. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven'" (Luke 5:20). From the Pharisees' perspective, Jesus' pronouncement was blatant blasphemy, because only God can forgive sin. Thus Jesus was claiming to be equal with God.

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But We've Never Done It That Way Before

Luke 5:33 – 6:11

Preaching Date: February 24, 2019

Key Sentence:

Question tradition - but do it with your eyes on Jesus.

Objective: That we would find freedom in His orbit

Outline

I. Devotion which centers on Jesus (Luke 5:33-39)

II. Freedom which recognizes him as Lord (Luke 6:1-5)

III. Mercy which follows his example (Luke 6:6-11)

Luke 6:3-5 And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" ⁵And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Extending the implications of Jesus' being "Lord of the Sabbath," there is a sense in which he is the Sabbath because he supplies in his person everything the Sabbath was meant to give—peace, rest, restoration, communion. The writer of Hebrews makes a very subtle application of Jesus' Sabbath power by first noting that whereas the original Joshua failed to bring rest to his people, the ultimate Joshua (Jesus) would do so. His conclusion thrills our souls: "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his" (Hebrews 4:9, 10).

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