

2 Battles: 1. in the Wilderness 2. in the Worship Service

Expect Satan to Attack – He Does / Surprised Battle More Fierce Church

Satan Not Lay a Finger on Jesus > People in church almost Killed Him

1. Battle in the Wilderness

a. Champion - Luke > Jesus is BOTH Human and Divine SON

Angel to Mary “give birth to a son...*Son of the Most High*” Luke 1.31,32

Eternal Son of God BORN of Woman > ANNOUNCED Not Explained

DECLARED by Luke – NOT DEFENDED – Fully GOD and fully MAN

Real Man: 75 Members of Family NAMED > ADAM ‘man’ // mankind

Jesus himself was about 30 years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, *so it was thought*, of Joseph...*the son of Adam, the son of God.* Luke 3.23,38

Jesus baptized 2...praying, heaven was opened...voice came from heaven: “*You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased*” Luke 3.21,22

UNIQUENESS – 1000’s Baptized by John - 1 gets Heavenly Affirmation

b. Christ > Jesus the Son filled with the Spirit

John / Elizabeth & Zechariah / Simeon & Anna / Mary: “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God*” Luke 1.35

Jesus is THE CHRIST (Greek) or MESSIAH (Hebrew) ANOINTED ONE

...a Savior has been born to you; *he is Christ the Lord* Luke 2.11

...*the Holy Spirit descended on him* in bodily form like a dove. Luke 3:22

v. 1 *Jesus, full of Holy Spirit*...from Jordan & *led by the Spirit* in desert

v. 14 Jesus returned to Galilee *in the power of the Spirit*

v. 18 “*The Spirit of the Lord is on me...* / Peter to Cornelius:

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth w Holy Spirit & power... doing good & healing all under power of devil...God was with him Acts 10.38

c. Challenge > Real >> Set aside Rights & Privileges of Deity

Christ Jesus...Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2.5-7

vs. 1 ...in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Matthew > Genealogy > ABRAHAM // Temptation = 40 yrs Wilderness

Luke > Disciple of Paul > 2nd / Final Adam // Romans 5, 1 Corinthians 15

1st Adam – Sinless Man in Sinless World – Fell in Perfect GARDEN

2nd Adam – Born into World of Sin – Bold Attack of Satan in Desert

MAN > In HOT Desert – HUNGRY in 40 Days – HIT HARD by DEVIL

v. 2 He ate nothing during those days @ the end of them he was hungry.

NOT MASQUERADING as MAN > Full WEAKNESS of HUMANITY

Jesus in CRITICAL Condition > Closer to DEATH any pt. except CROSS

v. 3 devil: "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

If Son of God – how could he be STARVING? Is THIS God's BEST?

Satan got 1st PARENTS to EAT TASTY FORBIDDEN Fruit in EDEN

BOULDER SIZED Bread NOT best Food to Break 40-day FAST

At that point Jesus would have been Over the Moon for a MALASADA!

BOULDER > BANQUET for Hungry NATION > Make KING!

Feeding 5000 > they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself" John 6.15

vs. 5-7 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

In BODY? or SPIRIT? > VANTAGE POINT to See ALL

Military Power/ Royal Treasures/ Works of Art/ Cultural Achievements

Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11.14

Angel to Mary "Lord God will give him throne of David & he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end" Lk 1.32,33

"You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. Psalm 2.7,8

Satan 'BAIT & SWITCH' > YOU'll have it BUT I will REALLY have it!
Jesus' POSSESSION come by Acknowledging SATAN has ALL POWER
JESUS would EARN Kingdom of World > by CRUSHING his HEAD
CROWN would be GIVEN to Son thru OBEDIENCE on the CROSS
v 8 Jesus: "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God & serve him only'"
Satan: NOT just STAND on Temple – Do SWAN DIVE OFF Roof
Not just Test for Jesus ALSO Father > Catch & Save Daredevil Son
v. 12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

d. Conquers: Jesus the Son filled with the Spirit defeats Satan
SURPRISING Jesus NOT Challenge Satan's Claim of Ownership
TRUE: Kingdom of World ON LOAN to Satan from SOVEREIGN GOD
1st ADAM – SURRENDERED Right to RULE to the EVIL EMPIRE
god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers 2 Corinthians 4.4
the ruler of the kingdom of the air, spirit at work in disobedient Ephes 2.2
time for judgment on this world; now *prince of this world* driven out 12.31
Satan NOT **a god**/ Creature Not Creator / Makes Nothing: Distorts, Twists

e. Continuation - Jesus WON 1st 3 Rounds > but BATTLE goes ON...
v. 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time
Story NOT Primarily MORAL Example > REDEMPTIVE History
The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3.8
Jesus in OUR PLACE – 2nd ADAM – Faithful and FULL OBEDIENCE
Slightly different order of 3 Tempting Encounters than in Matthew
Luke last Temptation in Jerusalem Focal Pt of Gospel, FINAL BATTLE

2. Battle in the Worship Service

vs. 14, 15 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

FIRST AND FOREMOST A PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL

ABOUT ONE YEAR PASSED - between vs. 13 & vs. 14

Gospel Writers – Authors & Editors – Inspiration of HS > Arrange Events

Matthew: JEWS > New Law/Covenant – begins with Sermon on Mount

Mark: ROME > Man of ACTION & AUTHORITY, Fast Paced Narrative

John: Son of God: New TEMPLE/Meet God > Clearing of Temple ch 2

Dr. LUKE >> Poor, Oppressed, Sick, Women / Savior of World

LENSE Gospel Story thru Sermon at Nazareth / text: Servant in Isaiah

v. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, *as was his custom*.

If ANYONE could say “I don’t need to go to Church!” was Son of God

Not NEED Hear BORING Sermons > But He was there EVERY WEEK!

Synagogue Worship: 1) SHEMA: “Hear!” 2) Prayer 3) Torah Reading 4) Prophets Reading 5)

Sermon - SEATED 6) Benediction

a. Proclamation Text chosen by Jesus > Isaiah chapters 61 & 58

vs. 18,19 "The Spirit of the Lord on me...anointed me to preach good news to the poor...proclaim freedom for the prisoners...recovery of sight for the blind...release the oppressed...proclaim year of the Lord's favor."

Defining Text: ANTICIPATED in Israel > JUBILEE *year of Lord's favor*

Land Restored – Slaves Freed – Debts Forgiven – Social Justice

vs. 20,21 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." >>>> ONE SENTENCE SERMON!

Do NOT Look BACK - Good Old Days of Israel's National Glory

Do NOT look FORWARD - Future of Coming Messianic Kingdom

TODAY - RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW – LOOK at ME!

"Kingdom of God among you" > King is Here – Kingdom has Come

EVIDENCE - Pouring of Spirit – JESUS the Christ: MESSIAH is HERE!

Not in a future age but **now** is the captive power of sin to be broken, communion with God to be established, and the will of God to be done. William Manson

b. Liberation WHAT EXACTLY was Jesus Promising?

Free Lunch? Health Care? Amnesty for Prisoners? Earthly Kingdom?

3rd Temptation > Jesus Refused Offer of EARTHLY KINGDOM

POVERTY can HUMBLE > Sometimes HARDENS Against God

GOSPEL for ANY who REPENT – Humble Themselves – BELIEVE

2 Ex – Widow of Zarephath > POOR / Gen. Naaman of Syria > RICH

BOTH POOR Woman & RICH Man Receive MERCY & GRACE of God

The only way to such a future of brotherhood, justice, and peace is through personal acceptance of Jesus and his programme of righteousness and repentance. Because they ignore the gospel of Jesus all human utopias have always and will always fail. Douglas Milne

Jesus > RADICAL REFORMATION like Prophets ELIJAH & ELISHA

c. Agitation LEAVING Jesus OUT of LIBERTY leads to BONDAGE

Reaction in Synagogue – Seen him for 30 Years – Pleased by Good Son

THEIR ‘HOMETOWN’ Boy – STARTLINGLY Good PREACHER!

v. 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. *"Isn't this Joseph's son?"* they asked.

What NOT Doing --- Maybe like YOU --- LISTENING CAREFULLY

Sermon > Jesus like Elijah/Elisha > REJECTED in HOMETOWN

vs. 28,29 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff.

Battle Wilderness: Satan can't Touch/ Battle Worship: Church nearly Kills

HUGE CLAIMS about HIMSELF and HIS ABILITY to Change World

1) As POOR and NEEDY as any member of that Nazareth Synagogue

2) Cousin John B ROTTING in HEROD'S PRISON – Liberator?

3) Roman GRIP – Oppressive Taxes, Corrupt Soldiers – Not LOOSENED

4) How BELIEVE FANTASTIC Claims of KID they Saw Grow Up?

5) How CHANGE World > Cannot DO MIRACLE Here in Nazareth?

Congregation ENVIOUS: Miracles in CAPERNAUM – Why THEM?

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him Jn1.11

What if there is a final judgment? What would you say to God?

“Not enough evidence, Lord. Not enough evidence!” Bertrand Russell

d. Salvation Zarephath & Syria BOTH Outside Israel, God loves Gentiles

Widow used ALL SHE HAD to Prepare Meal for Prophet ELIJAH

Syrian Gen. listened Elisha Humbled self dipped 7 X's Jordan > Healed

Day of the Lord > Blessing AND Cursing / Salvation AND Wrath

1st Jesus HIMSELF will TAKE our Judgment – Our Punishment for Sin

In His FLESH – as Real Man – Horrible Death on the CROSS

CAPTIVE of Sin > Worst ENEMY – SIN, SATAN, DEATH

And FULLY REALIZE Jesus the Messiah has Saved you thru Cross,

Jesus HIMSELF is the TRUE MESSAGE of Liberty

Invited to BELIEVE in Christ > WALKING by FAITH

TRUST God's PROMISES to PROTECT Us and PROVIDE FOR Us

The gospel according to Jesus has implications for meeting people's physical needs...we are called to care for people's bodies as well as their souls... Nevertheless, we need to make sure the main thing remains the main thing, and the main thing is to preach the gospel. Philip Ryken

Congregational Prayer Psalm 30 - A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”

By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!”

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!