

The Gospel according to Luke – Part 2

Baptism and the Temptations

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on the Gospel according to Luke. Our topic today: Baptism and the Temptations

Scripture Theme Song: "This is a faithful saying" (1 Timothy 1:15,17; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

- 1) Prepare the Way of the Lord
 - a) Luke 3:1-15
 - b) Why does God direct John the Baptist to call for baptism as a sign of repentance? Romans 6:1-6
 - c) What was it about John that made people wonder if he was the Christ?
- 2) The Baptism of Jesus
 - a) Luke 3:21-22 (see also Matt. 3:13-17, Jn. 1:29-34)
 - b) Was this the first time that Jesus became aware of His identity and mission?
 - i) Luke 2:41-49
 - ii) John 8:14
 - iii) John 6:38
 - c) Why is the record of the baptism of Jesus important for us today? Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-39
- 3) The Temptations of Jesus
 - a) Luke 4:1-2a
 - b) What is the significance of the fact that the attack by Satan follows immediately after the baptism of Jesus and the affirmation from His Father?
 - c) Luke 4:2b-4 – stoned into bread
 - i) Why does Satan begin his temptation with the word "if"?
 - ii) Satan has carefully planned this attack. Why is this temptation so powerful?
 - iii) What can we learn from the response of Jesus? Ephesians 6:17
 - d) Luke 4:5-8 – on a high mountain
 - i) How has Satan's strategy changed here on the mountaintop? (See Isaiah 14:13-14)
 - ii) What is the temptation here?
 - e) Luke 4:9-12 – on the pinnacle of the Temple
 - i) Some may notice that Luke records a different order for the temptations than Matthew. Which one is correct? Does it really matter? What is the most important lesson we need to learn from these attacks against Jesus?
- 4) The battle continues
 - a) Luke 4:13
 - b) Where do you see other attacks against Jesus by Satan?
 - i) John 8:59 – How did Jesus protect Himself from this attack? Would it have been a sin to use His divine power to protect Himself?
 - ii) Matt. 27:39-44 – what is Satan's strategy here?
 - c) Where have you seen the battle in your own life?
 - d) What texts assure us of victory over temptation?