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II. Jesus Calls Levi – 5:27-32

1. Jesus left where He had been and met Levi – 27
   He was a tax collector for Rome, sitting at his Tax booth
2. Jesus simply said "Follow Me"
   Leaving everything, he rose and followed Him - 28
   Levi is the disciple Matthew – Matt. 9:9
3. He made a great feast in his house – 29
   There was a large company of tax collectors and others
   Reclining at the table with them
4. Pharisees & their scribes grumbled at the disciples – 30
   "Why do you eat & drink with tax collectors & sinners?"
5. Jesus answered for them - 31
   "Those who are well have no need of a physician"
   "But those who are sick"
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III. Jesus Answers Question on Fasting – 5:33-39

1. This leads to a question about fasting – 33
   The Pharisees tell Jesus, the disciples of John fast
   Not only fast often, but pray often
   So do the disciples of the Pharisees
   But yours eat and drink – 33
2. Jesus answers their question – 34-35
   Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?
   The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them
   Then they will fast in those days
3. Jesus told them a parable in support – 36
   "No one takes a piece from a new garment to patch an old"
   "If he does it will tear the new garment"
   "And the new will not match the old"
4. Another parable about wineskins – 37-38
   "No one puts new wine in old wineskins"
   The old skins will burst and the wine will be lost
   The skins will also be destroyed
   "New wine must be put into fresh wineskins" - 38
   "No one after drinking old wine, desires new" – 39
   He says, "the old is good"
5. Understanding these parables
   When the bridegroom is present you celebrate
   Jesus is that bridegroom, He came to provide eternal life for those who believe
   He will be taken away having finished His mission
   Then it may be time to fast – you have missed the Messiah
   Patching old with new will not fit,
   God has sent His Son to bring that which is new
   That which will provide what sinful humans need
6. When believers gather together Jesus is in the middle – Matthew 18:20 "Where two or three are gathered in my name, There am I among them"
   We celebrate. in worship of Jesus, our Savior
7. Ultimately, in Heaven we gather at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb – Revelation 19:6-10

Jesus, Impacting Lives
Luke 5:1-26

I. Professional Fishermen – 5:1-11

1. Jesus borrows a boat – 1-4
   Crowds of people gathered to hear Jesus – 1
   They were hungry to hear the Word of God
   They pressed Him to the edge of the lake of Gennesaret - (Sea of Galilee)
2. Jesus saw two empty boats by the lake – 2-3
   The fishermen left them to wash out their nets
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   That boat was Simon Peter's & Jesus asked him to move it out a little from shore
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3. After teaching He told Peter to go out further
   So they could catch some fish – 4-5
   Peter was not excited about that – They had fished all night – caught nothing
   After all they were the fishermen – they knew that sea
   But Peter agreed to do it because Jesus said so
4. When they let down the nets – it was a miracle – 6-7
   Enclosed a large number of fish – their nets were breaking
   Called to their partners to bring the other boat
   So many fish both boats began to sink
5. Peter fell at Jesus' knees – in great adoration – 8
   He cried out to Jesus "Depart from me"
   "For I am a sinful man, O Lord"
   Peter began to realize that Jesus was the Messiah, The Son of Man
   He was The Second Adam – note Gen. 2:29 what God gave to man
   "Dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens"
6. Both groups of men were astonished - 9
   James and John, sons of Zebedee were partners with Peter
7. Jesus comforted Peter with a promise – "Do not be afraid" – 10
   "From now on you will be catching men"
8. When they docked their boats, they knew the impact - 11
   "They left everything and followed **Him**

II. Jesus and the Leper – 5:12-16

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   When he saw Jesus – "He fell on his face & begged Him"
   Saying "Lord, If you will, you can make me clean"
   Note there is submission to the Lord's will
2. Jesus stretched out His hand & touched him – 13
   No one would touch a leper
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3. Jesus charged him to tell no one – 14
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   Tax collectors worked taking taxes for Rome
   Jesus simply said to him "follow Me"
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2. Levi was impacted & made a great feast for Jesus – 29
   The feast was at Levi's house with a large company of tax collectors
3. The Pharisees & their scribes grumbled at His disciples – "Why do you eat & drink with tax collectors & sinners?"
4. Jesus answered them in verse 31-32
   Those who are well have no need of a doctor – only the sick
   "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners "to repentance"
5. Pharisees raise issue of fasting with Jesus – 33-39
   The disciples of John fast often & say prayers – 33
   The disciples of Pharisees also fast & pray
   But yours eat and drink (celebrate like Levi & friends)
6. Jesus explains the difference – 34-35
   Can wedding guests fast if the bridegroom is there?

When He is taken away they will fast
No one patches an old garment with a new patch
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7. Messiah comes to make all things new –
(Brings celebration))

Jesus Begins His Ministry
Luke 4:34-44

I. Jesus in Galilee – 4:14-16
1. When Satan left, Jesus went home to Galilee–12-13
Satan did what he could to tempt Jesus
So he departed from Jesus, defeated in battle
Hoping for an "opportune time"
2. Jesus returns to Galilee "in power of the Spirit" - 14
With "a report about Him" gone through the surrounding country
3. This report evidently opened doors for Him -14-15
He had opportunity to teach in the Synagogues of Galilee – 15
Result was that "He was being glorified by all"
With open doors in Galilee, He returned to Nazareth - 16
His home town "where He had been brought up"

II. Jesus in Synagogue of Nazareth – 4:16-27
1. It was His custom to worship in the synagogue – 16
The Sabbath Day was the day set aside for worship
To celebrate the Day of Rest with finish of creation
We celebrate the finish of Christ's work of redemption – resurrection
2. The "custom" was to stand up for the reading of God's Word
So Jesus stood to read Scripture
He read from the scroll of Isaiah, given to him by an attendant - Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1-2
3. The passage Jesus read is quoted in Luke 4:18-19
This passage read by Jesus is a Messianic passage
Pointing to the coming of God's Son
4. Having read the passage He rolled up the scroll- 20
He gave it to the attendant and sat down
Also a "custom" - they sat to discuss what was read
All eyes in the synagogue were fixed on Him – 20
5. Jesus said: "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" – 21
6. Note the result of this crowd – 22
"All spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious words coming from His mouth"
With wonder they said "Is not this Joseph's son?
7. Jesus responded to their hesitation – 23
"Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb"
"Physician heal yourself"
"What we have heard you did in Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well"
8. Jesus again responded to them - 24
"Truly I say to you, No prophet is acceptable in his hometown"
9. Jesus reminds them of Old Testament truth – 25-26
"In truth I tell you: "There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the heavens were shut up 3 years & 6 months - a great famine came over the land"
"Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon to a woman who was a widow
10. It is also true – 27
"There were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha" "And none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian"
11. Note the result, at the mention of Gentiles – 28-29
All were filled with wrath and drove Him out of the town
They brought Him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built So that they could throw Him down the cliff
12. But passing through their midst, He went away

III. Jesus Brings Deliverance -4:31-37
1. Jesus went to Capernaum In Galilee – 31
Again He was teaching on the Sabbath
Those hearing Him were astonished at His teaching-32
For His word possessed authority
2. A man in the synagogue had an unclean demon – 33
He cried out with a loud voice
3. "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" - 34
"Have you come to destroy us?" I know you the Holy One of God
4. Jesus rebuked him saying –
"Be silent and come out of him" 35
When the demon had thrown him down in their midst He came out of him, having done him no harm - 35
5. The people were all amazed & spoke to one another –36
"What is this word?" For with authority & power He commands the unclean spirits & they come out of Him"
6. Reports about Him went out into every place in the Surrounding Region - 37

IV. Jesus Heals Many – 4:38-44
1. He left the synagogue & went to Simon's house – 38
Peter's Mother-in-law was ill with a high fever
They appealed to Jesus on her behalf
2. He stood over her & rebuked the fever & it left her–39
Immediately she rose and began to serve them
3. When the sun was setting many sick ones were

brought – 40
They had various diseases but He healed them all
4. Demons also came out of many – 41
Crying "You are the Son of God"
Jesus rebuked them for He would not allow demons to identify Him
5. Jesus was followed by those who had seen the miracles - 42
But the priority of the "Good News" caused Him to move on – 43
He was called to fulfill the spread of what God is doing in His Son – 44
So He was constrained to preach the Good News in the synagogues in Judea

The Second Adam
Luke 4:1-30

I. The Temptation of Jesus – 4:1-13

1. He is the son of Adam – 3:38
With sin, Adam loses his spirit
And passes that loss to all who follow him – Eph. 2:1-3
2. If Jesus is to be our Savior (as a perfect man)
He must be tested and face the same tempter
3. Jesus, like Adam, has a spirit (purpose of virgin birth)
But Jesus turns to the Holy Spirit to resist Satan
This resource is also available to those who are believers
Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit (who ministers to our spirit) – 1
4. Jesus was at a time of great need – 1-2
He was in the wilderness for forty days
And He ate nothing during those days of Satan's temptation
He was hungry
5. Satan suggested a way to meet that need – 3
"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread"
It is true He is the Son of God
And it is possible for Him to make bread
6. But Jesus answered quoting what God said – 4
It is written (Deut. 8:3) Man shall not live by bread alone
7. Satan took Him & showed Him all the kingdoms of this world – 5
He said to Jesus: "To you I will give all authority & their glory" - 6-7
"For it has been delivered to me" – "And I give it To whom I will"
"If you then, will worship me, it will all be yours"
8. Jesus answered him – 8
"It is written, you shall worship the Lord your God"
"And Him only shall you serve" (Deut. 6:13; 10:13)
9. Satan took Him to Jerusalem & set Him on the pinnacle of the Temple – 9-11
He said to Him "If you are the Son of God throw yourself down from here"
"For it is written, "He will command His angels concerning you, to guard you"
"And on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone"
10. Note that Satan quotes Scripture - Psa. 91:11-12
This quote is true and God will protect His own
11. Note also Jesus' answer – 12
"It is said, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test" (Deut. 6:16)
12. When the devil had ended every temptation he departed from Him until an opportune time – 13
This implies that Satan will look for that opportun**e time**

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1. Jesus' report spreads through Galilee – 14
He returned in the power of the Spirit
2. He taught in their synagogues – 15
"Being glorified by all"
3. But He was rejected in Nazareth – 16-30
He came to where He was brought up
He went to the synagogue as His custom
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"God's Beloved Son"
Luke 3:18-38

I. Faithful Testimony of John – Lk. 3:18-20
1. The Prophecy of His Father, Zechariah –Lk. 1:67-79
Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit when he prophesied – 67
The first part was focused on the Messiah – 68-75
Praising God for bringing His Son as a horn of salvation – 69
As promised to Abraham, David and the people of Israel
The second part was on his own son – John – 76-79
"You will be called the prophet of the Most High – 76
"For you will go before the Lord to pave His way"
"You will give knowledge of salvation to His people"– 7
"In the forgiveness of their sins"
"because of the tender mercy of our God" - 78
"Whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high"
"To give light to those who sit in darkness & tn the shadow of death" - 79
"To guide our feet into the way of peace"
2. In fulfillment "He preached the good news to the people" - 3:18
He faithfully challenged those who came to him
To people who came trying to escape the "wrath of God" – 3:7
To those who came claiming "Father Abraham" as their hope – 3:8
To those who did not demonstrate true repentance – 3:10-14
He humbly denied those who sought to make him Messiah – 15-17
He refused to accept their praises
But claimed only, the voice of one crying in the wilderness
3. With courage He reproved king Herod for his sin–19
He had taken Herodias, his brothers wife as his wife
And for "all the evil things that Herod had done"
4. Herod went so far as to lock John up in prison – 20
Herod beheaded John at a whim for Herodias – Matt 14:1-12
As a promise to her daughter for a dance that pleased Herod
Prompted by her mother who hated John

II. Baptism of Jesus – Lk. 3:21-22
1. John was faithfully baptizing those who came –21
Jesus came to be baptized by John –John 1:29-34
This gives us John's witness to Jesus in His baptism
As Jesus approached, John identified Him to the crowd
"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"
2. When Jesus was praying after His baptism – 21-22
The Heavens opened – the Holy Spirit descended on Him
"In bodily form, like a dove"
3. John testified to those gathered about God's sign – Jn.1:32-34
He testified that "He did not know Him"
"But the One who sent Me to baptize with water" (God) Said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain"
"This is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit" - 33
Jesus baptizes with the Spirit renewing what was lost in the fall
This fulfills the promise of the new birth
Those resting their faith in the sacrifice of Christ receive the spirit
This sign proved to John that Jesus is the Son of God
4. God put His stamp of approval on His Son – 22
"And a voice from Heaven spoke"
This voice was the voice of God as He said:
"You are my beloved Son, With you I am well pleased"

III. Genealogy Of Jesus – Lk. 3:23-38
1. Note the difference with Matthew - Matt. 1:1-17
Matthew gives us the title for his genealogy – 1
"The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham"
Writing his Gospel he writes for those in the family
(1). David is the king of the Jews & promised by God – 2 Sam. 7:16
In a covenant he was promised –
fulfillment comes in Jesus

(2). Abraham is called "Father of Israel" – Gen. 12
In a covenant he is set aside by God to bring forth Messiah
2. The rest of the genealogy goes from Abraham to Jesus
Beginning with Abraham and going on to Jesus Christ
3. The genealogy in Luke begins with Jesus going to Adam
Luke writing to a Gentile, Theophilus opens the message
He begins with Jesus as He began His ministry at about age 30
4. His theme is the one announced by John the Baptist
"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"
Jews and Gentiles are included in God's provision in Jesus Christ
5. Gentiles are given the good news of Jesus
Sin began with Adam and this genealogy reflects that – Lk. 3:38
Adam is the one who received God's breath of life – Gen. 2:7
As sin came on all through Adam so God's gift of grace is for all – Rom. 5:15-21

Ministry of John the Baptist
Luke 3:1-22

I. Preparing the Way – 3:1-6
1. Israel under Roman control – 1
In the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar
Pontus Pilate was Governor of Judea
Herod was Tetrarch of Galilee
His brother Philip was Tetrarch of the region Ituraea & Trachonitis
Lysanias was Tetrarch of Abilene
2. High Priests of Israel were Annas & Caiaphas – 2
These were leaders of the people of Israel
3. During this time John was called by God – 2
God came to him in the wilderness to prepare for coming of Messiah
John was to proclaim a "baptism of repentance" as predicted by Isaiah
Note the words of Paul in Acts 19:4
4. This "baptism of repentance" forgave their sins
And was demonstrated by repentance (change)
Luke quotes this from Isaiah 40:3-5
5. Spoke of John's voice crying in the wilderness– 4
"Prepare the way of the Lord"
Make His paths straight
Fill in the valleys – 5
And level the mountain & the hills
Let the crooked be made straight
The rough places be made level
And all flesh shall see "the salvation of God" - 6
6. This is what sinful man needs,
but can not reach apart from God
7. John preaches repentance – 7
He encourages baptism to demonstrate reality of change
Don't come for baptism as a way to avoid "God's wrath"
8. Don't come because you are one of Abraham's – 8
God is able to use stones to raise up children of Abraham
9. "Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees" – 9
Every tree not bearing fruit **is** cut down & burned

II. Crowd Seeks Solution – 3:10-18
1. John suggests signs of repentance – 10-11
"Whoever has 2 tunics, share one with the one with none"
Do the same with your food
2. Tax collectors also ask – 12-13
Teacher, what shall we do?
Collect no more than you are authorized
3. Soldiers ask – 14
Don't extort money by threats or false accusations
Be content with your wages
4. Real question is –"Are you the Christ" (Messiah)– 15
This is the real issue between John and Jesus

III. John and Jesus – 3:15-22
1. John – Are you the Christ? – 15-16
John answered immediately
"I baptize with water"
He who is mightier than I is coming,"
"the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie"
"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire"
2. Here is the real difference
Water can wash clean –
changing the external appearance
Baptism with the Holy Spirit provides God's power for internal change
Jesus provides this only after He is glorified – John 7:37-39
When the penalty of our sin is paid Christ is seated at God's right hand
That comes when we receive Christ as our Savior
3. When Jesus died at the cross He said – "It is finished"
The penalty of sin was paid & in Christ we are declared righteous
But this is not all that is needed to be reconciled to God
4. When God created humans He breathed on Adam – Gen. 2:7
Adam became a "living soul" made in the image of God – Gen. 1:26-27
Man was created with "spirit, soul and body"
5. God told Adam & Eve if they took from forbidden tree –
They would die – Gen. 2:16-17
Part that died was "Spirit" likeness & capacity for fellowship with God
We are born into this world "dead in trespasses & sins" – Eph. 2:1-5

God has made us alive in Christ so we can fellowship with God

6. But our spirit needs to be renewed, "born again"
   Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about this necessity – Jn. 3:3,6
   Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to dwell in us – Jn. 14:16-18
   This He did on the Day of Pentecost- note Acts 2:38-39
   This is promised by John the Baptist – Luke 3:16-17
7. It is God's Spirit dwelling in us that transforms us
   Bringing us ultimately to "conformity to Jesus Christ" – Rom. 8:28-29
   When we see Christ that likeness will be complete – 1 Jn. 3:1-3
8. The eternal plan of God will be fulfilled
   God & man dwelling together in oneness because of His Son – Lk 3:17
9. John continued to preach the Good News of Jesus – 3:19-20
   Until he was put in prison by Herod
10. Jesus was baptized by John seeing God's sign – 3:21-22
    The sign was the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus at His baptism

The Growth of Jesus
Luke 2:39-52

I. Home to Galilee – 2:39

1. When they had performed requirement of the Law – 2:22-24
   After birth there was a purification ceremony in the Temple
   With that a sacrifice was offered to God
   As Mary's first-born He was set apart unto God
   The sacrifice for this was a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons – 24
2. There were other things in the Temple – 25-38
   Simeon's blessing & prophetic words uttered by the Spirit
   Thanks to God who let him live to see Messiah – 25-32
   God had provided salvation for all people – Gentile & Jew
   Blessing on Mary concerning what would fall on Jesus – 33-35
   "Fall and rising of many in Israel"
   A sword will pierce through your (Mary) own soul also
   Anna's blessing and thanks to **God – 36-38**

II. Other Things Fit in Here

1. Worship of the Magi as recorded in Matthew 2
   This happened just under 2 years – based on Matt. 2:16-18
   When Herod killed all babies under 2 in Bethlehem area
2. Joseph was told to go to Egypt until later – Matt. 2:13-15
   To escape Herod and find safety in Egypt
3. After Herod died angel told them to return home – Matt. 2:19-23
4. This brings us back to Luke 2:39-40
   Putting the records together they returned to Galilee
5. Note that the language now is "child" – Lk. 2:40
   He had grown & became strong, filled with wisdom
   "The favor of God was upon H**im"**

III. Return to the Temple – 2:41-52

1. His parents went to Jerusalem at the feast – 2:41
   This was Feast of Passover
2. When He was 12 they went according to custom–42
   He was reaching the age when boys became men
   Parents began to let this happen
3. It was not until the feast ended & they were returning – 43-44
   They knew that He was not with them
   They were sure that He was in the group – 44
   So they waited another day before they began to look for Him
4. They searched among relatives & friends – 44- 45
   After 3 days they found Him b**ack in Jerusalem - 46**

IV. Jesus in the Temple – 2:46-52

1. Found Him in the Temple with the teachers – 46
   He was listening to them and asking them questions
   As a boy approaching manhood He has a hunger for truth
2. His answers & His understanding amazed hearers – 47- 48
   This included His parents who were astonished
3. His mother was also concerned – 48

As a good mother she felt he should have thought about them
Your father & I have searched for you in great distress
4. His answer indicates a growing concern in His heart – 49
He wants them to know – must be about His Father's business (KJV) Father's "affairs" (RSV) Father's House (ESV)
They did not understand what He was saying - 50

V. My Father's Business – Ex. 12:21-28

1. This was the Feast of Passover – 12:21
When families gathered to eat the Passover Lamb
2. Taking some of the blood to put on the lintel and 2 doorposts – 22
When the death angel goes through he will pass-over that house
The first born child will be spared – 23
3. You shall observe this rite as a statute for you & your son – 24
This is to be done forever - And this is in Luke
4. When your children ask about this feast – 26
"What does it mean?" You shall explain the Lord's Passover
Those keeping this feast "bowed their heads and worshiped"
5. Think of Jesus as He pondered this in Luke 2:46-50
He showed that He did know & understand – 46-47
He listened and asked questions about His mission as The Lamb of God
6. He was in submission to them
And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart
She was learning what God's call was going to mean for her
7. Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature – 52
He was growing physically and spiritually
And in favor with God and man

The Birth of Jesus Christ
Luke 2:1-38

I. The Time of His Birth – 2:1-5

1. Determined by the Roman Emperor – 1:1
Human ruler may give an order but God sets time and place
Bethlehem was the city of David promised Micah 5:2
2. The Human Emperor was "Caesar Augustus – 1-4
And the reason for this registration was for taxation
Each man was to register in his home town
Joseph was from the line of David
3. Joseph betrothed to Mary who was with child – 5
Not yet married–all explained by angel– Matt. 2:18-25
By command took his wife but did not have sexual relationship Until after Mary had given birth to Jesus
In fulfillment of prophet, Isaiah 7:14
4. The humble surroundings of His birth – 6-7
Wrapped in swaddling cloths & laid in a manger (feeding trough) There was no room **in** the inn

II. Shepherds Hear the Announcement – 2:8-14

1. In same region Shepherds watched their flock **–8**
Not strange David may have kept his sheep near there?
It is interesting Jesus announced himself as the Good Shepherd that keeps His sheep– John 10:11
David wrote of the Lord as "His Shepherd"-Psa. 23
2. An angel of the Lord appeared to them – 9
With a message from God and attended with
"The glory of the Lord shone around them"
Speaks of the radiant cloud that led Israel through the wilderness
And the glory cloud that dwelt in the tabernacle & in the Temple
Shepherds not only heard the message from God, they saw His glory cloud
Were filled with "great fear" (as all who saw it)
3. The angel comforted them with these words – 10-11
"Fear not, behold, I bring you good news of great Joy"
"That will be for all people"
"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior" "Who is Christ, the Lord"
("Christ" speaks of Messiah, "Lord" of our Master)
4. Angel gave a sign of where to find this baby – 12
"He is in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger"
5. Suddenly, a multitude of heavenly host appeared–13-14
They were praising God saying:
"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth "peace"
This baby is the one who will reconcile sinful man to a holy God
"Among those with whom He is pleased"
(those who believe what God has done)
Christ will put away sin that separates us from God

III. Shepherds Go to Find Jesus – 2:15-20

1.When Angels left, the shepherds decided **– 15**
They agreed together to go to Bethlehem
"Let us go & see what has happened"
"Which the Lord has made known to us"
2. They went with haste & found Mary & Joseph – 16
They also found the baby "lying in a manger" as told
3. When they saw it, they spread the word – 17
Made known what was told them concerning this child
4. All wondered at what shepherds told them – 18-19
But Mary treasured all these things pondering them in her heart
5. Shepherds left, glorifying & praising God - 20
For all they heard & saw, as it had been told them
6. At end of eight days when He was circumcised - 21
He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel

Before He was conceived in the womb

IV. Presented at the Temple – 2:22-40

1. Law of Moses required His presentation – 22
   Time of purification & presentation to the Lord
2. Every male who first opens the womb is called holy to the Lord
   Required a sacrifice to be presented to the Lord– 23
   This sacrifice is recorded in Exodus 13:12-13
   Lev. 12:8 allowed couples who could not bring an animal to bring
   "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons" - 24
3. Man named Simeon met them in the Temple–25-26
   He was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel (Which was the Messiah)
   the Holy Spirit was on Simeon
   It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he saw The Lord's Christ (Messiah)
4. In the Spirit He came into the Temple – 27-28
   When Jesus was brought in by His parents
   Simeon took Him into his arms & blessed God saying: -
   He blessed God for leaving him on earth before he saw: God's salvation, prepared for all people
   A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel
5. His father & mother marveled at what he said about Him – 33
   Simeon blessed them & told Mary what was ahead for her – 34-35
   "This child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel"
   "And for a sign that is opposed so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed"
   He also told Mary "a sword will pierce through your own soul also"
6. Anna, prophetess, advanced in years was there–36-38
   She lived with her husband 7 yrs. Was a widow 84 yrs.
   She stayed in the Temple worshipping & fasting.
   Praying night & day thanking God & speaking of His redemption of Jerusalem to those waiting

Birth of John
Luke 1:57-80

I. His Birth Caused a Stir – Lk. 1:57-66

1. Time came for Elizabeth to give birth – 57
   Angel's promise came to pass, a son was born
2. There was great joy among the neighbors – 58
   Neighbors & relatives heard of God's blessing
   He had great mercy on barren Elizabeth & they rejoiced
3. On eighth day of John's life they came to circumcise him – 59
   This meant giving him a name
   Those gathered would have called him Zechariah after his father
   But Elizabeth answered – No, he shall be called John – 60
   They said, None of your relatives is called by this name – 61
4. They turned to his father, what did he want – 62-63
   They made signs to his father
   He asked for a writing tablet & wrote
   His name is John, leaving those wondering – 63
5. Immediately his mouth was opened – 64
   His tongue was loosed & he spoke, Blessing God
   Fear came upon all of the neighbors – 65
   All this was talked about through the hill country of Judea
6. All who heard them laid them up in their hearts– 66
   Saying, what will this child be
   for the hand of the Lord is with him

II. His Father Prophesied – Lk. 1:67-80

1. Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke – 67
2. He blessed the Lord God of Israel – 68-69
   "For He has visited and redeemed His people"
   "And has raised up a horn of salvation for us"
   "In the house of His servant David"
   This blessing is announced by John
   but it is fulfilled by God's Son, Jesus
   It is Jesus who is of the line of David
   John was in the line of Levi – the Priest
3. God's prophets spoke of victory for Israel–70-71
   God would fight for His people and deliver them from enemies
   He would deliver from the hand of all who hate Israel
4. This commitment is bound by His covenants – 72-73
   "To show the mercy promised to our fathers"
   "The oath He swore to our father Abraham"
   "That we would be delivered from the hand of our enemies"
5. "So that we might serve Him without fear" – 74-75
   "In holiness and righteousness before Him, all our days"
   God has promised those who serve Him to be Under His care
6. His prophetic words now speak to his son, John–76-79
   "And you child, will be called the prophet of the Most High"

"For you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways"
"To give knowledge of salvation to His people"
"in the forgiveness of their sins"
"Because of the tender mercy of our God"
"Whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high"
"To give light to those who sit in darkness"
"And in the shadow of death"
"To guide our feet into the way of peace"

7. What a challenge from John's father
And what a blessing to his father as he lived it out – 80
"The child grew and became strong in spirit"
"He was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel"

III. Fulfillment of Zechariah's Prophecy – Jn. 1:1-34

1. Apostle John introduces Jesus to us – 1:1-5
Jesus is the Creator & He is the light of the world
2. God introduced His Son by witness of John the Baptist – 1:6-8
This John was not the light but sent to witness to the light (Jesus)
3. This true light was rejected by the world – 9-10
He was even rejected by His own people (Jews) – 11
But to those who did receive Him - He was the light – 12-13
And this light brought them into God's family
Jesus became a man to reveal light of God's grace & truth – 14
4. John came to bear witness to this light (Jesus) – 15
John says, "He came after me but is truly before me" – 16-18
He came to reveal God to us & to unveil God's grace
5. John tried to explain this to Jewish leaders – 19-23
He was not the Christ (Messiah), Elijah or The Prophet
He was just a voice crying in the wilderness
"Prepare the way of the Lord" as Isaiah said
They ask, why then are you baptizing? – 24-28
"I baptize with water" signifying you need to be clean
One coming after me, I am not worthy to untie His sandal
6. Next day He saw Jesus, declaring – 29
"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"
John said, this is He of whom I have spoken
God gave John a sign to prove He is The Christ – 30-34
When he baptized Jesus a dove would remain on Him
This represented the Holy Spirit pro**ving** Jesus is the Son of God
God gave John this as a sign - 33