

The Life of Jesus (Pt 1)
Lesson 3: Matthew 3-4

Introduction:

In this lesson we will cover the preparation of Jesus' ministry and His Galilean ministry. Matthew does not record any events from his early Galilean or Judean ministry. Yet you can see when he leaves Judea for Galilee (4:12).

In Those Days John Came Preaching in the Wilderness of Judea... (3:1-17)

1. What was his message?
 - a. _____ for the _____ is at hand (3:1)
 - b. One _____ than myself is coming (3:11)
2. What was his purpose?
 - a. _____ the way of the LORD (3:3)
3. Who was coming to John? (3:5,8,13)
 - a. _____, all _____, all the region around the _____ (3:5)
 - b. Many _____ and _____ (3:7)
 - c. _____ (3:13)
4. What was the purpose of each coming?
 - a. All: _____ their sins (3:6)
 - b. Pharisees & Sadducees: _____ (3:7-12)
 - c. Jesus (3:15): To fulfill _____ (3:15)
 - i. The _____ of God descended upon Him to alert John (3:16)
 1. Anoint Him
 2. Alert John (Jn 1:33-34)
 - ii. Voice from heaven, "This is my _____, in whom I am well _____." (3:17)

Then Jesus was Led Up by the Spirit to be Temped by the Devil (4:1-11)

1. If you are the _____ (4:3)
 - a. Abuse His power
2. If you are the _____ (4:6)
 - a. Tempt God (cf Num 21:5; 1 Cor 10:9)
3. If you'll _____ me I'll give you the _____ & their glory (4:8-9)
 - a. Power from the Devil instead of God

Start of Jesus' Galilean Ministry (4:12-22)

1. Why does Jesus go to Galilee? (4:12)
 - a. He heard John had been put in _____

2. Where does He settle? (4:13)
 - a. _____
3. What was His purpose for being there? (4:15-16)
 - a. To give _____ to the Galilee of the _____
4. What was His message? (4:17)
 - a. _____ for the _____ is at hand
5. Thought question: Why would Jesus turn Peter, Andrew, James and John into fishers of men?

An Update on Jesus' Galilean Ministry (4:23-25)

1. He went through all Galilee...(4:23)
 - a. _____ in the _____
 - b. _____ the gospel of the _____
 - c. _____ all kinds of sickness and disease
2. His fame had spread to...(4:24-25)



- a. _____
- b. Galilee
- c. _____
- d. Jerusalem
- e. Judea
- f. Beyond the _____

