

INSIGHTS INTO THE LIFE OF CHRIST (CCC) (Paul E. Engle 2/03)

Session #5 Eventful Beginning of Ministry: Baptism and Temptation

INTRO. – Turning points in your life?

I. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

A. One reason for saying this event is important is that _____:
Matthew 2:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:31-34

B. What was the setting of Christ's baptism?

1. It took place where and what does the name mean? _____

2. What clues does Scripture give?

Mt. 3:5

Jn. 1:28

3. At the time Jesus was about how old? _____ (Lk. 3:23) Crowds of people were turning in repentance and coming to John, his cousin, to be baptized, confessing personal and national sins. Significance?

C. Why did Jesus need to be baptized?

1. In the OT Gentiles were baptized when _____

2. What did John's baptism mean? _____

3. What does the text say is the reason? _____

a. "Righteousness" occurs 7X in Matthew's Gospel:

b. By submitting to baptism Jesus shows what? _____

D. What was the method (or mode) of Jesus' baptism?

1. Look at Mt. 3:16 and Mk. 1:10

2. Does this imply immersion? _____

E. What two public signs take place in response to his baptism?

1. _____

cf. Isa 64:1, Ezek 1:1

* What's the significance of the descent of the dove?

a. _____

b. _____

2. _____

II. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS – included in all 3 Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)

A. Where did this take place? _____

B.. Mark says *"He was with the wild animals."* What animals? That area was known as the haunt of hyenas, jackals, panthers, and lions. So it was a place abandoned by humans with great danger. The word "wilderness" appears some 164X in Scripture. Who else spent time there?

C. Some have pointed out some striking parallels between Jesus' temptation in the wilderness and _____

1. How they _____ is similar:
2. _____ is similar (but not identical):
3. The _____ in multiples of 40.
4. Both faced similar _____ as they were stretched to the limits of human endurance.
5. Both were basically asked by the Father: _____ Cf. Deut 8:2-3.
But whereas _____ failed the test, _____ passed the test.

D. Others have pointed out the parallels between what _____ and what Christ faced in the wilderness. Why?

E. Explanation of three temptations:

1. Temptation one: If you are Son of God tell these stones to become bread

- a. The form of the "if" clause in Greek indicate? _____
- b. How does Jesus respond? _____
- c. Application to us: _____

2. Temptation two: If you are the Son of God throw yourself down from the temple pinnacle.

- a. Where?
- b. Satan quotes Psalm 91:11-12 from the LXX. He misapplies the quotation so it becomes a temptation to trick the devout mind by apparently authorizing what might otherwise be considered sinful.
- d. The Psalm text refers to _____
- e. The answer of Jesus doesn't mean he doesn't trust God's protection. Rather:
- f. Application: _____

3. Temptation three: On a high mountain fall down and worship Satan and you'll receive all the kingdoms of the world.

- a. What is this temptation? _____
- b. What high mountain was this? _____
- c. Application: _____