

LESSON 14 – THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS

CONTEXT...

WHO?

- John the Baptist: a “cousin” of Jesus, who was sent by God to prepare the way for the Savior
- Jesus: now about 30 years old
- Pharisees and Sadducees: Religious leaders of the Jews. The Pharisees in particular prided themselves on their strict observance of God’s law.
- The Trinity: _____
- Satan: means, “the enemy,” leader of the angels who rebelled against God

WHEN? – Jesus about 30 years old when he began his ministry (~28 A.D.)

WHERE? – Jordan River and the desert

THE STORY

Read: Matthew 3:1-6

1.) John’s message had two parts. What were they (v. 2)?

a.)

b.)

2.) What was the result of John’s preaching?

Baptize:

*3.) Read Luke 3:3. What miraculous power does baptism have?

Read Matthew 3:7-10

1.) John had a strong warning for the Pharisees. What did they think would save them instead of repentance and God’s forgiveness (v. 9)?

*2.) We are we often like the Pharisees. What good things do we mistakenly look to for God’s favor?

Read Matthew 3:11-12

1.) When would Jesus baptize people with the Holy Spirit and fire?

2.) What event is John describing with the picture of wheat in a barn and chaff being burned?

Read Matthew 3:13-17

1.) Why do you think it amazed John that Jesus came to be baptized?

2.) Why then was the sinless Jesus baptized?

a.)

b.)

3.) 3.) We said before, the word “Trinity” is not in the Bible. Where do you see evidence of the Trinity in this section?

Read Matthew 4:1-11

*1.) How would our salvation be lost if the devil had deceived Jesus into sinning?

2.) Let's do some detective work and find the sinful lie in Satan's three temptations.

a.) v. 3-4:

b.) v. 5-7:

c.) v. 8-10:

*3.) Jesus shows us how to overcome all temptations. What weapon does he use?

Overview: John 1:29-34

1.) What was John the Baptist's confession about Christ (v. 29, 34)?

LAW & GOSPEL

Where do we see God's law?

Where do we see the Gospel?

ASSIGNMENT:

- Read and Reflection Guide: John 1:35-2:11, 3:1-21; Luke 4:14-44 (The Early Ministry of Jesus)
- Memory Work:
 - Romans 10:17
 - John 3:16
 - New Testament Books (all)