

THE WONDER OF GOD PART II

LUKE 3-4

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INTRODUCTION

- The writings of Luke the physician are unique.
- His focus is salvation, the supernatural and the Holy Spirit.
- Last week we covered Luke 1-2; the background of Luke and Acts and six people all touched by the Spirit of God.
- Today we will cover Luke 3-4, which ushers in the age of the long awaited Messiah.
- Luke 3:15-16, “Everyone was expecting the Messiah ...eager to know whether John might be the Messiah.
¹⁶ John answered... ‘... someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be His slave and untie the straps of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

I. THE BEGINNING OF A BATTLE

- Luke 3:21 - Jesus emerges into ministry at the age of 30.
- This will be three years of intense spiritual battle.
- The goal is to establish the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men and women.
- Luke 3:21-22 - The Father speaks over the Son and the enemy hears it all.
- Isaiah 42:1-4, “Behold...my chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him...⁴ He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice on the earth...”
- Vs. 4:1-2 – Jesus’ temptation came as a direct result of His baptism in the Jordan.

II. THE ENEMY UNLEASHED

- Luke 4:1-13 - Jesus is face to face with hell.
- Three parts or three temptations:
 - 1st - Vss. 3-4 - “If you are the Son of God”
 - Jesus doesn’t use His power as the Son of God against Satan, rather He uses the Word.
 - 2nd - Vss. 5-8 - Took Jesus up a high mountain. Showed Him all the kingdoms of the world.
 - 3rd - Vss. 9-12 - Jesus was led up on the highest point of the temple, 450’ high over the Kidron Valley.
 - Satan quotes Psalm 91 - twisting of Scripture.
- Ephesians 1:219-21, “...He...seated Him...²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion...”
- Ephesians 6:12 NLT, “...but against evil rulers and authorities...against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

III. ANOINTING FOR MINISTRY

- Luke 4:16-21/ Isaiah 61:1-2 - “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me.”
 - “Because He anointed me” - chrio = to coat with paint...to rub into
 - Chrisma = anointed, imparting gifts of the Spirit
- Vs. 18 - The anointing has come to touch poverty.
 - To proclaim release to captives.
 - Recovery of sight to the blind.
 - To set free the oppressed.
- Vs. 19 - Declared that His freedom was available for all forever; the debt of our sin would be forgiven.
- Leviticus 25:10 – Jubilee, was Jesus’ ministry.

CLOSE

- Luke 4:31-44 - Casts out a demon and heals the sick; validating His calling and anointing.