

Celebrating HIS First Coming

Remembering what the Prophets said...Pt.12

Jesus was water baptized by John as was foretold. Jesus, the Messiah, was then led or guided into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 4 AMPC

4 Then Jesus was led (guided) by the [Holy] Spirit into the wilderness (desert) to be tempted (tested and tried) by the devil.

Led by the Holy Spirit, reminding Him of what the Fathers will is or Pleasure, this was how to prepare for....that is the Holy Spirits job. Reminding us about sin, judgment, righteous regarding the Kingdom of God and the “things” to come.

John 16:8, 13-15 AMPC

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

14 **He will honor and glorify Me,** because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. **That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.**

John 14:26 AMPC

26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], **He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.**

John 5:19-30 AMPC

19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, **for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].**

20 The Father dearly loves the Son and **discloses to (shows) Him everything that He Himself does.** And He will disclose to Him (let Him see) greater things yet than these, so that you may marvel and be full of wonder and astonishment.

21 Just as the Father raises up the dead and gives them life [makes them live on], even so the Son also gives life to whomever He wills and is pleased to give it.

22 Even the Father judges no one, for He has given all judgment (the last judgment and the whole business of judging) entirely into the hands of the Son.

23 So that all men may give honor (reverence, homage) to the Son just as they give honor to the Father. [In fact] whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, Who has sent Him.

24 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life.

25 Believe Me when I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the time is coming and is here now when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear it shall live.

26 For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self-existent.

27 And He has given Him authority and granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is [a] Son of man [very man].

28 Do not be surprised and wonder at this, for the time is coming when all those who are in the tombs shall hear His voice.

29 And they shall come out—those who have practiced doing good [will come out] to the resurrection of [new] life, and those who have done evil will be raised for judgment [raised to meet their sentence].

30 I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me.

The Holy Spirit is only speaking on behalf of the Father. He is not speaking on your behalf to you, for your pleasure, for your purpose but only the will of the Father.

You and I were created for His Pleasure!

Revelation 4:11 KJV

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

"Thou Art Worthy"

Hymn based on Revelation 4:11

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord.
To receive glory,
Glory and honor and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
For Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created;
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Colossians 1:16 AMPC

16 For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him [by His service, intervention] and in and for Him.

Everything was created by God and for His Pleasure. You and I were created by God for His Pleasure or His Plan and we have free will to follow His Plan or our plan.

Pleasure defined: purpose, please, gratify, will,

Our primary purpose is to bring joy to God, honor Him, to do His Will and Purpose/Plan and enjoy a relationship with Him.

Jesus finishes the 40 days of fasting and finds out some news about His cousin John what is doing the will of the Father....

Matthew 4:10-12 AMPC

10 Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan! For it has been written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve.

11 Then the devil departed from Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

*12 Now **when Jesus heard that John had been arrested and put in prison**, He withdrew into Galilee.*

Luke 4:13 AMPC

13 And when the devil had ended every [the complete cycle of] temptation, he [temporarily] left Him [that is, stood off from Him] until another more opportune and favorable time.

Did Jesus stop doing what the Father had called Him to do after finding out what happened to John (thrown into prison)? Did Jesus stop doing His pleasure? “The Plan” before the foundations of the earth were formed? From the Words that were spoken in the Garden in in Genesis 3:15. God’s Plan still had to happen just as it was written.

All throughout God’s Word it says: these “things” happened in this way or must happen this way, so that was already spoken by the Prophets may occur. From the birth of John the Baptist, the birth of Jesus and His Life...and all the “things yet to come that were foretold”.

Matthew 24:6

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, **for this must take place**, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 4:12-18 AMPC

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested and put in prison, He withdrew into Galilee.

13 And leaving Nazareth, He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali—

14 That what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be brought to pass:

15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, in the [a]way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles [of the [b]peoples who are not of Israel]—

16 The people who sat [c](dwelt enveloped) in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the land and shadow of death Light has dawned.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, [d]crying out, Repent (e)change your mind for the better, heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He noticed two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, throwing a dragnet into the sea, for they were fishermen.

Jesus had to continue in order to fulfill the scriptures... He had to go out and choose the disciples, those who wanted to discipline themselves and become imitators of Christ in order to be His Witness.

From Matthew chapter 4 thru chapters 14 Jesus taught about the Kingdom, about repentance, performed miracles...below is a lists of some of the “things” that Jesus taught and miracles.

Sermons and Teachings

The Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5–7): This is Jesus' most famous sermon, setting forth the ethics of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Beatitudes (5:3–12): Blessings for the poor in spirit, meek, merciful, etc.

Salt and Light (5:13–16): Teaching on influence.

The Lord's Prayer (6:9–13): A model for prayer.

Teachings on Worry, Treasure, and Judging (6:19–34, 7:1–5).

The Golden Rule (7:12): "Do unto others..."

The Wise and Foolish Builders (7:24–27): The parable closing the sermon.

The Commissioning of the Twelve (Chapter 10): Instructions for the disciples' mission to "the lost sheep of Israel".

The Parabolic Discourse/Kingdom Parables (Chapter 13): Jesus teaches about the nature of the Kingdom of God through several stories.

The Parable of the Sower (13:3–23): Soils representing responses to the word.

The Parable of the Wheat and Tares (13:24–30): Good and evil growing together until harvest.

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven (13:31–33): The growth of the kingdom.

Miracles and Healings

Cleansing a Leper (8:1–4): Jesus touches and heals a man with leprosy.

Healing the Centurion's Servant (8:5–13): Jesus heals a servant from a distance, noting the Centurion's faith.

Calming the Storm (8:23–27): Jesus commands the wind and waves to be still.

Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs (8:28–34): Jesus casts out demons into a herd of pigs.

Healing a Paralytic (9:1–8): Jesus forgives and heals a paralyzed man.

Raising a Girl to Life and Healing a Woman (9:18–26): Jairus' daughter is raised, and a woman with a bleeding disorder is healed.

Healing Blind and Mute Men (9:27–34): Two blind men are healed, and a mute, demon-possessed man speaks.

Feeding the 5,000 (14:13–21 - Contextual to the period of teaching): While slightly outside the 4-13 range, this occurs just after the parables of Chapter 13 as a major miracle of provision

This is what Jesus was doing, preaching, teaching that caused people to think He was John the Baptist. They both taught the same “things” sin, judgment, righteousness and the things to come and what you must do to be ready.

This is what Paul did, this is what Peter did, this is what John did, this is what Jude did, this is what James did...

2 Timothy 4:1-5 AMPC

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:

2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,

4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand and I will soon go free.

7 I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.

8 *[As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me and recompense me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and yearned for and welcomed His appearing (His return).*

Jeremiah 23 AMPC

16 Thus says the Lord of hosts: **Do not listen to the words of the [false] prophets** who prophesy to you. They teach you vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility) and fill you with vain hopes; they speak a vision of their own minds and not from the mouth of the Lord.

17 They are continually saying to those **who despise Me and the word of the Lord, The Lord has said: You shall have peace; and they say to everyone who walks after the stubbornness of his own mind and heart, No evil shall come upon you.**

20 The anger of the Lord shall not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the thoughts and intents of His mind and heart. **In the latter days you shall consider and understand it perfectly.**

21 I did not send these [false] prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in My council, then they would have caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them [My people] from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.

Matthew 13:40-58 AMPC

40 *Just as the darnel (weeds resembling wheat) is gathered and burned with fire, so it will be at the close of the age.*

41 *The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of offense [[a]persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin] and all who do iniquity and act wickedly,*

42 *And will cast them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth.*

43 *Then will the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God) shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let him who has ears [to hear] be listening, and let him [b]consider and perceive and understand by hearing.*

44 *The kingdom of heaven is like [c]something precious buried in a field, which a man found and hid again; then in his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that field.*

45 *Again the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a dealer in search of fine and [d]precious pearls,*

46 *Who, on finding a single pearl of great price, went and sold all he had and bought it.*

47 *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a [e]dragnet which was cast into the sea and gathered in fish of every sort.*

48 *When it was full, men dragged it up on the beach, and sat down and sorted out the good fish into baskets, but the worthless ones they threw away.*

49 *So it will be at the close and consummation of the age. The angels will go forth and separate the wicked from the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God)*

50 *And cast them [the wicked] into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth.*

51 *Have you understood [f]all these things [parables] taken together? They said to Him, Yes, Lord.*

52 He said to them, Therefore every [g]teacher and interpreter of the Sacred Writings who has been instructed about and trained for the kingdom of heaven and has [h]become a disciple is like a householder who brings forth out of his storehouse treasure that is new and [treasure that is] old [the fresh as well as the familiar].

53 When Jesus had finished these parables (these comparisons), He left there.

54 And coming to His own country [Nazareth], He taught in their synagogue so that they were amazed with bewildered wonder, and said, Where did this [i]Man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?

55 Is not this the carpenter's Son? Is not His mother called Mary? And are not His brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

56 And do not all His sisters live here among us? Where then did this Man get all this?

57 And they took offense at Him [they were repelled and hindered from acknowledging His authority, and caused to stumble]. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.

58 And He did not do many works of power there, because of their unbelief (their lack of faith [j]in the divine mission of Jesus).

In chapter 14 of Matthew some "thing" happens.... After all these miracles, after all this teaching about sin, judgment, righteousness (repent), thing to come that were already spoken ... people (even godless government) are beginning to notice this man named Jesus of Nazareth - the branch.

Matthew 14 AMPC

1 At that time Herod the governor heard the reports about Jesus,
2 And he said to his attendants, This is John the Baptist; He has been raised from the dead, and that is why the powers [a]of performing miracles are at work in Him.

3 For Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison [to [b]stow him out of the way] on account and for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,

4 **For John had said to him, It is not lawful or right for you to have her.**

5 Although he wished to have him put to death, he was afraid of the people, for they regarded John as a prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst [before the company] and pleased and fascinated Herod,

7 And so he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

8 And she, being put forward and prompted by her mother, said, Give me the head of John the Baptist right here on a [c]platter.

9 And the king was distressed and sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests, he ordered it to be given her;

10 **He sent and had John beheaded in the prison.**

11 And his head was brought in on a [d]platter and given [e]to the little maid, and she brought it to her mother.

12 And John's disciples came and took up the body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

13 **When Jesus heard it, He withdrew from there privately in a boat to a solitary place.** But when the crowds heard of it, they followed Him [by land] on foot from the towns.

14 When He went ashore and saw a great throng of people, He had compassion (pity and deep sympathy) for them and cured their sick.

15 When evening came, the disciples came to Him and said, This is a remote and barren place, and the day is now over; send the throngs away into the villages to buy food for themselves.

16 Jesus said, They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat.

17 They said to Him, We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.

18 He said, Bring them here to Me.

19 Then He ordered the crowds to recline on the grass; and He took the five loaves and the two fish, and, looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and blessed and broke the loaves and handed the pieces to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up twelve [[f]]small hand baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

21 And those who ate were about 5,000 men, not including women and children.

22 Then He directed the disciples to get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent away the crowds.

23 And after He had dismissed the multitudes, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. When it was evening, He was still there alone.

24 But the boat was by this time out on the sea, many furlongs [a furlong is one-eighth of a mile] distant from the land, beaten and tossed by the waves, for the wind was against them.

25 And in the fourth watch [between 3:00—6:00 a.m.] of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright.

27 But instantly He spoke to them, saying, Take courage! I Am! Stop being afraid!

28 *And Peter answered Him, Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.*

29 *He said, Come! So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and he came toward Jesus.*

30 *But when he perceived and felt the strong wind, he was frightened, and as he began to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me [from death]!*

31 *Instantly Jesus reached out His hand and caught and held him, saying to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt?*

32 *And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.*

33 *And those in the boat knelt and worshiped Him, saying, Truly You are the Son of God!*

John disciplined himself to God's Word, His Plan, His Pleasure and many thought this could be the Messiah or Elijah. He preached repent for Jesus is Coming! He preached sin, judgment, righteousness and the "things" to come. This is what Jesus did as well... people thought Jesus could of been John because John the forerunner to His first coming was such an imitator of the Scripture. You and I are forerunners to His second coming and it is our choice to be in a imitator of the Word. We are created for His Please, Plan and Purpose.



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