

The Days of Jesus Preceding His Ministry

In these accounts Jesus was baptized in water, baptized in the Holy Spirit and led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Jesus was baptized in water and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3

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1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
 3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
 4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.
 5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,
 6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.
 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:
 9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
 10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his

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1 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea
 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"
 4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.
 5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.
 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.
 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.
 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.
 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Luke 3

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1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—

2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

5 Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

6 And all people will see God's salvation."

7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

9 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

11 John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"

13 "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.

14 Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

19 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done,

20 Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus was led into the wilderness.

Luke 4

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1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

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1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

He was fasting and tempted of the devil.

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3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

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3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Notice the devil said "if." He said to Jesus, IF thou be the son of God. Jesus could do nothing of himself, and the devil knew it. It was the Father that did the works through Jesus, we will see this later on in this teaching. And it's the Father that will do the works through you.

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4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

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4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

Let's see where it was written...

Deuteronomy 8

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3...that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

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3...to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

God led the Israelites into the wilderness for forty years to humble them. Jesus humbled himself and became a man and was led into the wilderness tempted of the devil for forty days.

(Luke 4 continued...)

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5 *And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*
 6 *And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.*
 7 *If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*
 8 *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

It is written in *Deuteronomy 6*:

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13 *Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.*

Notice in here that this verse states “worship” and “serve” God only.

(Luke 4 continued...)

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9 *And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:*
 10 *For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:*
 11 *And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*
 12 *And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

It is said in *Deuteronomy 6*:

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16 *Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.*

(Luke 4 continued...)

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5 *The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.*
 6 *And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.*
 7 *If you worship me, it will all be yours.”*
 8 *Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”*

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13 *Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.*

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9 *The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.*
 10 *For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;*
 11 *they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”*
 12 *Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

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16 *Do not put the LORD your God to the test as you did at Massah.*

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13 *And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.*

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13 *When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.*

Here is the same account in Matthew 4:

Matthew 4

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1 *Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*
 2 *And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.*
 3 *And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*
 4 *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*
 5 *Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,*
 6 *And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*
 7 *Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*
 8 *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;*
 9 *And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*
 10 *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*
 11 *Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

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1 *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*
 2 *After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.*
 3 *The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."*
 4 *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*
 5 *Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.*
 6 *"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"*
 7 *Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*
 8 *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.*
 9 *"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."*
 10 *Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"*
 11 *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

God put me in the wilderness in Argyle Texas for four years, then Carrolton for one, from May 1972- May 1977. I then went back to McKinney. God showed me in reading this word that Jesus was my example; he went to the wilderness and it was necessary

that I had to. When I arrived back in McKinney I started moving in the power of God for finances. It was there God said to me “You have been taught to get and then give, but my son said, give and it shall be given” (Luke 6:38).