The Life of Christ

THE GOSPELS: A HARMONY

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2). Washing Feet John 13:1-20
6). Don't Be Troubled John 14:1-14
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D. The Upper Room Discourse
1). The Vine and the Branches John 15:1-8
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7). The Verdict Confirmed Matt 27:1-2; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-23:1
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THE LIFE OF CHRIST
INTRODUCTION

1. Matthew: King emphasizing what He said - written to Jews, promised Messiah. (28 Chapters)
2. Mark: Servant emphasizing what He did - written to Romans, acts agreed with words. (16 Chapters)
3. Luke: Son of Man emphasizing His humanity - written to Greeks, God AND man. (24 Chapters)
4. John: Son of God emphasizing His deity - the whole world, need for faith in Him. (21 Chapters)
(89 chapters total of 249 = 36%)

FOR GOD: The Greatest One
SO LOVED THE WORLD: The Greatest Motive
THAT HE GAVE: The Greatest Act
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON: The Greatest Gift
THAT WHOEVER: The Greatest Invitation
BELIEVES: The Greatest Simplicity
IN HIM: The Greatest Person
SHALL NOT PERISH: The Greatest Delivery
BUT: The Greatest Contrast
HAVE: The Greatest Certainty
ETERNAL LIFE: The Greatest Possession

JESUS SAID "I AM..."
The Son of Man  John 6:27
The Bread of Life. John 6:35
The Light of the World  John 8:12
The Door to the Sheepfold John 10:7
The Good Shepherd  John 10:11
The Resurrection and Life John 11:25
The Way, the Truth, the Life  John 14:6
The Vine  John 15:1

Outline: The Story of the Greatest Life

1. His Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth.
      1). His Divine Title. Mark 1:1 Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.
         a. 3 sets of 14 Generations. Patriarchs, Kings, Common
         b. Joseph's thru Solomon; Mary's through Nathan.
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped.
         a. Zacharias, wife of Elizabeth, parents of John the Baptist
         b. God's timing is crucial.
         a. Gabriel
         b. Grace blessings poured out in many ways.
         a. V46-56 The Magnificat
         b. Rejoice over the grace.
   a. Zacharias able to speak again.
   b. His prophecy concerning John-the prophet.
   c. The beginning of his ministry.
   d. The Lord blesses us even when we are not faithful in an area.

5). Call Him Jesus. Matt 1:18-25
   a. The message to Joseph. Came between 2-3
   b. God comforts us.

   a. Jesus' birth and announcement to the shepherds.
   b. Not to the religious "shepherds."
   c. God looks for the faithful.

   a. Two who paid attention.
   b. Pay attention to God's timing.

8). Gifts for a King. Matt 2:1-12
   a. Jesus is for the Gentiles. 3 mo. Journey from Babylon.
   b. Gold is for Deity.
   c. Frankincense is for prayer.
   d. Myrrh is for burial.

   a. The Satanic attack.
   b. Satan attacks the blessings of man.

   a. Not a normal child.
   b. He was special all along.

C. His Baptism and Temptation.

2. Ministry Year One:
   A. His Work Begins.
   B. The Twelve are Chosen.

3. Ministry Year Two:
   A. The Sermon on the Mount.
   B. Parables.
   C. Miracles.
   D. The Twelve Sent Out.

4. Ministry Year Three:
   A. The Bread of Life.
   B. The Good Shepherd.

5. Ministry Year Four:
   A. Evangelism.
   B. Sending Out the Seventy.
   C. His Work Continues.
   D. The "I AM."
   E. His Work Concludes.

6. The Final Week And Consumation.
   A. The Triumphal Entry.
   B. The Olivet Discourse.
   C. The Last Supper.
   D. The Upper Room Discourse.
   E. His Trials.
   F. The Crucifixion
   G. The Resurrection.
   H. The Ascension.
Outline: A Harmony of the Gospels

1. A Preview of Who Jesus Is
   B. John's Prologue John 1:1-18
   C. Jesus Lineage
      1). Through Joseph Matt 1:1-17

2. The Early Years of John the Baptist
   A. John's Birth Foretold to Zacharias Luke 1:5-25
   B. Jesus' Birth Foretold to Mary Luke 1:26-38
   C. Mary's Visit to Elizabeth Luke 1:39-45
   D. Mary's Song of Joy Luke 1:46-56
   E. John's Birth Luke 1:57-66
   F. Zacharias' Prophetic Song Luke 1:67-79
   G. John's Growth and Early Life Luke 1:80

3. The Early Years of Jesus Christ
   A. Explanation to Joseph Matt 1:18-25
   B. Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7
   C. Witness of Shepherds Luke 2:8-20
   D. Circumcision of Jesus Luke 2:21
   F. Return to Nazareth Luke 2:39
   G. Visit of the Magi Matt 2:1-12
   H. Flight into Egypt Matt 2:13-18
   I. New Home in Nazareth Matt 2:19-23
   J. Growth and Early Life of Jesus Luke 2:40
   K. Jesus' First Passover Luke 2:41-50
   L. Jesus Adolescence Luke 2:51-52

4. The Public Ministry of John the Baptist
5. The Beginning of Christ's Ministry
6. The Galilean Ministry
7. The Ministry around Galilee
8. The Judean Ministry
9. The Perea Ministry
10. The Formal Presentation of Christ
11. Prophecies Given Before the Cross
12. The Cross
13. The Resurrection and Ascension
Mark 1:1
His Divine Title

1. Jesus' Birth: Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth
      1). His Divine Title Mark 1:1

Mark 1:1 =

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him.

He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light.
There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

**John 1:10 =**

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

**John 1:11 =**

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

**John 1:12 =**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

**John 1:13 =**

who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**John 1:14 =**

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 1:15 =**

John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

**John 1:16 =**

For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

**John 1:17 =**

For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

**John 1:18 = God in the Flesh**

No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*. 

His Lineage

1. Jesus Chooses Five Disciples  John 1:35- Jesus' Birth: Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth
      1). His Divine Title  Mark 1:1
      2). His Divine Flesh  John 1:1-18


23 And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,
24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,
25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Hesli, the son of Naggai,
26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,
27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,
28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,
30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,
33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,
34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,
35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Heber, the son of Shelah,
36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,
38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Matt 1:1-17

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
2 To Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, Judah and his brothers;
3 and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to Perez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, Ram;
4 and to Ram was born Amminadab; and to Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon;
5 and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;
6 and to Jesse was born David the king. And to David was born Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah;
7 and to Solomon was born Rehoboam; and to Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah, Asa;
8 and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat; and to Jehoshaphat, Joram; and to Joram, Uzziah;
9 and to Uzziah was born Jotham; and to Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;
10 and to Hezekiah was born Manasseh; and to Manasseh, Amon; and to Amon, Josiah;
11 and to Josiah were born Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
12 And after the deportation to Babylon, to Jeconiah was born Shealtiel; and to Shealtiel, Zerubbabel;
13 and to Zerubbabel was born Abihud; and to Abihud, Eliakim; and to Eliakim, Azor;
14 and to Azor was born Zadok; and to Zadok, Achim; and to Achim, Eliud;
15 and to Eliud was born Eleazar; and to Eleazar, Matthan; and to Matthan, Jacob;
16 and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
17 Therefore all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the time of Christ fourteen generations.
Luke 1:1-4
His Story

1. Jesus' Birth: Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth
      1). His Divine Title  Mark 1:1
      2). His Divine Flesh  John 1:1-18
      4). His Story  Luke 1:1-4

Luke 1:1 =
Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us,

Luke 1:2 =
Just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word have handed them down to us,

Luke 1:3 =
It seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus;

Luke 1:4 =
So that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.
1. Jesus’ Birth: Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped

Luke 1:5 =
In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Luke 1:6 =
And they were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirement of the Lord.

Luke 1:7 =
And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

Luke 1:8 =
Now it came about, while he was performing the priestly service before God in the appointed order of the division,

Luke 1:9 =
according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

Luke 1:10 =
And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering.

Luke 1:11 =
And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

Luke 1:12 =
And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear gripped him.
Luke 1:13 =
But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your etition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

Luke 1:14 =
And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Luke 1:15 =
For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother’s womb.

Luke 1:16 =
And he will turn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.

Luke 1:17 =
And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luke 1:18 =
And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this for certain? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.”

Luke 1:19 =
And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.

Luke 1:20 =
And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their proper time.

Luke 1:21 =
And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple.
Luke 1:22 =

But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute.

Luke 1:23 =

And it came about, when the days of his priestly service were ended, that he went back home.

Luke 1:24 =

And after these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant; and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,

Luke 1:25 =

“This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among men.”
Luke 1:26-38
An Angel’s Message to a Virgin

1. Jesus’ Birth: Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped

Luke 1:26 =
Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth,

Luke 1:27 =
To a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.

Luke 1:28 =
And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:29 =
But she was greatly troubled at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be.

Luke 1:30 =
And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

Luke 1:31 =
"And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

Luke 1:32 =
"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

Luke 1:33 =
and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end. " 
Luke 1:34 =
And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:35 =
And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:36 =
"And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

Luke 1:37 =
"For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:38 =
And Mary said, "Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.
Luke 1:39-56  
Two Women Rejoice  

1. Jesus’ Birth: Introduction  
   A. Preparation for His birth  
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped  

Luke 1:39 =  

Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah,  

Luke 1:40 =  

and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.  

Luke 1:41 =  

And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.  

Luke 1:42 =  

And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!  

Luke 1:43 =  

"And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  

Luke 1:44 =  

"For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.  

Luke 1:45 =  

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."  

Luke 1:46 =  

And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord,
Luke 1:47 =
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Luke 1:48 =
"For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondslave; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

Luke 1:49 =
"For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

Luke 1:50 =
"And His mercy is upon generation after generation Toward those who fear Him.

Luke 1:51 =
"He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.

Luke 1:52 =
"He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble.

Luke 1:53 =
"He has filled the hungry with good things; and sent away the rich empty-handed.

Luke 1:54 =
"He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy,

Luke 1:55 =
As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever. "
Luke 1:56 =

And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home.
Luke 1:57-80
Clearing a Path

1. Jesus' Birth: Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped

Luke 1:57 =
Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she brought forth a son.

Luke 1:58 =
And her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

Luke 1:59 =
And it came about that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, after his father.

Luke 1:60 =
And his mother answered and said, "No indeed; but he shall be called John."

Luke 1:61 =
And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name."

Luke 1:62 =
And they made signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called.

Luke 1:63 =
And he asked for a tablet, and wrote as follows, "His name is John." And they were all astonished.

Luke 1:64 =
And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak in praise of God.
And fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were being talked about in all the hill country of Judea.

And all who heard them kept them in mind, saying, "What then will this child turn out to be?" For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant--

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old--

Salvation from our enemies, And from the hand of all who hate us;

To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant,

The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,
Luke 1:74 =
To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,

Luke 1:75 =
In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

Luke 1:76 =
"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways;

Luke 1:77 =
To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins,

Luke 1:78 =
Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high shall visit us,

Luke 1:79 =
To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:80 =
And the child continued to grow, and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.
Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly.

But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

"And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife,
Matt 1:25 =

and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.
Luke 2:1-20
Good News of Great Joy

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      5). Call Him Jesus Matt 1:18-25

Luke 2:1 =
Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

Luke 1:2 =
This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Luke 1:3 =
And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city.

Luke 1:4 =
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

Luke 1:5 =
in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

Luke 1:6 =
And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

Luke 1:7 =
And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
Luke 1:8 =
And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 1:9 =
And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

Luke 1:10 =
And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

Luke 1:11 =
for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 1:12 =
"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

Luke 1:13 =
And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Luke 1:14 =
"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Luke 1:15 =
And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

Luke 1:16 =
And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.
Luke 1:17 =
And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

Luke 1:18 =
And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luke 1:19 =
But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Luke 1:20 =
And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.
Simeon and Anna

1. Jesus’ Birth
   A. Preparation for His birth
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Two Who Paid Attention

Pay Attention To God's Timing

1 Chr 12:32 And of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.

Luke 2:21 = The Background

And when eight days were completed before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:22 = Background continued

And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

Luke 2:23 = Background continued

(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every first-born male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”),

Luke 2:24 = Background continued

and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”


Luke 2:25 = Simeon’s Qualifications

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous (DIKAIOS = lived what was given to him) and devout (EULAB8S = “taking hold well” (EU, “well,” LAMBA8NO, “to take hold”), “careful as to the realization of the presence and claims of God, reverencing God, pious, devout”), looking for the consolation (PARAKL8SIS = comfort, encouragement) of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

Simeon’s Three Qualifications:
1. Had Life (Lived what was given to him)
2. Had (a true) Relationship (with the Living God).
3. Had the Holy Spirit
Luke 2:26 = The Revelation to Simeon–The Promise

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Summary:
1. This was a personal ministry of the Holy Spirit to this individual.
2. Our response should be the same for the promises God gives to us.

Principle #1: Have FAITH in the promises of God.


And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

Principle #2: FOLLOW the Holy Spirit's lead.


then he took Him into his arms, and blessed (EULOGEW) God, and said,

Principle #3: FILL your life with Jesus Christ.


"Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart in peace, according to Thy word;

Principle #4: FULFILL your calling.

Luke 2:30 = Simeon's Personal Blessing

For my eyes have seen Thy salvation,

Principle #5: FIX your eyes upon Jesus.

Luke 2:31 = Simeon's Awe

Which Thou hast prepared (HETOIMADZW = to prepare) in the presence of all peoples,

Principle #6: FEAST on what God has prepared. 2 Tim 2:21 Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

Luke 2:32 = Simeon's Scope of Understanding

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."

Principle #7: FOCUS on the Light.

Luke 2:33 = Not All Had this Understanding

And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

Principle #8: FIGHT unbelief.

Luke 2:34 = Simeon's Blessing and Prophecy

And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed--
and a sword will pierce even your own soul -- to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

To Mary:
1. Your son will be an issue to Israel. (fall and rise of many)
2. Your son will be attacked.
3. Your son will undergo incredible pain - and you will watch.
4. Your son will be the standard.

Principle #9: We need people to remind us.

Anna–Luke 2:36-38

Luke 2:36 = Anna The Prophetess
And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with a husband seven years after her marriage,

Principle #1: SAVOR your gift within your circumstances.

Luke 2:37 = Anna The Servant
And then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving (LATREUW = to serve as a priest-unusual word use in Age of Israel-had the attitude without the ceremony) night and day with fastings and prayers.

Principle #2: SERVE as a priest to God.

Luke 2:38 = Anna The Proclaimer
And at that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption (LUTRWSIS = to release because a ransom has been paid) of Jerusalem.

Principle #3: SAY thanks to God and tell others of your Redeemer.

SIMEON:
Principle #1: Have FAITH in the promises of God.
Principle #2: FOLLOW the Holy Spirit’s lead.
Principle #3: FILL your life with Jesus Christ.
Principle #4: FULFILL your calling.
Principle #5: FIX your eyes upon Jesus.
Principle #6: FEAST on what God has prepared.
Principle #7: FOCUS on The Light.
Principle #8: FIGHT unbelief.

ANNA:
Principle #1: SAVOR your gift within your circumstances.
Principle #2: SERVE as a priest to God.
Principle #3: SAY thanks to God and tell others of your Redeemer.

Summary:
1. Are we a humble voice for God?
2. Do we pay attention to God’s voice? (**My Beloved Son echoes down the ages**)
3. Do we listen to Satan’s voice?
4. Are we humbled by our position?
5. Do we hear Jesus’ call to be a disciple?
Matt 2:1-12
Gifts for a King

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      8). Gifts for a King  Matt 2:1-12

Matt 2:1 =

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

Matt 2:2 =

"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

Matt 2:3 =

And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matt 2:4 =

And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matt 2:5 =

And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

Matt 2:6 =

'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah;
For out of you shall come forth a Ruler,
Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "
Matt 2:7 =
Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them the time the star appeared.

Matt 2:8 =
And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

Matt 2:9 =
And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.

Matt 2:10 =
And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matt 2:11 =
And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matt 2:12 =
And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their own country by another way.
Matt 2:13-23
Escape to Egypt

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Matt 2:13 =

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

Matt 2:14 =

And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed for Egypt;

Matt 2:15 =

and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Out of Egypt did I call My Son."

Matt 2:16 =

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its environs, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi.

Matt 2:17 =

Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

Matt 2:18 =

"A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she refused to be comforted, Because they were no more."
Matt 2:19 =
But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

Matt 2:20 =
"Arise and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

Matt 2:21 =
And he arose and took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Matt 2:22 =
But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he departed for the regions of Galilee,

Matt 2:23 =
and came and resided in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."
Luke 2:41-52
A Missing Child

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      9). Escape to Egypt Matt 2:13-23

Luke 2:41 =
And His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

Luke 2:42 =
And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;

Luke 2:43 =
and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. And His parents were unaware of it,

Luke 2:44 =
but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day’s journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Luke 2:45 =
And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him.

Luke 2:46 =
And it came about that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.

Luke 2:47 =
And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

**Luke 2:48**

And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You."

**Luke 2:49**

And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

**Luke 2:50**

And they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.

**Luke 2:51**

And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

**Luke 2:52**

And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
A Voice in the Wilderness

1. Jesus’ Birth: Introduction
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped
   C. His Baptism and Temptation

Luke 3:1 =

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

Luke 3:2 =

in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

Luke 3:3 =  (Matt 3:1-2; Mark 1:4)

And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;

Matt 3:1-2  1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Mark 1:4  John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:4 =  (Matt 3:3; Mark 1:2-3)

as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
" The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
'Make ready the way of the Lord,
Make His paths straight.

Matt 3:3  For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet, saying,
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
'Make ready the way of the Lord,
Make His paths straight!'"

Mark 1:2-3  2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,
"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way;
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
'Make ready the way of the Lord,
Make His paths straight.' "
Luke 3:5 =

'Every ravine shall be filled up,
And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;
And the crooked shall become straight,
And the rough roads smooth;

Luke 3:6 =

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Matt 3:4 = (Mark 1:6)

Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:6 And John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.

Matt 3:5 = (Mark 1:5a)

Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea, and all the district around the Jordan;

Mark 1:5 And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem;

Matt 3:6 = (Mark 1:5b)

and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

Mark 1:5b and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Luke 3:7 = (Matt 3:7)

He therefore began saying to the multitudes who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Matt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Luke 3:8 = (Matt 3:8-9)

"Therefore bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham."
Matt 3:8-9 8 "Therefore bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance; 9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Luke 3:9 = (Matt 3:10)

"And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

Matt 3:10 "And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Luke 3:10 =

And the multitudes were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?"

Luke 3:11 =

And he would answer and say to them, "Let the man who has two tunics share with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise."

Luke 3:12 =

And some tax-gatherers also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

Luke 3:13 =

And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to."

Luke 3:14 =

And some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages."

Luke 3:15 =

Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ,

Luke 3:16 = (Matt 3:11; Mark 1:7-8)
John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matt 3:11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
Mark 1:7-8  7 And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.  8 "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 3:17 = (Matt 3:12)  
"And His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matt 3:12 "And His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Luke 3:18 =

So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.
A Voice from Heaven

1. Jesus' Birth: Introduction
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   B. A New Born King is Worshipped
   C. His Baptism and Temptation

Luke 3:21 = (Matt 3:13; Mark 1:9)

Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,

Matt 3:13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.
Mark 1:9 And it came about in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Matt 3:14 =

But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

Matt 3:15 =

But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.

Luke 3:22 = (Matt 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11)

and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

Matt 3:16-17 16 And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him,  17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."
Mark 1:10-11 10 And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; 11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

Luke 3:23 =

And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,

Luke 3:24-38 =

24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,
25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Hesli, the son of Naggai,
26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,
27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,
28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,
30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,
33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son
of Judah,
34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,
35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Heber, the son of Shelah,
36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,
38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.
The Temptations

1. Jesus' Birth
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped
   C. His Baptism and Temptation.

Luke 4:1 = The Setting  (Matt 4:1; Mark 1:12)
And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led about by the Spirit in the wilderness
Matt 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
Mark 1:12 And immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.

Luke 4:2 = The Setting Continued  (Matt 4:2; Mark 1:13)
for forty days, being tempted by the devil (PPSPTC PEIRADZW = being tested; indicates for the entire 40 days-what is recorded is the "highlights"). And He ate nothing during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry.
Matt 4:2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.
Mark 1:13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

Summary:
1. Moses was on the mountain with God, fasting, while he was receiving the Two Tablets of the Law. Deut 9:9-12
2. Israel flunked their tests during that time.
3. God viewed Israel as His first born Son, who failed when tested. Ex 4:22-23
4. God's unique Son faced temptation as well and passed.

Luke 4:3 = The First Temptation  (Matt 4:3)
And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God (1st Class condition: "and you are the Son of God"), tell this stone to become bread." (a command)
Matt 4:3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

Luke 4:4 = The First Temptation Continued  (Matt 4:4)
And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" (Deut 8:3; Matt 4:4 adds, 'but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God')
Matt 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"
Summary:
1. Satan looks for and attacks weaknesses.
2. Bread is not an issue of sinful gratification, as bread is an essential.
3. The temptation is to act apart from faithful dependence on God and choose to be under the authority of Satan.
4. Satan is trying to get Him to not trust the Father for provision. Cf Gen 3
5. Test to remove the pain.
6. Satan will try and use your true identity against you.

Luke 4:5 = The Second Temptation (Matt 4:8–Matthew reverses temptations two and three)

And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Matt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;

Luke 4:6 = Second Temptation Continued (Matt 4:9a)

And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish." (John 12:31; Satan is the ruler of this world)

Matt 4:9a and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You,

Luke 4:7 = Second Temptation Continued (Matt 4:9b)

"Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

Matt 4:9b if You fall down and worship me."

Luke 4:8 = Second Temptation Continued (Matt 4:10)

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" (Deut 6:13)

Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"

Summary:
1. This temptation is an offer to gain the kingdom without the cross, the blessings without the burdens.
2. The temptation to Christ is to depart from the Father's Plan.
3. This also is an issue of pain. Here a test to do evil to skip the pain.

Luke 4:9 = The Third Temptation (Matt 4:5-6a)

Luke 4:9 = And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God (1st Class), throw Yourself down from here; (another command)

Matt 4:5-6a 5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down;
Luke 4:10 = Third Temptation Continued  (Matt 4:6b)

for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge concerning You to guard You,'

Matt 4:6b for it is written,
'He will give His angels charge concerning You';

Luke 4:11 = Third Temptation Continued  (Matt 4:6c)

and, 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'” (Psalm 91:11-12)

Matt 4:6c and 'On their hands they will bear You up,
Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'"

Luke 4:12 = Third Temptation Continued  (Matt 4:7)

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Deut 6:16)

Matt 4:7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"


And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Matt 4:11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

Summary:
1. This temptation is an issue of testing God by doing foolish things.
2. It takes the truth and twists it for personal gratification.
3. This too is an issue of pain in the sense of having a reckless attitude about it.
4. The temptation here is one of false bravado, indicating a twisted application of God's word, and again choosing to be under the authority of Satan.

Note the issues of choice:
1. Nourishment - Eat the Bread of Heaven or Bread of the World? John 6
2. Worship - Worship the Creator or the Created? Rom 1
3. Application - Walk the walk or just talk the talk? James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows (the) right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Note the issues of pain:
1. Wrongly remove it.
2. Wrongly skip it.
3. Have a reckless attitude about it. (Extremism)

Note the issues of truth:
1. Use truth for personal gratification.
2. Make claims that are not true (Satan as ruler of this world is not worthy of worship).
3. Twist it.

Note the methods of attack:
1. Who you are-plays to any arrogance.
2. What you would like to have-FFPP.
3. How you can get it.
John 1:19-34
Behold, the Lamb
(John’s Voice: Help has Arrived)
The Humble Ambassador

1. Jesus’ Birth
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped
   C. His Baptism and Temptation.
      4). Behold, the Lamb  John 1:19-34

John 1:19-28–A Significant Day  Cf V29,35; 2:1

John 1:19 = The Religious Leaders Want to Know Who John Is

And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask
him, "Who are you?"

Comment: Satan is tempting Christ. His followers are going after John.

John 1:20 = John’s Answer. Not The Messiah

And he confessed, and did not deny, and he confessed, "I am not the Christ."

Comment: I am not the Messiah.

John 1:21 = Nor Elijah, Nor the Prophet

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And
he answered, "No."

Summary:
1. Messiah and The Prophet were thought to be two different people.
2. They believed Elijah was coming back. Mal 4:5-6
3. The Prophet was one like Moses. Deut 18:15
4. They believed any one of these men would deliver them from Rome.
5. He was not claiming any authority.

John 1:22 = Who Are You Then? Why Should People Listen To You?

They said then to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you
say about yourself?"

John 1:23 = I Am But a Voice to Prepare the Way for the Lord

He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the
prophet said." (Isa 40:5)

Summary:
1. John is doing what the religious leaders should have been doing.
2. They should have truly known the Word and made the people ready.
3. They lacked the humility though to do it.
John 1:24 = The Law-Driven Crowd Sent Them

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

John 1:25 = Their Attempt to Trap Him

And they asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

Summary:
1. They wanted him to claim to be someone special or important.
2. Either to prove that he is not who or what he says he is.
3. Or to justify themselves in front of the people.
4. The Pharisees believed you had to have a certain training in order to have credibility as a leader.
5. They also believed that they had to approve anyone who spoke of religious things.
6. They were asking for his credentials.

John 1:26 = John's Answer-You're Looking for One You Don't Know

John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know.

Summary:
1. Jesus had been baptized at least 40 days ago.
2. John is probably wondering what happened to Him.

John 1:27 = He Is the Great One–Not I

"It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

Comment: Not worthy to be the lowest of His servants.

John 1:28 = The Location of these Events–Beyond the Jordan

These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Summary:
1. Not the Bethany a few miles SE of Jerusalem, but a spot that is now not exactly known.
2. While Jesus Was Being Tempted, So Was John.
   A. Claim he was someone he wasn't.
   B. Seek man's approval for his ministry, when he knew that God had already given His.
   C. Seek fame for being the forerunner of the Messiah.
   D. Tests and Temptations are matters of choice.


John 1:29 = After Satan Is Done with Him He Returns to John

The next day (after the Pharisees question him- cf 2:1-the 3rd day) he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Comment: John identifies Jesus by the coming Sacrifice He must make.

John 1:30 = John Points Him Out

"This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed (IPF EIMI) before me.'"
Summary:
1. He points out Jesus’ authority.
2. John actually born six months before Jesus.
3. He points out Jesus’ Deity.

John 1:31 = John’s Reason for Baptizing

“And I did not recognize Him (PPF OIDA - had not known, from experience, had never met) Him, but in order that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”

Summary:
1. Although John had probably been told about Jesus by his parents, he had not met Him. Cf Luke 1:80
2. John’s baptism followed the "Proselyte" Baptism used in Israel where the individual renounced all evil, was completely immersed in water and then re-clothed as a member of the holy community of law-keepers.

John 1:32 = John’s Testimony

And John bore witness saying, "I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

Summary:
1. This was prophesied in Isa 11:1-2 1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD; Isa 42:1-4 1 "Behold, My servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 "He will not cry out or raise His voice, nor make His voice heard in the street. 3 "A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 "He will not be disheartened or crushed, until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."; Isa 61:1-2 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners; 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,
2. The HS was Jesus’ power for the ministry. Acts 10:38 38 “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.

John 1:33 = The Father’s Instructions

“And I did not recognize Him (PPF OIDA), but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'

John 1:34 = John’s Conclusion

“And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

Summary:
1. The events John saw had an eternal impact on him and others.
2. Do I consider myself to be more important than I really am?
3. Will I speak truth even when people will reject me for it?
4. Am I a voice for God?
5. Am I truly a humble servant? (Humble servants speak
6. Do I bear witness of the facts of Christ?
John 1:35-51
Jesus Chooses Five Disciples
(Jesus’ Voice: Follow Me–Listen and Learn)

1. Jesus’ Birth
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped
   C. His Baptism and Temptation
      4). Behold, the Lamb John 1:19-34
      5). Jesus Chooses Five Disciples John 1:35-51

Andrew and Peter–John 1:35-42–Discipling Baby Believers

John 1:35 = John Fulfilling His Calling

Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,

John 1:36 = John’s New Message–He’s Here

and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

Comment: This is the message that cuts through the ages.

John 1:37 = Two Disciples Listen to John and Leave Him

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

Summary:
1. Some will follow Jesus based on the recommendation of others.
2. Others will get so wrapped up with the messenger they will not see the object of the message.
3. They were wanting to speak with the “Lamb” of God, which indicates they had accepted John’s gospel which included the need of a sacrifice.

John 1:38 = They Are Somewhat Hesitant–But Jesus Is Not

And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?"

Summary:
1. Jesus notices them following and probes their motives.
2. They use a title of respect indicating they want to spend some time with Him.
3. Jesus welcomes even the hesitant follower.

John 1:39 = Jesus Invited Them to Join Him for a Day

He said to them, "Come (PAIMP ERCHOMAI = keep on coming), and you will see." They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour (4 p.m.).

Summary:
1. They probably stayed the night there as Jewish days ended at sunset.
2. This eyewitness account tells us that the other disciple was probably John, the writer of this book.
3. Jesus’ invitation was for longer than a day.

John 1:40 = The Identity of One of the Disciples

One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.
Summary:
1. Every time we see Andrew he is bringing someone to Christ.
2. He is the "second-fiddle" to his brother Peter.

John 1:41 = Andrew Tells His Brother

He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We (John and I) have found (PF AI EURISKW) the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

Summary:
1. Tell your loved ones first.
2. Notice the joy and excitement in their voices.

John 1:42 = Jesus Knows and Renames Simon

He (Andrew) brought (AAI AGW = to lead, he led) him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Summary:
1. Our ministry is to lead others to Jesus.
2. You can lead them to Christ, but you can't make them drink.
3. Jesus tells Simon that he will be a "rock" in the faith.

Principle #1: Jesus welcomes your investigations.
Principle #2: Jesus welcomes spending time with you.
Principle #3: Jesus welcomes those you bring to Him.

Philip and Nathanael–John 1:43-51–Discipling Adolescent Believers

John 1:43 - Jesus Moves North and Calls Philip

The next day He purposed to go forth into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me (PAIMP AKOLOUTHEW = keep following Me as a disciple)."

John 1:44 = Disciples from the Same City

Now Philip was from Bethsaida (means "house of fishing), of the city of Andrew and Peter.

Comment: Normally, more than one worker is needed to evangelize a city.

John 1:45 = Philip Finds Nathanael–Tells Him of Jesus

Philip found (Notice: Andrew and John found Jesus, Jesus found Philip, Philip found Nathanael) Nathanael (His name means "gift of God" probably Bartholomew which means "son of Tolmai") and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Summary:
1. Philip's gospel focused on prophecy while John the Baptist's focused on sacrifice.
2. Our ministry involves finding people who are seeking the truth about the Messiah.
3. Philip appealed to Nathanael's interest.

John 1:46 = Nathanael's Prejudice

And Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him," Come (PAIMP ERCHOMAI) and see."

Summary:
1. Nazareth was an object of ridicule and scorn. Matt 2:22-23
2. Some disciples don’t take anyone’s word for it, they have to see for themselves.

John 1:47 = Jesus Knew Nathanael

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold (AAIMP HORAW = look here), an Israelite indeed (lit: a true Israelite-only place in the gospels this term is used), in whom is no guile! (DOLOS = "a bait, snare, deceit," "subtlety", Christians are to be free from guile (1 Pet. 2:1); Christ was free from guile 1 Pet 2:22)

Summary:
1. Jesus draws the other disciples attention to Nathanael.
2. Jesus focuses on Nathanael's best trait.
3. He could have challenged him about Nazareth.

John 1:48 = Nathanael's Question and Jesus' Response

Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Summary:
1. The phrase "under the fig tree" is used in Rabbinic literature to describe meditation on the Law.
2. He was probably reading and thinking about Jacob, who was filled with guile. Gen 28:10-17

John 1:49 = Nathanael's Identification

Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Summary:
1. Nathanael sees him as a Teacher, God and King.
2. Our maturity may be solely based in truly meeting the Living Lord.

John 1:50 = Jesus' Promise to Nathanael–Greater Things

Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these."

Summary:
1. Jesus challenges Nathanael's reason for belief.
2. Do we believe simply because we witnessed God doing something great?
3. If so, that's OK.

John 1:51 = Specifics of the Promise

And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see the heavens opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Principle #1: Disciples call others to be disciples.
Principle #2: There is no specified form that the message of Jesus must take.
Principle #3: Invite people to see for themselves.
Principle #4: Look for the good in other Christians.
Principle #5: An adolescent believer may need to truly meet the Lord.
Principle #6: Greatness is seen in rapid adjustments to incorrect thinking.
Principle #7: Truly meeting Jesus Christ is just the beginning.
John 2:1-12
Jesus’ First Miracle

1. Jesus’ Birth
   A. Preparation for His birth
   B. A New Born King is Worshipped
   C. His Baptism and Temptation
      4). Behold, the Lamb  John 1:19-34
      5). Jesus Chooses Five Disciples  John 1:35-51
      6). Jesus’ First Miracle  John 2:1-12 (1-35MM)

John 2:1 = The Setting—A Wedding

And on the third day (after the calling of Philip and Nathanael; the 7th day after John's announcement to the Pharisees) there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee (about 10-12 miles W. of Sea of Galilee, 9 miles N. of Nazareth), and the mother of Jesus was there; (Joseph probably dead)

Comment: This was Nathanael's home town. John 21:2

John 2:2 = Jesus and His Disciples Attend

and Jesus also was invited, and His disciples (Andrew, Peter, John, Philip, Nathanael and probably John's brother James), to the wedding.

John 2:3 = A Problem Arises

And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

Summary:
1. Jesus probably knew most of the people at the wedding.
2. This would have been a social disgrace, much like not having enough wedding cake.
3. Mary was wanting to see some of the things she spoke of in Luke 1:51,53

John 2:4 = Jesus Tells Mom That It Is Not Yet Time

And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what do I have to do with you (Lit: what to me and to you? I.e. what are the motives here?)? My hour (used of the time to bear sins; John 12:23; 13:1; 17:1) has not yet come."

Summary:
1. Jesus was polite, but let mom know that she was not in charge of His ministry.
2. He is telling her that this group of people is not ready for such a miracle. They are probably half-soused as it is and would give inaccurate or fabricated testimonies of what happened.
3. Jesus won't do this to glorify Himself. John 8:54

John 2:5 = Mom Pushes It

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

Summary:
1. Mary had some connection with the wedding. Maybe a caterer.
2. Probably other conversation not recorded here.
John 2:6 = The Assets–Six Waterpots

Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.

Summary:
1. This is for the ceremonial washing of the hands.
2. The Jews were more interested in the outer cleansing than the inner one.
3. This was a large gathering.

John 2:7 = Jesus’ Orders-Step One–Fill the Waterpots

Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

Comment: Not a quick fermentation with grape juice or they would have overflowed and made a mess.

John 2:8 = Steps Two and Three

And He said to them, "Draw (AAIMP ANTLEW = a word that means to draw out water; tongue-in-cheek command) some out now, and take it to the headwaiter (ARCHITRIKLINOS = ruler of three couches)." And they took it to him.

John 2:9 = The Headwaiter’s Response

And when the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom,

John 2:10 = His Amazement

and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when men have drunk freely, then that which is poorer; you have kept (PF AI T8RW = keep under guard-you tightwad) the good wine until now."

Comment: Things are not always as they seem.

John 2:11 = The First Miracle–Location and Results

This beginning of His signs (S8MEION = that which points to something greater) Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Comment: Jesus' first miracle was witnessed by a sober crowd.

John 2:12 = Jesus’ Trip

After this He went down to Capernaum (downhill about 10 mi. ENE of Cana; means "village of Nahum"), He and His mother, and His brothers, and His disciples; and there they stayed a few days.

Principle #1: Invite the Lord to your celebrations. V1-2
Principle #2: Tell Him of the needs of others. V3
Principle #3: Be willing to have your motives challenged. V4
Principle #4: Turn the response over to Jesus. V5-7
Principle #5: We can be so involved in the enjoyment of his blessings that we do not see Him at work. V8-10
Principle #6: Carry out His will and pay close attention and you will see His hand at work.

Summary:
1. Mary leaves this problem in the Lord’s hands.
2. He surveyed the available resources and took charge, in a very low-key manner.
3. The Creator of the Universe, who united Adam and Eve in marriage, honored this Institution with the first miracle of His public ministry.
4. God wants joy to be in your marriage, and provides the resources for it to happen.
5. The miracle was done before witnesses yet without fanfare.
6. Many at the wedding did not know a miracle had occurred.
7. It was just the servants and disciples who were privy to it.
8. One group was carrying out His will and the other was paying close attention to Him. Both were blessed.
9. Christ's hand can be seen in every marriage if the parties carry out His will and pay close attention.