

Heartland Bible Institute
Life of Christ
Lesson 4
First year of Public Ministry
Study Guide

Suggested Harmony of the First Year of Public Ministry

First Year of Ministry	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
At the Passover Jesus drives out the money changers				2:13-25
Jesus' discourse with Nicodemus				3:1-21
Jesus leaves Jerusalem yet remains in Judea. Testimony of John the Baptist				3:22-36
Jesus departs into Galilee after John's imprisonment by Herod	4:12;14:3-5	1:14;6:17-20	4:1-14;3:19,20	4:1-3
Jesus' discourse with the Samaritan woman, many believe on him there				4:4-42
Jesus teaches publicly in Galilee	4:17	1:14,15	4:14,15	4:43-45
Jesus returns to Cana, heals nobleman's son of Capernaum, Cana of Galilee				4:46-54
Jesus at Nazareth, is rejected, and moves to Capernaum	4:13-16		4:16-31	
Jesus' calls Peter, Andrew, James and John by sea of Galilee	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:1-11	
Jesus heals demoniac in synagogue in Capernaum		1:21-28	4:31-37	
Healing of Peter's mother-in-law and others in Capernaum	8:14-17	1:29-34	4:38-41	
Jesus followed by his disciples travels through out Galilee ministering	4:23-25	1:35-39	4:42-44	
The healing of the leper in Galilee	8:2-4	1:40-45	5:12-16	
The healing of the paralytic in Capernaum	9:2-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
The calling of Mathew in Capernaum	9:9	2:13,14	5:27,28	

Isa 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Passover Divisions of the Life of Christ

Bible Passage	Year of Ministry
Joh 2:13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.	Marks the first year of Public Ministry
Joh 5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.	Marks the beginning of the second year of ministry
Joh 6:4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.	Ends the second year of ministry and begins the third year
Joh 11:55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.	The end of the third year of ministry and ends with the climax of His death.

Jesus drive's out the Moneychangers

The First year

There were three stages in these men's history in their relationship to the Lord.

Stage 1: In this first stage they were _____ in Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

Though their faith in Him is sincere and genuine yet their _____ with him is still a matter of mere companions more than _____ in Christ's ministry.

Stage 2: In this second stage fellowship with Christ now takes on the form of _____ to His person.

Mat 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.* 20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

Stage 3: This was to be the highest stage of their discipleship in being called _____.

These men were to become the _____ of the kingdom with Christ as the chief corner stone.

After it became apparent that the _____ would reject Jesus Christ the kingdom would be placed on hold and the role that these men would play would be to _____ from Christ concerning the new covenant _____ by Christ's own blood as a testimony against Israel to call her to repentance.

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the LORD our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Comparison of the Twelve and Paul's Apostleship

The Twelve	Paul
The twelve were _____ while Christ was on earth. ¹ Luke 6:13-16	Paul was a chosen vessel (_____) called by Christ who was glorified in heaven. Acts 9:3-5, 15-16; 26:12-18
The twelve had _____ Christ on earth. 1John 1:1-3; Acts 1:9	Paul knew only the _____ Christ in heaven having never seen him on earth. Acts 26:16; 1Cor 15:4-9;
The twelve ² _____ their nation and shall judge Israel in the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt 19:28; Rev 21:24	Paul as one apostle _____ one body, the Church. Being born a Hebrew yet a Roman citizen Paul represents both Jew and Gentile that make up the Church. Rom 12:5; 1Cor 12:13; Eph 4:4; Eph 2:16; Acts 21:39; 22:25-27
The twelve _____ the kingdom of heaven at hand (Matt 10:7) and later _____ it again if Israel would repent (Acts 3:19-26)	Paul _____ to the Gospel of the grace of God and _____ the kingdom of God to both Jew and Gentile. Acts 20:17-27
The ministry of the twelve was based on the _____ promises. Acts 3:22-26	Paul's ministry was based upon the New Covenant promises _____ by Christ's blood and the grace of God. Rom 3:21-28; Heb 8:6-13

¹ At this point some would cry foul due to Christ having already ascended into heaven when Matthias was chosen by the lot being cast to determine who would replace Judas Iscariot. Yet when one reads of the criteria presented by Peter the requirement was that those they would choose must be some one "who had companied with us beginning from the baptism of John and witnessed Christ's resurrection", of which Matthias apparently fit this criteria Acts 1:21-22). Paul does not.

² The number 12 represents Israel in the Bible, twelve patriarchs, twelve tribes, twelve princes. Acts 7:8; Num 1:16; 1Chron 27:22

The Clearing of the Temple – John 2:13-25

John 2:1-2

Jesus makes a _____ of his authority at the commencement of his public ministry by clearing the Temple in Jerusalem of the moneychangers.

Isa 49:5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. 6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. 7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

The Servant of Jehovah, the _____ of Israel, has come to his people and to the place of worship and what he saw caused him much displeasure.

The moneychangers: The duty of the moneychangers was to _____ for the Temple approved shekel used in making purchases for offerings.

Isa 56:11 Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

Though seemingly _____ for the worshippers it was also a means by which the merchants and the greedy priesthood could _____ themselves at the expense of the people charging premium prices and exorbitant fees in the commercial enterprise of worship.

The disgruntled and greedy spirit of men was _____ the true spirit of worship of those who came to the Temple. They also sold doves for the poorer among the worshippers to purchase.

Isa 59:16 And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

In his zeal and _____ this one man drove out years of corruption and profiteering along with who knows how many of these religious merchants.

This was no uncontrolled fit of anger but rather one of methodical and controlled _____ exacted upon the abusers and offenders of the Temple.

1. He made a _____ from the rope and cord that would be littering the floor.
2. He _____ from the area the vendors and their animals

3. _____ the tables of the moneychangers

4. And told those who sold doves to _____ them.

Psa 69:9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

Psa 119:139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

What these vendors had done was a _____ to the Lord and a _____ of the place of worship.

1Ki 8:29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

These greedy vendors being sanctioned by the religious leadership had populated the _____ meant for the Gentiles, Eunuchs and outcasts as a place of worship for all who _____ themselves to the covenant God of Israel having forsaken the idols of their fathers.

Isa 56:6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. 8 The Lord GOD, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

This covetous practice was also a flagrant _____ of the Law of Moses concerning those of the Gentile races who came to worship Jehovah God.

Exo 22:21 Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

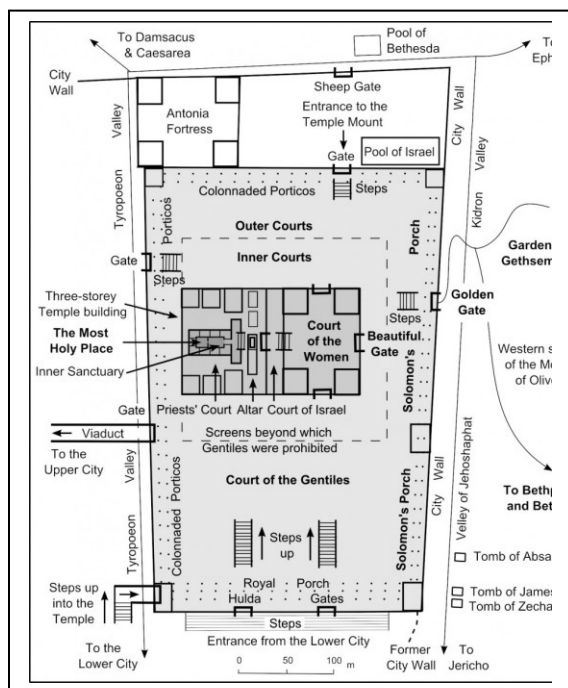
Exo 23:9 Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

In response to these ill informed critics some one has said, "A character incapable of indignation towards that which is an injustice is destitute of _____ and with out the will to give just _____ to its moral judgment"³ Eph. 4:26

³ Fairbairn, Life of Christ, pg. 121

Jesus moved among the vendors with _____ authority with the _____ of the Servant of Jehovah, thus the reason why they asked for a sign from him in John 2:18.

The Court of the Gentiles



This Court of the Gentiles was the _____ and the only area of the temple where non-Jews were allowed. As its name implies, the Court of the Gentiles was accessible to all Gentiles and those who were uncircumcised or considered ceremonially unclean.

This outer court was meant for all of mankind to come and worship the One True God but the Jewish leadership and these profiteers now "_____ " its original intention.

They were the one's who were _____ and _____ of heart in this matter and not the Gentiles who came to worship. Isa. 56:11

Three Things to Notice

[1] The people who came to _____ did not try and stop Jesus as he drove out these men from the Temple. They were the victims of this abusive system and therefore were probably glad that some one stood up for what was right.

[2] The moneychangers did not stop him as he drove them out before him. Their _____ condemned them for what they knew what they were involved in was a profiteering racket of abuse and therefore dared not stand against Jesus.

[3] The priesthood, that sanctioned this abuse while lining their own pockets, did not stop him because they _____ the people.

The Jews were very proud of their Temple and though the Temple was a sign of their _____ as God's chosen people with whom God dwelt the resurrection of Jesus was a sign of his _____ and _____ as the Son of God.

Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Many Believed

This action taken by Jesus followed by his _____ caused many hope filled hearts to “believe in his name”.

Joh 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.-

Remember there were many whose hopes were set on the coming Messiah to _____ them from foreign oppression and establish a kingdom like unto king David and Solomon’s.

Joh 6:15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

These who believed in his name believed in the sum of his _____ and the qualities that he displayed and in the _____ of his actions and it was in this sense that they believed in his name.

Joh 6:66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

This event proves as evidence that this “believing in his name” is more of a _____ as opposed to a life changing work of salvation as Jesus would teach Nicodemus of in John chapter 3.

He knew their hearts and understood they followed him for shallow reasons of _____ rather than for who he truly was.

“Jesus commits himself to those that genuinely commit to seek Him with pure hearts and right motives. He used this criterion in the selection of those disciples that would be closest to him. We also should be careful of our selection of people that we are willing to commit our time to in deeper devotion and discipleship”.⁴

Rom 12:9 *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

Mar 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. 22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

1Jo 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of *compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Jam 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

We _____ train those who are willing but not to the _____ of others who may not be so willing.

⁴ The Life of Christ; North Star Institute

The Word of God makes reference to eight different Temples.

Eight Temples of the Bible

Passage	Person/Period	Procession
Exodus 40	Moses (more so a Tabernacle rather than a Temple but it was Israel's center of worship for generations)	Delivered to (1Kgs 8:1-4) The Tabernacle was "retired" as Solomon's Temple was dedicated.
1 Kings 6	Solomon	Destroyed by
Ezra 6	Zerubbabel	Desecrated by
Luke 4	Herod	Destroyed by
John 2	Jesus Christ	Destroyed by the
Ephesians 2	The Church	Delivered to
Revelations 11	Tribulation Period	Desecrated by
Ezekiel 40	Millennial	Described by

Jesus' discourse with Nicodemus

Pro 14:29 *He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.*

"Human beings are poor examiners, subject to superstitions, bias and prejudice, and a profound tendency to see what they want to see rather than what is really there". M. Scott Peek

Pro 4:19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

Pro 11:5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

The Lord's Discourse with Others

The gospel of John relates _____ that Jesus had with two people from diverse backgrounds and spiritual understandings. The first was with Nicodemus the second the woman by the well.

1. Nicodemus: John 3:1-21

Nicodemus: Religious leader and member of the Sanhedrin Council.

It was the responsibility of the members of the Sanhedrin to _____ the signs and claims of those who purported to have "heard from God" and advertised as self-proclaimed leaders of the people.

It was from this body of men that the people would wait to hear the _____ on such that would come into prominence.

Personal instruction:

Be _____ of this honor and safeguard it with a _____ testimony.

1Tim 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Be humbled by this honor for you will be held to a _____ not only by those you minister too and with but also at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

Why Nicodemus came at night

[1] Possibly because he was uncertain concerning Jesus and wanted a personal interview alone with him with out the _____ of his peers to interfere.

[2] He may have been _____ of the rebuke that he would receive from his peers for wasting his time with this rube from Galilee.

[3] Nicodemus may have been _____ with his duties during the day in that only at night he was free to visit with Jesus.

Note about the miracles of Jesus:

The miracles of Jesus served as _____ to arouse the attention of the people into a deeper consideration to the _____ of these wonders as _____ to who He was.

True miracles are signs from God for the _____, _____ and the _____ of His messengers.

Exo 4:1; 1Kgs 17:24; 1Kgs 18:36-39; Acts 2:43; 5:12; 2Cor 12:12; 2Ths 2:7-11

The miracles of Jesus' reveal his _____ — an identity that calls for worship.

This was the _____ of the disciples after Jesus walks on the water:

Mat 14:33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Jesus, instead of answering with a word testifying that he is the Messiah to John's disciples instead points to his _____ as the proof of who He is.

Luk 7:22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, *Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.*

John 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Outline of Jesus' Technique in Witnessing to Nicodemus

Jesus took Nicodemus _____ interest into spiritual things to go deeper into spiritual issues.	John 3:3
Jesus allowed the _____ for Nicodemus to ask questions	John 3:4,9
Jesus answered questions with either a _____ question or a statement to guide Nicodemus' understanding	John 3:5-8;3:10-21
Jesus led to a _____ statement of the Gospel	John 3:14-21
Jesus used information that was _____ to Nicodemus to aid his understanding,	John 3:14,15
Jesus did not _____ to "speak over his head".	John 3:8,14
Jesus used scripture to help illustrate spiritual truth to Nicodemus a. The _____ b. The _____ in the wilderness	Psa. 30:4 Num. 21

Jesus leaves Jerusalem yet remains in Judea. Testimony of John the Baptist

John the Baptist Testimony John 3:25-31

Concerning the Authentication of the King the testimony and ministry of John the Baptist _____.

The Jewish leadership proved perceptive enough about John's baptism that it went beyond mere _____ and had a much deeper significance.

1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

_____ jealousy and vainglory are certain to cause _____ and divisions in the body.

Phi 2:3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

God has an _____ place and _____ in His plan for all who are willing to serve and minister.

Success in ministry comes through _____ what God has given you to do and doing it _____

We can rejoice when we are using our gifts as God intended and that people are coming to Christ and are being edified to follow Christ and in turn bring others to Christ. This is the very essence of _____.

1Th 2:19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? 20 For ye are our glory and joy.

We are not to seek _____ for ourselves. If the herald has fulfilled his role then he must _____ to allow the King to shine.

Our part in God's plan concerning ministry may either be up front for all to see or more obscure where perhaps no one sees, in either case, it is _____ in our part that will be rewarded in the end by the Lord himself and our _____ that will prove critical in the great examination of our life.

Jesus departs into Galilee after John's imprisonment by Herod.

The Samaritan Woman: John 4:4-42

The meaning of the name Sychar is _____ or _____.

What was _____ in the mind of our Lord was to fulfill the will of the Father and he was _____ of a timetable in God's plan that must be met therefore a sense of _____ and _____ could be seen in the life of Jesus.

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

It is this _____ of purpose and lukewarm _____ that will be the mark of the Laodicean Church age and must be resisted by those who desire a Philadelphian Church spirit.

Outline of Jesus Technique with the Woman at the Well

Jesus _____ the conversation by requesting a drink of water. He presents her with a need of his own in the aim of _____ a need of hers.	John 4:7
Jesus uses an every day need, thirst, to _____ a spiritual topic.	John 4:7,10
Jesus uses a point of possible _____ and directs her to a point of possible grace	John 4:9-10
Jesus uses the physical need to point her towards the _____ answer that would lead to hope, a better life and a relationship with Him.	John 4:10,14
When the woman expresses interest he redirects her and causes her to think about the _____ behind her need instead of offering her "easy believism" that leads to a shallow faith	John 4:15-16
Jesus, after having _____ the opportunity to do so, confronts this woman about her sin with out becoming _____ with her questions, he deftly answers them, then introduces Himself as Savior.	John 4:17-18
He _____ control and keeps focus on the entire conversation.	John 4:10,26

A primary goal of witnessing is to make the one you are witnessing to _____ their need and realize their _____ in meeting that need.

Col 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; 3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: 4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

The true power of witnessing comes by our _____ to revealing what the Word of God has to say on the matter and trusting in the Holy Spirit to bring both _____ and _____ to the heart.

The Samaritans believed due to two things.

- a. The testimony of the woman. A _____ has a great influence for others. John 4:39

The best sermon preached is a _____, especially one of _____.

- b. The _____ of Jesus. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. John 4:41; Rom. 10:17

With a changed life share _____ for the change.

Jesus teaches publicly in Galilee.

- B. With Jesus leaving Samaria he enters Galilee beginning His public Preaching: Matt. 4:17; Mark 1:14,15; Luke 4:14,15; John 4:43-45

The Messianic authority of Jesus was displayed to the multitudes in _____

1. The _____ Heard in His Preaching

Mar 1:22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

The first area was the role of a _____ or preacher of righteousness.

The _____ of this authority is to be seen in his teachings in four ways.

John 7:15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, *My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*

[1] Jesus did the work of a _____: He took the Old Testament scriptures, read them, explained them, and caused the people to understand them.

[2] Jesus did the work of _____: As Jesus taught the people they began to understand truth that had been hidden from them previously. He opened up the scriptures to them as none of the scribes had been able to before.

Mat 7:29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

[3] Jesus did the work of _____: His message was the same as John the Baptist's. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. His preaching was of righteousness from the heart for He was righteous altogether.

[4] Jesus did the work of _____: Jesus publicly proclaimed God's message. Truth yet unrevealed but now known, "saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15

God called all the prophets of the Old and New Testaments to this office and no man has the _____ to take this office for them selves.

Num 12:6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, / the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will speak unto him in a dream.

Since no true prophet of God was ever _____, the fact that Jesus appeared in the role of a prophet, as Moses of old, this was evidence of the _____ under which He ministered.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Jesus returns to Cana, heals a nobleman's son of Capernaum, Cana of Galilee.

2. The _____ Over Disease: John 4:46-54

When Jesus came as God's messenger preaching God's message to Israel, "to repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand", Jesus performed a multitude of miracles as _____ to the nation that they should _____. His person and _____ His message.

The difference between Jesus and the prophets of old were that the prophets were _____ with this power while Christ, as Creator is the _____.

Isa 43:15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

The Healing of the Nobleman's son: According to John's Gospel

- a. This was the first time that Jesus placed an emphasis on _____ in His ministry.
- b. Faith will now become the _____ of all that Jesus does and teaches.
- c. More and more he will be heard to say, "_____ to your faith be it unto you" or rebuke some one for their little or no faith.

2a. The Leper: Matthew 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16

It was the faith of this man that _____ Jesus. Jesus then did a wonderful act of _____. He stooped over and touched the man.

“Love and compassion expressed only in words provides little benefit to the object of pity. But when love and compassion is translated into action, then lasting benefit is passed onto the object of affection.”

2b. The paralytic: Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

Mark informs us that Jesus “saw their faith”. _____ will be seen by one’s actions.

Sin by definition is primarily an offense or _____ against God (Psa. 41:4; 51:4; 107:1; 1Jo. 3:40.)

Psa 51:4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

It is therefore obvious that only the _____ can forgive the offender. Therefore, forgiveness of sin belongs to _____ alone.

3. Authority Over _____: Mark 1:21- 28; Luke 4:31- 37

The third way by which Jesus manifested his Messianic Authority was by His authority over the _____

Now that Satan has fallen from his _____ he has duplicated heaven’s hierarchy among his fallen allies in the attempt to _____ to hinder and thwart the will of God on earth.

Satan’s Workers Identified by Different Designations in the Gospels

Identifying Designation	Number of Times Utilized in Gospels
Devil or devils	76 times
spirit or spirits or devil	18 times
Spirits	4 times
Dumb () spirit	3 times
Evil spirits	2 times
spirit	1 time
Legion	1 time

Satan’s primary goal is to impede or hamper the plan of God in any way possible. He cannot directly attack God so he will try to fulfill his wicked will through the _____ of mankind.

Some Symptoms of Demon Possession or Oppression Seen in the New Testament

Symptoms of the workings of evil spirits	Text in the New Testament
behavior	Matthew 17:15; Mark 5:5
Incredible Brute Force	Luke 8:29
	Acts 16:16
Blindness/Muteness	Matthew 12:22
Deafness	Mark 9:25
Epileptic Like Convulsions and Spasms	Mark 1:26
Vexing or Confusion or in an uproar	Luke 6:18
Crying Out or	Mark 5:5
Nakedness or Phobia of Being Restricted	Mark 5:15
Frothing at the Mouth	Luke 9:39
Self Inflicted Bruising or Buffeting	Luke 9:39 & 2Cor.12:7
	John 8:44
& Deceit	John 8:44 & 2Cor. 11:15
Spiritual	4Cor. 4:4
Unhealthy & anti-social Behavior	Luke 8:29

Open Doors to Evil

- a. Involvement in _____ or a _____ toward authority
1 Samuel 15:23
- b. An _____ to forgive another and _____ bitterness
against them – 2Cor. 2:10,11
- c. Receiving and adhering to _____ and possessing a seared
conscience – 1Tim. 4:1,2
- d. Cultivating a jealous and _____ toward another. 1 Samuel 18:9

Combating Demonic Influence

Biblical Avenue	Biblical Text
Prayer	Matt. 17:20-21; Luke 22:31-32
Prayer and Fasting	Matt. 17:20-21
Humble _____ before God & Resisting the Devil	James 4:7
By Faith Wear the Armor of God	Ephesians 6:11
Exhibit Faith in God	Ephesians 6:19
Avoid certain _____ & Entertainments	Romans 13:14
Protect Our _____	Philippians 4:8
_____ All Known Sin	1 John 1:9

Jesus at Nazareth, is rejected, and moves to Capernaum.

C. Jesus Rejected at Nazareth: Luke 4:16-40

What is recorded in Luke's Gospel chapter 4 and verses 16-30 is the beginnings of the response by the populace that would eventually lead to his _____.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Jesus selected this passage that would be _____ from the Word of God that he who read to them that Sabbath day was the very One who _____ the Messianic prophecy spoken by the prophet Isaiah.

This reception by his hometown was a _____ to the reception that His nation would later give him.

Attempts on Jesus' Life Prior to His Crucifixion

The Type of Attempted Murder	The Cause for the Attempt	Jesus' Response to their Attempt	Gospel Passage Recording the Attempt
Attempts to throw him off a _____	Jesus condemns their unbelief while commending Gentiles for theirs	He _____ through the midst of them	Luke 4:16 – 30
No specifics given, possible stoning	Jesus Claimed Deity	Proclaimed more _____	John 5:16 – 18
By Stoning	Jesus Claimed Deity	Jesus _____ himself	John 8:59
By _____	Jesus Claimed Deity	Proclaimed more truth	John 10:30 – 31
No specifics given, possible stoning.	Jesus Claimed Deity	He escapes, no specifics given	John 10:39

Jesus was _____ to all of these attempts. Why? In order to fulfill the _____.

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John by the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus moves to Capernaum and officially calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him. Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11

We can see here a progression in calling to ministry in the events that led to this calling to be fishers of men.

1. There is first _____ of learning and being exposed to the teaching of a man of God.
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2. Then there is a _____ in one's own relationship and knowledge of Jesus Christ.
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3. Then a _____ of being available for service.
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4. Then the call to _____.
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Peter's Mother-in-Law

Jesus finds a secluded place to pray.

- a. It was _____: before the day got too busy.
- b. It was _____: a place where he would not be disturbed or distracted.
- c. It was _____: He spent time in prayer rather than enjoying His quiet time with a cup of coffee.

Personal Lesson:

The Gospels record several times when Jesus would seek _____ seclusion to pray. He showed us by example that the “ Art of the Sabbath” (rest) has spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical benefits.

2Th 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

These moments of rest are _____ to maintain balance in the hectic times of ministry.

“Be still and know that I am God”. Psalm 46:10

The calling of Matthew in Capernaum.

D. The Call of Matthew: Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:13-14; Luke 5:27-28

The calling of Matthew marks the _____ of the first year of ministry in the life of Jesus.

[1]. Jesus looks upon the _____ and not at their accolades or accomplishments or social standing among their peers.

Luk 9:57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain *man* said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, *Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*

This man desired the right _____, he displayed the right _____, and even gave the right _____ to Jesus' teachings, but the man fell short in that he did not _____ the cost.

So many enter ministry with _____ often trusting in their education, talents and abilities yet never consider the personal sacrifice and the cost.

[2] Jesus never had any misgivings about those _____ that men place upon other men as a deficit to ministry.

1Co 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

It would be this practice of Jesus _____ the shallowness of the elite while calling to the _____ hearts that would follow him that proved to become the _____ between those who trusted in themselves and their accepting Jesus being the _____ sent by God.