

"CHRISTMAS SERIES: JESUS CHRIST REVEALED IN THE GOSPELS"

"JESUS CHRIST REVEALED IN LUKE'S GOSPEL"

"THE PERFECT MAN"

LUKE 2:41-52

INTRO: When properly understood, the Christmas Season can be the **most joyful time of the year**. Unfortunately, there are many who DO NOT properly understand what this season is all about. Many see Christmas as simply a secular holiday that is designed for businesses to make a lot of money, for people to attend a lot of parties, for churches to put on a lot of programs, for children to get time off from school for a winter holiday, etc. Consequently, what could be the **most joyful time of the year**, often becomes **the most stressful time of the year**. **HOW IS IT WITH YOU?** To put Christmas into its proper perspective we must CENTER IT AROUND JESUS CHRIST for **CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR THAT WE CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH**. A crucial part of celebrating the birth of Christ is having a proper understanding of **who Christ is as REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURES**. THAT IS WHAT OUR CHRISTMAS SERIES OF MESSAGES IS ATTEMPTING TO DO...**WHICH IS TO OBSERVE HOW CHRIST IS REVEALED IN THE FOUR GOSPELS**. So far, we have noted that:

- In Matthew, Jesus is revealed as **THE KING OF THE JEWS**.
- In Mark, Jesus is revealed as **THE SERVANT OF GOD AND MANKIND**.

Today we are going to note that in the GOSPEL OF LUKE Jesus is revealed as **THE PERFECT MAN AND YET 100% GOD**.

SOME SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

- 1) The Gospel of Luke was written by a PHYSICIAN – DR. LUKE. As a PHYSICIAN, Luke understood the REALITY OF HUMANITY, and thus, presented Jesus as the **PERFECT MAN**, without losing sight of Christ's full Deity. (Luke 22:66-69)
- 2) The Gospel of Luke reveals Jesus as the **PERFECT MAN** by showing His concern and compassion for the **poor, the lame, the lonely, the widows**, as a part of His DIVINE MISSION. (Luke 4:18,19)
- 3) The Gospel of Luke records **20 MIRACLES** and **23 PARABLES** of Christ which reveal and illustrate His concern and sympathy for humanity. (Luke 7:11-15)
- 4) The Gospel of Luke gives MORE TIME to the BIRTH and LIFE of Jesus than any of the other Gospels, thus revealing His **HUMANITY in the context of His DEITY**.

I. JESUS CHRIST, THE PERFECT MAN WAS REVEALED THROUGH HIS BIRTH

JESUS CHRIST WAS PHYSICALLY AND LITERALLY BORN AS A MAN-CHILD

Luke 1:26-38; 2:7,16

- A. The Miraculous Conception of Christ Maintained His Deity
- B. The Virgin Birth of Christ Guaranteed His Sinlessness
- C. The Physical Birth of Christ Preserved His Humanity

II. JESUS CHRIST, THE PERFECT MAN WAS REVEALED THROUGH HIS GROWTH

JESUS CHRIST PHYSICALLY GREW AS A HUMAN BEING

Luke 2:41-52

- A. Jesus Christ Grew Like any Normal Child – 2:40
- B. Jesus Christ Developed Like any Normal Child – 2:52

III. JESUS CHRIST, THE PERFECT MAN WAS REVEALED THROUGH HIS BAPTISM

JESUS CHRIST WAS PHYSICALLY AND LITERALLY BAPTIZED

Luke 3:21,22

NOTE: **THE VERY FIRST PUBLIC EVENT OF CHRIST'S EARTHLY MINISTRY WAS HIS BAPTISM!**

- A. Christ's Baptism Pictured His Death and Resurrection (Luke 12:50)
- B. Christ's Baptist Prefigured the Significance of Believers Baptism
- C. Christ's Baptism Publicly Identified Him with those whose sins He would Ultimately bear. (1 Peter 3:18)
- D. Christ's Baptism Publicly Affirmed His Messiahship – (Vs. 17)

IV. JESUS CHRIST, THE PERFECT MAN IS REVEALED THROUGH HIS GENEALOGY

JESUS CHRIST WAS PHYSICALLY AND LITERALLY OF HUMAN LINEAGE

Luke 3:23-38

- A. The Genealogy of Christ in Matthew goes through David to Abraham, and thus establishes Him as the King of the Jews.
- B. The Genealogy of Christ in Luke goes to Adam, and thus establishes Him as a Legitimate Part of the Human Race.

V. JESUS CHRIST, THE PERFECT MAN WAS REVEALED THROUGH HIS TEMPTATION

JESUS CHRIST WAS PHYSICALLY AND LITERALLY TEMPTED BY SATAN

Luke 4:1-13

- A. The Fact that Christ was Tempted Proves His Humanity
- B. The Fact that Christ was Tempted without Sin Proves His Deity

VI. JESUS CHRIST, THE PERFECT MAN WAS REVEALED THROUGH HIS MISSION

JESUS CHRIST PHYSICALLY AND LITERALLY DIED

Luke 19:10

NOTE: The phrase "SON OF MAN" identifies Jesus Christ with Humanity

- A. The Coming of the Son of Man
 - Was Prophesied (Isaiah 7:14) and Performed (Luke 2)
- B. The Compassion of the Son of Man
 - In His Healing and Teaching
- C. The Cross of the Son of Man
 - To Seek and Save that which was Lost

LESSON AND APPLICATION

Philippians 2:5-11

- 1) Exalt Christ in your life – Vs. 9
- 2) Bow in Humility before Christ – Vs. 10
- 3) Confess Jesus as Lord – Vs. 11a
- 4) Give Glory to God – Vs. 11b