

LUKE 3-4

JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS

Chapter 3 John Begins His Ministry

Summary: In 29 A.D. John preaches a baptism of repentance (1-20). Jesus is baptized not for repentance, but for identification with sinful man (21-22). Jesus' genealogy is given to show God's sovereign hand in preparing Jesus as Messiah and King to accomplish God's will.

Lesson: *God planned Jesus' life for us; let's trust Him with our lives.*

I. John Ministers For Jesus (1-20) by preparing the way (1-6) and preaching salvation through Jesus (7-20). [Repentance and salvation are evidenced by being generous (11), honest (13), and content (14)].

II. Jesus Prepares For Ministry (3:21-38) with the record of His baptism (21-22), and His genealogy (23-38).

Chapter 4 Jesus Begins His Ministry

Summary: Jesus endures the trials of temptation and rejection (1-30). His ministry in Galilee includes deliverance, healing, and preaching (31-44).

Lesson: *Jesus is our example and our enabler in trials and triumphs.*

I. Jesus Endures Trials (1-30) as He is tempted by Satan (1-13), and He is rejected In Nazareth (14-30).

II. Jesus Ministers Salvation (31-44) as He delivers a demoniac (31-37), heals many (38-41), and preaches to many (42-44).