

Course: Jesus the Son of God

Section One: The Son of God became the Son of Man.

Lesson 2

Title: The Anointed One

Text: Acts 10:38 'How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.'

Introduction: The ministry of Jesus was in the power of the Holy Spirit not through His inherent power as the Son of God.

Question: In His humiliation Jesus did nothing by His power as the Son of God. Why was this important?

Because He came to make us like Himself.

If Jesus did anything through His power as the Son of God He could not have said 'Greater works shall you do because I go to the Father' (John 14:12).

There is only One eternal Son of God. We worship Him.

But we become like Him in character because our life is now 'hid with Christ in God' (Colossians 3:3). We can become like Him in ministry 'empowered by the Spirit', (Acts 1:8).

The name Christian means 'a follower of Christ'. Believers were first called Christians at Antioch (Acts 11:26). It was a name given to them by those who saw them.

The world should see the life of Christ, the love of Christ, and the power of Christ in believers.

People often see everything in the Church except the Lord Jesus Christ.

Illustration: People are drawn to Christ when they see Him in His people.

Prison ministry – prisoners see the life of Christ and the love of Christ.

Drawn to new life in Christ

The light shines brightest in the darkest places. Going to people who nobody else cares about.

Quote: William Booth told his workers to 'Go for souls, and go for the worst'.

Main Points:

1. Jesus always produced the fruit of holiness, but He performed no miracle before He was baptised with the Holy Spirit.

a) Jesus in the temple.

Luke 2:46 'And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.'

When Jesus was twelve the doctors of the law were amazed at Him when He listened to them and asked them questions.

His intellectual ability as a young man was exceptional but this was not the power of the Holy Spirit.

It was not a miraculous manifestation.

He spoke like this because of who He is and there was no darkness in Him.

His learning developed as He grew from boyhood to manhood,

His character also developed as He grew up, but His life always produced the fruit of holiness because there was no sin in Him.

b) And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. (Luke 2:52).

Stature refers to growing physically, growing to maturity.

Favour refers to giving pleasure, delight.

The people of Nazareth enjoyed Jesus, the son of Mary, being in Nazareth.

He was holy.

He was godly.

He was caring.

He was a carpenter (probably the family provider after Joseph's death).

His custom was to read at the synagogue.

He was in favour with the people.

Their attitude towards Him changed when He came in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. The ministry of Jesus was in the power of the Holy Spirit.

a) The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus when He was baptised by John the Baptist.

The ministry of Jesus began after He was baptised with the Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:16-17 'And Jesus, when he was baptised, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'

b) Immediately He was led of the Holy Spirit to be tempted.

Matthew 4:1 'Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.'

He was tempted to move in His inherent power as the Son of God instead of moving under the leadership and in the power of the Holy Spirit. 'If you are the Son of God...' Matthew 4:3,6.

This would not only be a rejection of the Father's plan and purpose and the Holy Spirit's leadership, it would be a rejection of His people because He would be acting only for Himself.

It was the same when He was on the cross. Matthew 27:40 'And saying, You that destroys the temple, and builds it in three days, save thyself. If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.'

c) Jesus came out of the wilderness in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:14 'And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.'

3. The anointing brought persecution.

a) Jesus was rejected when He returned to Nazareth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The people who had seen Him every week were not willing to accept His ministry.

They sought to kill Him when He told them He was the anointed One.

Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1-2a. Jesus was declaring that He is the Anointed One, the Christ.

The Christ - His ministry

Son of the Living God - His eternal nature and character

b) When Jesus read in the synagogue He did not read the whole passage, Luke 4:17-19.

He closed the book and did not read 'the day of vengeance of our God' Isaiah 61:2b.

He did not come the first time to bring in 'the day of vengeance'.

They were so angry they wanted to kill Him because He was claiming to be the Messiah.

Luke 4:29-30 'And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way,'

Summary:

- 1) Jesus became like us so that we can become like Him.
- 2) His ministry began when He was baptised with the Holy Spirit. This is why He could say to His disciples 'as my Father has sent me, even so send I you' (John 20:21b).
- 3) The anointing of the Spirit brought Him into conflict with those with whom He had favour before He was anointed with the Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit will bring the body of Christ into greater spiritual warfare.