

Christ Church Clifton Sermon Notes & Questions



Series: Kingdom Living Weekend

Passage: Luke 4:1-30

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Sermon Notes:

- Luke 4 show us what a Spirit filled life looks like
- V18 – The anointing of the Spirit was upon Jesus – Jesus is revealing to us what a humanity restored in the likeness of Father, Son and Holy Spirit looks like

Temptation account

- 3 temptations – Jesus refuses to do what he could have done as the Son of God – instead he chooses to put his trust in the promises of God
- In this way Jesus models the fully human life
- V10-11 – Philip Yancey says ‘The future of human history is held in the balance’ because that is the key moment where Jesus could have acted as God rather than in his humanity
- The devil trembles at the thought of a redeemed humanity so Satan tried to get Jesus to operate in his divinity
- Jesus came to show us what we can be like – see John 14:12

Anointing

- What would Jesus do? Luke 4 tells us
- The Spirit of the Lord is on me = good news for the poor, the prisoners, the marginalised, the sick and oppressed

What Spirit of the Lord do you have upon you?

- The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead
- The Spirit of the Lord upon YOU = good news too

Jesus went on to reveal the reality of what the Kingdom of God in the power of the Holy Spirit looks like BUT people got offended when Jesus went beyond the understanding of the religious and they were offended at him!

Will you go to people and turn a problem into a prayer and see what God will do?

Questions

1. How do you think Jesus was able to perform the miraculous? As a man or as God?
2. How does Phil 2:6-8 help us to answer question 1?
3. How does Luke 4 show us what a Holy Spirit empowered human life can look like?
4. What were the different temptations that Jesus faced?
5. How was Satan tempting Jesus to act out of his divinity and not his humanity in the final temptation?
6. How was ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me’ good news through Jesus?
7. What Spirit of the Lord do we have on us? How is this good news for us and for the world?
8. This week will you go to people and ‘turn a problem into a prayer’ i.e. be prepared to take a risk and offer to pray when someone has a problem?