

The **FOUR** Gospels As One: The Beginning

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PART ONE - BEFORE JESUS BEGAN HIS MINISTRY

PROLOGUE

JOHN 1

- ¶ 1. In the beginning the Word was there, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. He was in the beginning with God.
3. Everything was created through him, and without him was nothing created that was created.
4. In him was life, and the life was the light of men;
5. and the light is shining in the darkness, but the darkness did not comprehend it.

TWO BIRTHS: JOHN THE BAPTIZER AND JESUS

LUKE 1

- ¶ 1. Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to produce an orderly account of the events which have been accomplished among us
2. (as also they who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word delivered them *to us*),
3. it seemed good to me as well, having followed all things carefully from the beginning, to write an orderly account for you, noble Theophilus,
4. so that you might have complete knowledge of the things you hold as true.
- ¶ 5. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of the priestly division of Abijah^R, and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
6. They were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord.
7. They were childless because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in age.
- ¶ 8. It happened that as *Zacharias* ministered in his appointed order before God,
9. according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter into the temple of the Lord to burn incense.

10. Now at the hour of incense burning, all the multitude of the people prayed outside,
11. and the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the incense altar.
12. When Zacharias saw *the angel*, he was troubled, and fear fell on him.
13. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth shall bare you a son, and you shall call his name John.
14. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,
15. for he will be great before the Lord, and he will not drink wine or strong drink^N, and he will be filled with holy spirit from his mother’s womb.
16. Many of the children of Israel will he turn to the Lord their God,
17. and he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to prepare a people made ready for the Lord.”
18. Then Zacharias said to the angel, “By what shall I know this? For I am elderly, and my wife is advanced in years.”
19. The angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands before God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring these good tidings to you.
20. And now, see! You shall be mute, unable to speak, until the day these things come to pass, forasmuch as you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their appointed time.”
21. Now the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they marveled that he was so long in the temple.
22. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they discerned that he had seen a vision in the temple. He was making gestures to them, but he remained mute.
23. And so it was that when the days of his sacred service were completed, Zacharias went to his house.
- ¶ 24. After those days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she secluded herself five months, saying,
25. “Thus has the Lord dealt with me, in the days in which He regarded *me* and put an end to insulting talk about me among people.”
- ¶ 26. In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee by the name of Nazareth,
27. to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mariam.

28. And when the angel came to her, he said, “Greetings, O favored woman! The Lord is with you, and you are blessed among women.”
29. And when she saw *him*, she was deeply shaken by his speech and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
30. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mariam. You have found favor with God.
31. And now, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.
32. He will be great, and he will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
33. and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
34. Then Mariam said to the angel, “How shall this be, since I do not know a man?”
35. And the angel answered and said to her, “The holy spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy thing born will be called *the* Son of God.
36. Know also that Elizabeth, your relative, has herself also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren,
37. for nothing shall be impossible with God!”
38. Then Mariam said, “See *here* the slave of the Lord. Let it be unto me as you say.” And the angel left her.
- ¶ 39. At that time, Mariam rose up and hurried into the hill country, to a city of Judah,
40. and she entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.
41. And it happened that when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mariam, the baby jumped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with holy spirit,
42. and she cried with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
43. How has this happened to me, that the mother of my lord should come to me?
44. For behold, when the sound of your greeting came into my ears, the baby jumped for joy in my womb!
45. Blessed is she who believed, for there shall be a fulfillment of the things spoken to her from the Lord.”
46. Then Mariam said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,
47. and my spirit has rejoiced because of God my Savior,
48. for He has looked upon the low estate of His slave. Behold, from this time forward, all generations will consider me blessed.

49. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name!
50. His mercy *endures* from generation to generation toward those that fear Him.
51. He has done a mighty deed with His arm. He has scattered the arrogant in the thought of their hearts.
52. He has brought down the powerful from *their* thrones and lifted up the lowly.
53. He has fully satisfied the hungry with good things, but the rich has He sent away empty.
54. He has come to the aid of Israel His son, remembering mercy,
55. just as He said to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.”
- ¶ 56. For about three months, Mariam remained with *Elizabeth*, and then returned to her home.

MATTHEW 1

¶ 18 This is how the birth of Jesus came about.

After his mother Mariam was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by *the* holy spirit.

19 Now, Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to make her a public spectacle, planned to put her away in secret.

20 But as he pondered over these things, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mariam for your wife because that which is conceived in her is of *the* holy spirit,

21 and she will bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus^N, for he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled:

23 “Behold, a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel [which is translated, ‘God with us’].”

24 And when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife,

25 but he did not know her until she had given birth to her firstborn son, and he called his name Jesus.

LUKE 2

¶ 57. Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

58. Then her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had greatly shown his

mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

59. And when the eighth day had come, they came to circumcise the baby, and they called it by his father's name, Zacharias.

60. But his mother answered and said, "No! He will be called John."

61. And they said to her, "There's nobody in your family called by that name."

62. Then they motioned to his father, to find out what he wanted him to be called.

63. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote the words, "His name is John." And they were all amazed.

64. And instantly his mouth was opened, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, praising God.

65. And fear came upon everyone who lived about them; and throughout the Judean hill country all these things were spoken of.

66. And all who heard *these things* kept *them* in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was upon him.

¶ 67. Then Zacharias his father was filled with holy spirit and prophesied, saying,

68. "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited *us* and provided redemption for His people.

69. And He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David his servant

70. (as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from time immemorial),

71. salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all those who hate us,

72. to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant,

73. the oath which He swore to Abraham our father, to grant to us that,

74. being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we might serve Him fearlessly

75. in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

76. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His paths,

77. to give knowledge of salvation to His people through the forgiveness of their sins,

78. through the tender mercies of our God, by which the daybreak from on high has visited us,

79. to shine on those who sit in the darkness and shadow of death, to guide our feet to the way of peace."

¶ 80. And the child grew and became mighty in spirit, and he was in wilderness places until the day of his appearing to Israel.

LUKE 2

¶ 1. It came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar

- Augustus that all the world be registered for taxation.
2. (This first census was made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
 3. And everyone went to be registered, each to his own city.
 4. Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David,
 5. to be registered, with Mariam who was betrothed to him, being with child.
 6. And it came about that while they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to give birth.
 7. And she gave birth to her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.
- ¶ 8. Now there were shepherds in that same country, camping in the field and keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And there appeared to them the angel of the Lord, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them, and they were filled with fear.
 10. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! I bring you good tidings of great joy, which will be to all the people,
 11. for today in the city of David there is born unto you a savior, who is Christ the Lord.
 12. And this *is* a sign for you: you will find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”
 13. And suddenly, there appeared with the angel many from heaven’s army, praising God and saying,
 14. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace; *and* good will to men.”
- ¶ 15. And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go right now to Bethlehem and see this thing that’s happened, which the Lord’s made known to us.”
16. So, they went with all haste, and they found both Mariam and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.
 17. And after they had seen *this*, they made known what had been spoken to them about this baby.
 18. And everyone who heard *their report* marveled at the things told them by the shepherds.
 19. But Mariam kept all these things close, pondering *them* in her heart.
 20. So, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen, *for it was all* just as had been proclaimed to them.

- ¶ 21. And when the eight days were fulfilled to circumcise him, his name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- ¶ 22. And when the days for their purification were fulfilled, according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present *him* to the Lord
23. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male child who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.”)
24. And to offer a sacrifice, according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”
25. Now, there was a man in Jerusalem by the name of Simeon, and this man was upright and god-fearing and was looking for the consolation of Israel, and the holy spirit was on him.
26. And it had been revealed to him by the holy spirit that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord’s Christ.
27. And he came by the spirit to the temple; and when the parents brought in the baby Jesus to do to it according to the custom of the law,
28. he took it into his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29. “Now let your slave go in peace, O Master, according to your word
30. because my eyes have seen your salvation
31. which you have prepared before the face of all people,
32. a light for the enlightenment of Gentiles and for the glory of your people Israel.”
33. And Joseph and *the baby’s* mother were amazed at what was being spoken concerning it.
34. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mariam its mother, “Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel and for a sign that will be spoken against –
35. a sword will pierce through even your own soul – so that the thoughts of many hearts might be revealed.”
36. And Anna, a prophetess, was there, a daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher (she was very old, having lived seven years with a husband from her maidenhood,
37. and she was a widow about eighty-four years). She did not leave the temple, serving God night and day with fastings and prayers.
38. And she, coming in at that very moment, extolled the Lord and spoke about *the baby* to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.
39. And when they had completed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

¶ 40. And the baby grew, and became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and God's grace was upon it.

JESUS' YOUTH: THE VISIT OF THE MAGI, AND JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

MATTHEW 2

- ¶ 1 Now in the days of Herod the king, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem,
- 2 saying, "Where is the one who is born *to be* King of the Jews? We saw his star in the East, and we have come to pay homage to him."
- 3 When King Herod heard *this*, he was troubled, and all of Jerusalem with him,
- 4 and when he had gathered together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah should be born.
- 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet,
- 6 'And you, Bethlehem *in the* land of Judah, you are by no means least among the rulers in Judah, for out of you shall come a ruler, who will shepherd my people Israel.'"
- 7 Then Herod, having secretly called the Magi, ascertained precisely from them the time of the star's appearance.
- 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found *him*, bring me a report, so that I, too, may come and do him homage."
9. Upon hearing the king, they went, and the star that they saw in the East went before them until it stood over where the child was.
- 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with an exceedingly great joy.
- 11 And when they came into the house, they saw the child with Mariam his mother, and prostrating themselves, they worshiped him, and they opened their treasure chests and presented gifts to him of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12 But being warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, they returned to their own country by another way.
- ¶ 13 When they had departed, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Rise up; take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to seek the child, to kill it."
- 14 And he arose and took the child and its mother by night and departed for Egypt,
- 15 and he was there until the death of Herod, so that which was spoken by the

Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

- 16 Then, when Herod saw that he had been fooled by the Magi, he was furious, and he issued orders to do away with all the children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding areas, from two years old and under, according to the time which he ascertained from the Magi.
- 17 Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,
- 18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, great lamentation and weeping and mourning, Rachel crying *for* her children, and she refused to be comforted because they are dead.”
- 19 After Herod died, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream in Egypt,
- 20 saying, “Rise up; take the child and its mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who seek the life of the child have died.”
- 21 And when he arose, he took the child and its mother and went into the land of Israel.
- 22 But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned in a dream, he departed into the territory of Galilee;
- 23 and when he came, he settled in a city called Nazareth. Thus was fulfilled what was said by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

LUKE 2

- ¶ 41. Now his parents traveled every year to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.
42. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast,
43. and those days being completed, when they started back, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem. But Joseph and his mother did not realize it,
44. and thinking he was among the group of travelers, they went a days’ journey and then began looking for him among their relatives and acquaintances.
45. And not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.
46. And it came about, after three days, that they found him in the temple, seated in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
47. Everyone who heard him was astonished at his understanding and his answers.
48. And when *his parents* saw him, they were dumbfounded, and his mother said

to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been terribly worried, looking for you!”

49. And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Don’t you know that I have to be in my Father’s house?”

50. But they did not understand what he said to them.

51. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and he was submissive to them. And his mother kept all these things in her heart.

¶ 52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

PART TWO: JOHN'S BAPTISM

LUKE 3

- ¶ 1. Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanius tetrarch of Abilene,
2. during the priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
 3. And then he came to all the area around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,
 4. as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "A voice crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the LORD! Make His paths straight!
 5. Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be leveled, and the crooked ways will be straight, and the uneven places *will be* smooth roads.
 6. And all flesh will see the salvation of God!"
- ¶ 7. Now, John said to multitudes who were coming out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of serpents! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
8. Produce fruit fit for repentance! And do not begin to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham *as our* father,' for I tell you that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.
 9. Even now, the ax is laid at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire!"
 10. And the people asked him, "Then, what are we to do?"
 11. He answered and said to them, "Let the one who has two shirts share with him who has *none*. And he who has food, let him do the same."
 12. Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"
 13. He said to them, "Demand nothing beyond what you are authorized to *collect*."
 14. Soldiers, too, asked him questions, saying, "What about us? What shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by force, nor accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages."
- ¶ 15. The people were in suspense, and all of them were debating in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ.
16. John answered them all, "As for me, I indeed baptize with water, but a mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to

- loose. He will baptize you with holy spirit and fire,
 17. whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his threshing floor, and then he will gather the wheat into his storehouse, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

JOHN 1

6. There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
7. He came as a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, so that through him, all men might believe.
8. He was not the light; rather, *he came* to bear witness of the light.
9. The true light was what gives light to all men when it comes into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him.
11. He came to his home, and his own people did not receive him,
12. but to as many as did receive him, to those who believe on his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
13. who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as from a father to an only begotten son, full of grace and truth.
15. (John bore witness of him and cried out, saying, “This is the man of whom I said, ‘The one coming after me is greater than I, for he was before I *was*.’”)
16. And from his fullness have we all received, and grace upon grace;
17. that is, the Law was given through Moses; *then* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
18. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son^N who is next to^N the Father has made *Him* known.
- ¶ 19. And this is John’s testimony, when the Jews^N sent priests and Levites out of Jerusalem to him to ask him, “Who are you?”
20. He confessed, and did not deny *it*, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”
21. Then they asked him, “Who, then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” And he answered, “No.”
22. So they said to him, “Who are you, that we might give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”
23. He said, “I am ‘A voice crying in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord”’, as Isaiah the prophet said.”
24. (Now those who were sent were of the Pharisees.)
25. And they questioned him and said to him, “Why, then, do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?”
26. John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but in your midst stands

one whom you do not know.

27. This is the man coming after me, the one made greater than I. I am unworthy to undo the strap of his sandal.”

28. These things took place near Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Matthew 3

¶ 1. In those days appeared John the Baptizer preaching in the wilderness of Judea

2. and saying, “Repent! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

3. This is what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “A voice crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord! Make his paths straight!’”

4. Now this John had clothing *made* of camel hair, and a leather belt around his loins, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5. At that time, Jerusalem and all Judea, as well as the whole region around Jordan, were coming out to him

6. and were being baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “Descendants of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

8. Produce fruit worthy of repentance!

9. And do not think to say within yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’, for I say to you that God is able to raise up from these stones children for Abraham.

10. The ax is already laid at the root of the trees. Every tree, therefore, that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire!

11. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but after me, one mightier than I is coming, whose sandals I am unworthy to remove; he will baptize you with holy spirit.

12. His winnowing fork *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse what he has threshed and will gather his wheat into the storehouse, but the chaff will he burn up with unquenchable fire.”

Mark 1

¶ 1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

¶ 2. As it is written in the prophets, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.

3. A voice crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!’”

4. John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.
5. And all the territory of Judea went out to him, and those of Jerusalem, and they were all baptized in the Jordan River by him, confessing their sins.
6. And John was clothed with camel hair and a leather girdle about his loins, and he lived on locusts and wild honey.
7. And he preached, saying, “One I coming who is mightier than I, the latchet of whose sandals I am unworthy to stoop to loose for him.
8. I indeed baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with holy spirit.”

Matthew 3

- ¶ 13 Then Jesus arrived at the Jordan from Galilee *and came to John to be baptized by him.*
- 14 But John stopped him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?”
- 15 Jesus answered and said to him, “For now, let it be; for this is the right way for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him *to be baptized.*
- 16 And when he had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God descending in the form of a dove and coming upon him.
- 17 And behold there was a voice from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Mark 1

- ¶ 9. And it happened that in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and he was baptized by John in the Jordan.
10. And immediately, as he came up from the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the spirit like a dove descending upon him,
11. and there was a voice from heaven, saying, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Luke 3

- ¶ 21. Now it happened that, when all the people were being baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and as he prayed, heaven opened,
22. and the holy spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove, and there came a voice from heaven, saying, “You are my Son, the beloved. In you, I am well pleased.”
- ¶ 23. Now, Jesus was about thirty years old . . .

Matthew 4

- ¶ 1 At that time, Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the spirit to be tested by the Devil.
- 2 And after he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
- 3 And when the Tempter came to him, he said, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones be turned into bread.”
- 4 But he answered, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.’”
- 5 Then the Devil carried him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple;
- 6 and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will give orders to His angels concerning you, and they will bear you up in *their* hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”
- 7 Jesus said to him, “It is also written, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”
- 8 Again, the Devil carried him up into a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;
- 9 and he said to him, “All these things will I give you if you fall down and worship me.”
- 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.’”
- 11 Then the Devil left him; and immediately angels came and ministered to him.

Luke 4

- ¶ 1. Then Jesus, full of holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness
2. to be tempted forty days by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were ended, he hungered.
3. And the Devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”
4. But Jesus answered him, “It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”
5. Then, taking *Jesus* up on a high mountain, the Devil showed him all the kingdoms of the earth in a moment of time.
6. And the Devil said to him, “I will give you all this authority, and their glory, for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I please.
7. So, if you bow down before me, it will all be yours.”

8. Then Jesus answered him, “Get behind me, Satan! It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.’”
9. And then *the Devil* led him to Jerusalem, and stood him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from here,
10. for it is written, ‘He will command His angels concerning you, to diligently watch over you,’
11. and, ‘They will bear you up in their hands, lest your foot strike against a stone.’”
12. But Jesus told him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”
13. And so, when the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him for a little while.

Mark 1

- ¶ 12. And immediately the spirit drove him into the wilderness,
13. and he was there in the wilderness, tempted forty days by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

John 1

- ¶ 29. The next day, he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!
30. This is the one of whom I said, ‘The man coming after me is made greater than I, for he was before I *was*.’
31. And I did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water is so that he might be made known to Israel.”
32. And John testified, saying, “I watched the spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him.
33. And I did not know him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘Upon whomever you see the spirit descend and remain on him, the same is he who baptizes with holy spirit.’
34. And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”
- ¶ 35. The following day, John was standing there again, along with two of his disciples,
36. and when he saw Jesus walking, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”
37. His two disciples heard him say *this*, and so, they followed after Jesus.

38. When Jesus turned about and noticed them following, he asked them, “Who are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi (which when translated means ‘teacher’), where are you staying?”
39. He said to them, “Come on and see.” So they came, and they saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (It was about the tenth hour.^N)
40. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two *standing* by John who heard *him* and then followed after *Jesus*.
41. This man found his brother Simon first and said to him, “We’ve found the Messiah (which is translated as ‘Christ’^N)!”
42. Then he led him to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, he said, “You are Simon, the son of Jonah; you’ll be called Cephas (which is translated as ‘Peter’^N).”
- ¶ 43. The next day, Jesus wanted to depart into Galilee, and he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”
44. (Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.)
45. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the man Moses wrote about in the Law, and the prophets *spoke of*, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
46. But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come see.”
47. Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Look! A real Israelite, in whom there is no guile!”
48. Nathanael said to him, “Where do you know me from?” Jesus answered him and said, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”
49. Nathanael answered and said to him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel!”
50. Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you believe, *just* because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You’ll see greater things than these.”
51. And then he said to him, “Truly, truly, I tell you, hereafter you’ll see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

LUKE 3

- ¶ 18. So, with many other exhortations, *John* declared the good news to the people.
19. But Herod the tetrarch, when he was reproved by *John* because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evils Herod did,

20. he added this also to all that: he had John locked up in the prison.