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This study, including our review starting from Gabriel speaking to Zacharias, to Jesus' temptations, will cover 31.7 years over three lessons. So, we have a lot of "ground to cover." Matt 3:1-4:11 covers about 9 months.

Where we left off on Jan 12: Matt 2:1-16

<sup>16</sup> Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, **according to the time which he had determined from the magi.**

regions of Galilee,

Herod's attempt to kill Jesus occurred 2.07 years after Zacharias spoke to Zechariah.

#### Review

Zacharias: "**How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.**" (Luke 1:18; Sat, Dec 15, 4 BC, 1st day of the Feast of Dedication)

because we suffer doesn't mean God can't use that suffering for good!

Slide 3: What do you think of Zacharias' response?

This wasn't the perfect response. Did Zacharius lose out? Will we when we flub up?

God used it for good! Lots of prayer before and after. Just

Slide 4 and 5: intentionally deleted for this handout. Zacharias' prayers were answered far beyond his wildest expectations. He wanted a son who would lead many to the Lord, and he got the son who would herald the Messiah!! Don't ever say I messed up, God can't use me. Look at how God used Zacharias and Elizabeth! God answered Zacharias and Elizabeth's prayers. He will answer ours if we pour our hearts into them!

By the way, what made John great ("**For he will be great in the sight of the Lord,**" Gabriel speaking in Luke 1:15)? And what did Jesus say about John?

11 "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he (Matt 11:11). Explain the last part.

#### Review (Zacharias cont.)

- One year after Gabriel's pronouncement, as Zacharias' speech returned, he said, "**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,** <sup>69</sup> **And has raised up a horn of salvation for us ...** <sup>79</sup> **TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the way of peace.**" (Luke 1:68-69, 79)

Slide 6: What Scripture is Zacharias quoting, in small caps? Notice, this is the rebuttal to many who rejected Christ due to His coming from Galilee.

What is the horn of salvation about? The symbol of God's deliverance. Gen 22:13: Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

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You see, the bond servant of the Lord will have grief, but as Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matt 11:29-30).

For us to expect no suffering is foolishness. But the Lord will carry us through it!

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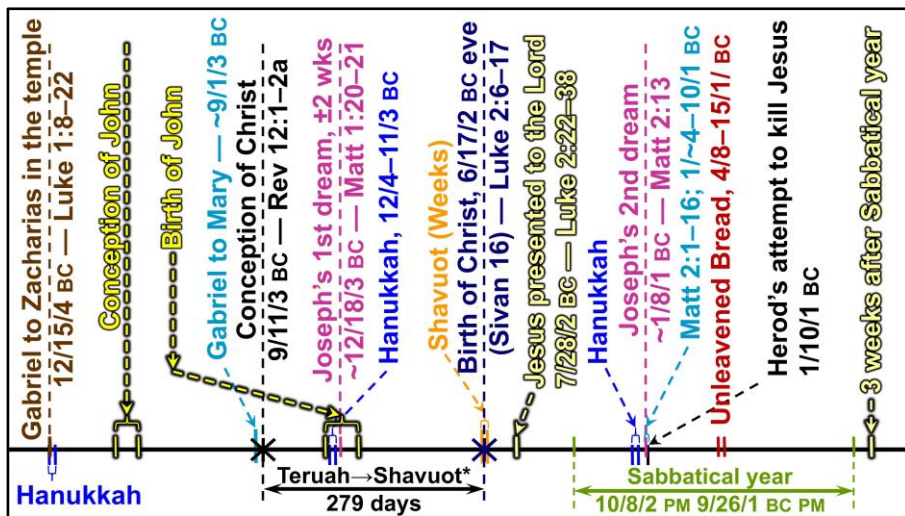
Elizabeth about 9 days later: **"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."** Luke 1:45.

Slide 7: Wow! Wasn't that incredible!

Mary was incredibly blessed. Yet she died. No doubt her heart grieved when her husband Joseph died, and certainly when Jesus died.

We, too, can have a picture-perfect response to God. It starts with humility: we are bonds slaves of the Lord.

Slide 8: Who told Mary that she would bare Christ? How to Elizabeth know? Do you think she knew about Zacharias' failing to believe Gabriel when he was first spoken to?



Slide 9: Applications for us:

(1) The Lord exquisitely planned the events around Christ's birth. **As children of God through faith in Christ, we are "fellow heirs with Christ" (Rom 8:16). We will not be left behind. Our future is just as exquisitely planned.** God can multi-task. He will take care of you and me despite opposition and conflict.

(2) This sequence testifies that Jesus is the pre-appointed Messiah from before creation. The star alignments and trajectories were set at creation to reflect this. This latter-day understanding is

probably part of the predicted knowledge increase before Christ's return (Dan 12:4, 9). **He is coming quickly and His reward is with Him (Rev 21:12)! Be the faithful slave when He returns and He will put you in charge of all His possessions (Matt 24:45-47).** "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal" (Matt 6:19-20).

- (3) **The evidence that Christ is the Messiah, preplanned from creation, is abundant. Yet, many find excuses, such as something they can't explain, to reject Him. Don't be like them. Go "all in" for Him!** (See John 7:40-43 as an example of finding excuses to reject Christ as the Messiah despite of overwhelming evidence.)

Luke 1:56: And Mary stayed with her about three months, and *then* returned to her home. (Mary was in her 85th day and her 92nd day of her pregnancy when the AD 3 Feast of Dedication started and ended, respectively, 12/4-11/3 BC. Her return to Nazareth may have been planned to connect with her relatives or other pilgrims as they returned from the Feast of Dedication, departing from the feast on Thursday, December 12, and arriving in Nazareth on about Tuesday, December 17. If that is correct, Joseph's dream would occur the next night (early on December 18). Hence, the line drawing in the chart above.



1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’ ” ...

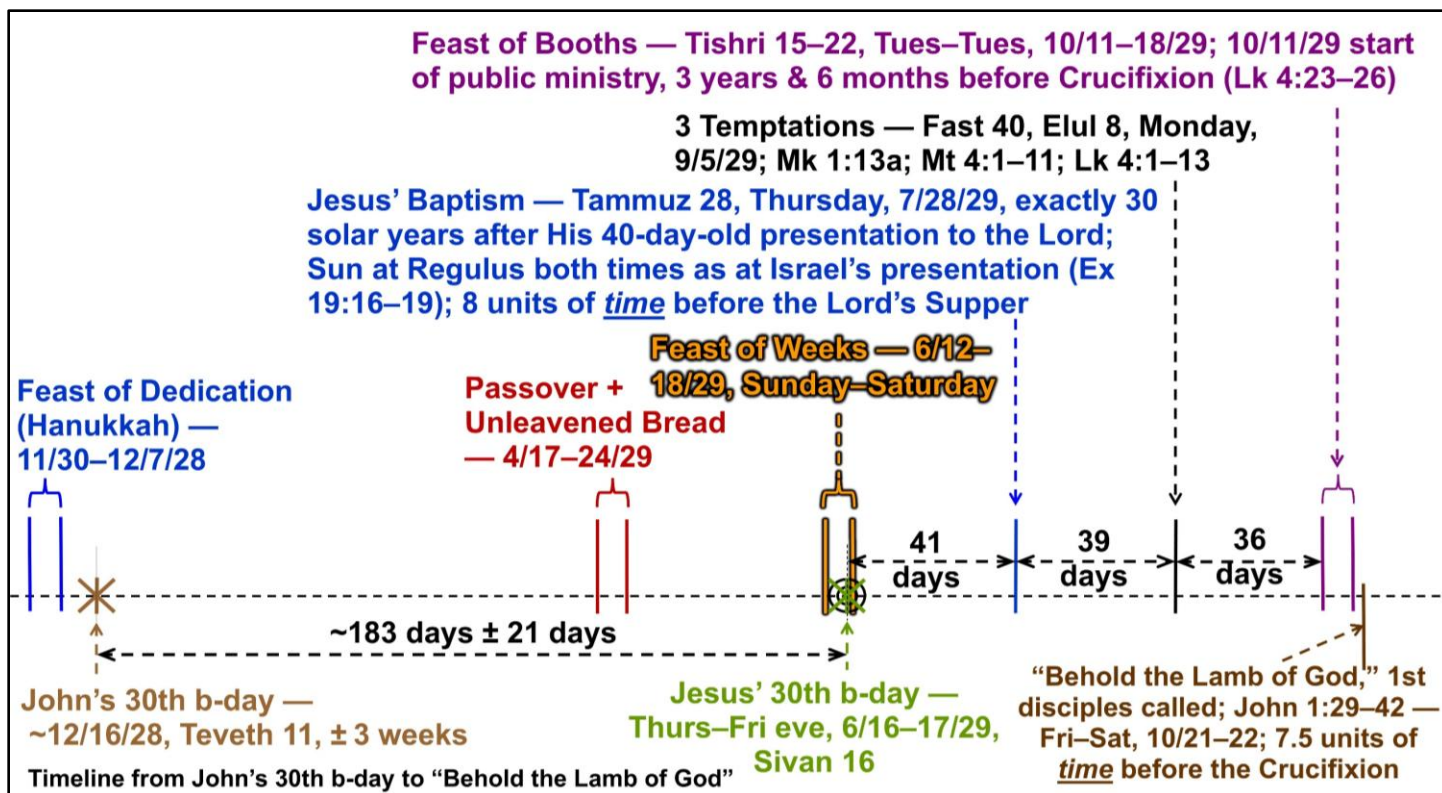
Slide 10: What scriptures suggest a significant priesthood should start at age 30?

1. God keeps His promises. Christ came. He will come again!

Since John was six months older than Jesus and as a priest with a significant ministry needed to be 30 to start his ministry, Matt 3:1 probably occurred about six months before Matt 3:13. My best estimates are:

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- Timeline from Zacharias through Crucifixion**
- Top Section: Zacharias through end of early Christian historians' estimates of Jesus' birth, 2.2 years**  
 (1 inch = 84 days @ 10.8-inch figure width)
- Bottom Section: ZACHARIUS IN TEMPLE TO CRUCIFIXION, 35.3 years**  
 (1 inch = 1,360 days, based on 10.8-inch figure width)
- Key Events and Dates:**
- Zacharias in the temple:** 12/15/4 BC — Luke 1:8–22
  - Conception of Christ:** 9/11/3 BC
  - John the Baptist's birth:** 12/19/3 BC ± 3 weeks
  - Jesus' birth:** 6/17/2 BC PM
  - Worship by Magi:** 1/7/1 BC ± 1 day
  - John's birth:** 12/16/28 ± 3 weeks
  - Jesus' birth:** 6/17/29
  - Crucifixion:** 4/3/33 Nisan 14
  - John's 30th birthday:** 12/16/28 ± 3 weeks
  - Jesus' 30th b-day:** 6/17/29
  - Crucifixion:** 4/3/33 Nisan 14
  - End of Daniel's 69th Seven:** 3/28
- Timeline from John's 30th birthday to Jesus' crucifixion, 4.3 years**  
 (1 inch = 165 days)
- Key Events and Dates:**
- John's 30th birthday:** 12/16/28 ± 3 weeks
  - Passover + Unleavened Bread:** 10/11–18/29
  - Feast of Booths:** 10/9–16/32
  - Jesus' Baptism:** 7/28/29
  - Start of public ministry:** ~10/11–18/29
  - Passover + Unleavened Bread:** 4/6–13/30
  - John's 30th birthday:** 12/16/28 ± 3 weeks
  - Jesus' 30th b-day:** 6/17/29
  - Crucifixion:** 4/3/33 Nisan 14
  - End of Daniel's 69th Seven:** 3/28
- Timeline from Jesus' 30th b-day to Crucifixion, 3 years and 6 months**  
 (1 inch = 165 days)
- Key Events and Dates:**
- Jesus' 30th b-day:** 6/17/29
  - Crucifixion:** 4/3/33 Nisan 14
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Slide 12, above: Timeline for Matt 3:1 to 4:11 relative to Jesus' baptism and the start of His ministry. Jesus' baptism:

1. Occurred exactly 30 solar years after His infant presentation to the Lord with the identical astronomical alignment—the sun at Regulus.
2. Had the same astronomical sign as the Exodus predecessor event: presentation of the men of Israel to the Lord to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation if they would obey the Lord (Ex 19:3–6, 16–19). The sun was at the star Regulus in both cases, as it was at Jesus' 40-day-old infant presentation to the Lord.
3. Jesus publicly identified with the Father's plan and the start of His ministry. In hindsight, of course, it had to be on the anniversary of the men of Israel's commissioning.
4. Jesus' baptism (commissioning of His ministry) was eight units of *time* (*time* equals 24 turns of weekly priestly service, probably reflecting an organization in heaven) before His Last Supper (commissioning of His apostles and team) and crucifixion. Division 1 of the priests was responsible for the temple both at Jesus' baptism and His crucifixion.

FYI, Jesus was baptized on Tammuz 28 (Thursday, July 28, AD 29). The men of Israel were presented to the Lord Tammuz 20 (Friday, July 19, 1448 BC). Jesus' infant presentation to the Lord was on Tammuz 26 (Monday, July 28, 2 BC).

What did we skip, between Herod's attempt to kill Jesus and John and Jesus starting their ministry?

Slide 13: No notes.

Slides 14, 15, and 16: intentionally skipped in this handout.

Matt 3:4–8

<sup>4</sup> Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; <sup>6</sup> and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Slide 17: Compared John's approach to the Pharisees and Sadducees to:

1. *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, by Dale Carnegie.
2. Was it wrong for John to call these religious leaders a den of vipers? Explain.
3. Jesus' similar description of the Pharisees and Sadducees: Matt 12:23, 24, 25, 34, 35; 23:13, 27, 28 (brood of vipers and whitewashed tombstones)  
1 Tm 6:10: For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the

Matt 3:9-11

<sup>9</sup> and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> "The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Slide 18: Parable of the fig tree:

Luke 13:6ff And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. <sup>7</sup> "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; <sup>9</sup> and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.' " (very close to the AD 32 Feast of Dedication [12/17-24/32], some

time after the AD 32 Feast of Booths [10/9-16/32])

Jesus cursing the fig tree:

Matt 21: 18 Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. <sup>19</sup> Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, "No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered. (Monday, March 30, AD 33, four days before His crucifixion)

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit:

John 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' " <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:37-39, NASB-95, October 16, AD 32).

Matt 3:12

<sup>12</sup> "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Slide 19: Parable of the goats and the sheep (Tuesday afternoon, March 31, 3 days before His crucifixion):

Matt 25:31ff:

<sup>31</sup> "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious

throne. <sup>32</sup> "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; <sup>33</sup> and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; <sup>36</sup> naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? <sup>38</sup> 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it to Me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' <sup>44</sup> "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' <sup>45</sup> "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' <sup>46</sup> "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



Matt 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming to* John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answering said to him, **"Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."** Then he permitted Him. <sup>16</sup> After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."**

Matt 4:1-5

<sup>1</sup> **Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.** <sup>2</sup> And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, **"It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'**" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

Deut 8:3

He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that **man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.**

Matt 4:6-9

<sup>6</sup> and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, **"On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'**" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

Ps 91: 1, 11-13

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ... <sup>11</sup> **For He will give His angels charge concerning you,** To guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> **They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.** <sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

Deut 6:16

**You shall not put the LORD your God to the test,** as you tested *Him* at Massah.

Slide 20: Explain, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." See notes with slide 12.

Slide 21: Anyone think that the Lord wants us to have the easy street? Read John 15:18-20 (slide 29). Jesus had just completed 30 years of perfection. Perfectly clean for 30 years and then what? Testing to the max. If you want to have a big ministry, be ready for trials.

Think of John the Baptist and James the brother of John. Both served the Lord. Both were beheaded. See slides 29, 30, and 31.

Slide 22: Notice that all three of Jesus' responses to Satan use the book of Deuteronomy, just chapters 6 and 8!

Slide 23: Notice, Jesus did not use His deity in any of these tests.

Slide 24: Notice that Satan left off, "To guard you in all your ways," which would include guarding from Satan.

Application: Be aware of subtle twists that can lead to misapplication of scripture.

Slide 25: no notes.

Ex 17:1-2, 7

<sup>1</sup> Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ... <sup>7</sup> **He named the place Massah (test) and Meribah (quarrel) because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"**

Slide 27: "Go, Satan!": the right response to this temptation!

Deut 6:13-15

<sup>13</sup> **"You shall fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.** <sup>14</sup> **"You shall not follow other gods,** any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, <sup>15</sup> for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God;

John 15:18-21 (Thursday evening, April 2, after the Lord's supper and about 12 hours before Christ's crucifixion)

<sup>18</sup> **"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.** <sup>19</sup> **"If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.** <sup>20</sup> **"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.**

Slide 30, to the right: Supplement to slide 21

Matt 11:11 (a few weeks before the *Come to Me* quote)

Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Slide 26, to the left: Massah (~Day 76 of the Exodus) occurred just two weeks after manna started. They were being fed by God with manna (beginning on the 62nd day of the Exodus) and led by the cloud by day and fire by night (starting on the 15th day of the Exodus). Yet they had no water and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us, or not?"

Matt 4:10-11

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, **"Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'**" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

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Slide 29, to the left: Supplement to slide 21.

Stated to the eleven men who launched the church.

Pentecost occurred 52 days later.

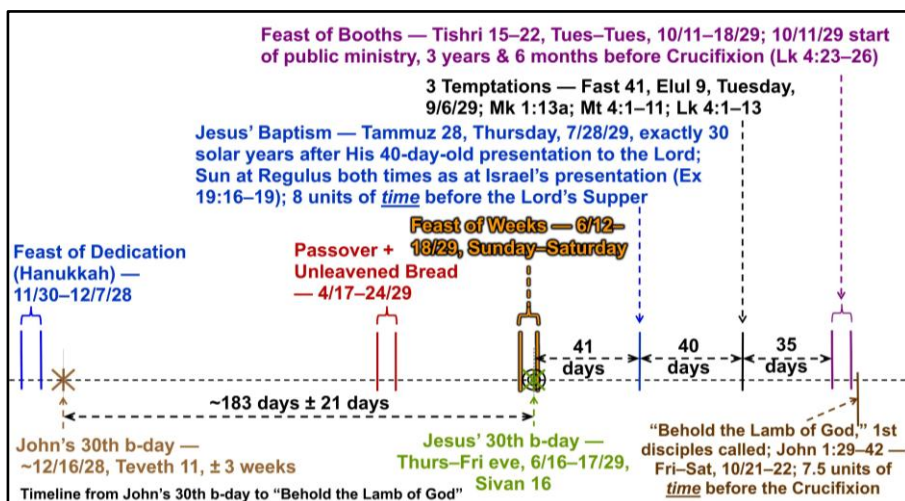
Matt 11:28-30 (possibly ~May 11, AD 31, on the way to the Feast of Weeks, ~1.9 years before Christ's crucifixion)

*Come to Me*

<sup>28</sup> **"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.** <sup>29</sup> **"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.** <sup>30</sup> **"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

Slide 31, to the left: Supplement to slide 21.

Explain, "the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



Slide 32, to the left: Alternative to slide 12 with the same notes as slide 12.



## Background scriptures to consider with the July 6, 13, and August 3 Matthew classes

**Matt 2:20** (w/ slide 2): **“Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”** 21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. **Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee,**

**Luke 1:11-20** (w/ slide 3): **11** And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. **12** Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him. **13** But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. **14** “You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. **15** **“For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb. **16** “And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. **17** It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” **18** Zacharias said to the angel, “How will I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.” **19** The angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. **20** “And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, **because you did not believe my words**, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”**

**Matt 11:11** (w/ slide 5): **“Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**

**John 3:30** (w/ slide 5): “He must increase, but I must decrease.

**Isa 9:1-2** (w/ slide 6): **1** But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. **2** The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

**Gen 22:13** (w/ slide 6): Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

**Matt 11:29–30** (w/ slide 7): **29** **“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. **30** “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”**

**Luk 2:22:** (w/ slide 9): And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

**Rom 8:16–17** (w/ slide 9): **16** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

**Rev 22:12** (w/ slide 9): **“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.**

**Matt 24:45–47** (w/ slide 9): **45** **“Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? **46** “Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. **47** “Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.**

**Matt 6:19–20** (w/ slide 9): **19** **“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal”**



**John 7:40-43** (w/ slide 9): <sup>40</sup> *Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is the Prophet."* <sup>41</sup> *Others were saying, "This is the Christ."* Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?" <sup>42</sup> *"Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"* <sup>43</sup> *So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.*

**Isa 40:3-4** (w/ slide 10): <sup>3</sup> *A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God."* <sup>4</sup> *"Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley;*

**Lk 4:25-26** (w/ slide 12): <sup>25</sup> *"But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;* <sup>26</sup> *and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.*

**John 7:42** (w/ slide 14): "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" (Thursday, October 16, AD 32).

**John 7:52** (w/ slide 14): They answered him, "You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee." (Thursday, October 16, AD 32).

**John 1:1, 14** (w/ slide 16): <sup>1</sup> *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.. ...* <sup>14</sup> *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Heb 4:12-13** (w/ slide 16): <sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* <sup>13</sup> *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*

**Matt 12:23-25a, 34, 35** (w/ slide 17): <sup>23</sup> *All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?"* <sup>24</sup> *But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."* <sup>25</sup> *And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, ...* <sup>34</sup> *"You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart."* <sup>35</sup> *"The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil."* (possibility near the new-moon rest day of Heshvan 1: Saturday, October 6, AD 31 [nine days after the Feast of Booths and about 1.5 years before Christ's crucifixion])

**Matt 23:13, 27, 28** (w/ slide 17): <sup>13</sup> *"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. ...* <sup>27</sup> *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness."* <sup>28</sup> *"So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."* (~Tuesday, March 31, AD 31; three days before Christ's crucifixion)

**1 Tm 6:10** (w/ slide 17): For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

#### **Parable of the fig tree:**

**Luke 13:6-9** (w/ slide 18): <sup>6</sup> *And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any."* <sup>7</sup> *"And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'"* <sup>8</sup> *"And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;'"* <sup>9</sup> *and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.' "* (very close to the AD 32 Feast of Dedication [12/17-24/32], sometime after the AD 32 Feast of Booths [10/9-16/32])

#### **Jesus cursing the fig tree:**

**Matt 21: 18–19** (w/ slide 18): <sup>18</sup> Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. <sup>19</sup> Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, “**No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you.**” And at once the fig tree withered. (Monday, March 30, AD 33, four days before His crucifixion)

**He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit:**

**John 7:37–39** (w/ slide 18): <sup>37</sup> Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.** <sup>38</sup> “**He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’**” <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (Thursday, October 16, AD 32).

**Ex 32:9-12** (w/ slide 18, after the golden-calf incident, God proposing to raise children of Israel from Moses instead of the people in the wilderness): <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people. <sup>10</sup> “Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation.” <sup>11</sup> Then Moses entreated the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> “Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, ‘With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your burning anger and change Your mind about *doing* harm to Your people.

**Parable of the goats and the sheep** (Tuesday afternoon, March 31, 3 days before His crucifixion):

**Matt 25:31–46** (w/ slide 19): <sup>31</sup> “**But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.** <sup>32</sup> “**All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; <sup>33</sup> and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.** <sup>34</sup> “**Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.** <sup>35</sup> ‘**For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; <sup>36</sup> naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’** <sup>37</sup> “**Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? <sup>38</sup> ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’** <sup>40</sup> “**The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’** <sup>41</sup> “**Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’** <sup>44</sup> “**Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’** <sup>45</sup> “**Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’** <sup>46</sup> “**These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.**”

**Ex 19:3–6, 15–19** (w/ slide 20; vs. 16: Friday morning, July 19, 1448 BC, one day before Moses and Aaron received the ten commandments): <sup>3</sup> Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup> ‘Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.” ... <sup>15</sup> He said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.” <sup>16</sup> So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they



stood at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. <sup>19</sup> When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

**John 15:18-21** (w/ slide 21, Thursday evening, April 2, after the Lord's supper and about 12 hours before Christ's crucifixion): <sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated you*. <sup>19</sup> "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

**Matt 11:28-30** (w/ slide 21, ~May 11, AD 31, possibly on the way to the Feast of Weeks, 1.9 years before Christ's crucifixion): <sup>28</sup> "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, **for I am gentle and humble in heart**, and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS**. <sup>30</sup> "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."