



**Jesus: His
First Year of
Public
Ministry**



John the Baptist preached in the wilderness and told people that Christ was there on the earth. He was clothed in camel's hair, and he ate wild honey and locusts. He said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." He told people to repent because the kingdom of heaven was at hand.



One day when John was baptizing people in the Jordan river, Jesus came to be baptized by him.



As Jesus was coming out of the water, the Holy Spirit, in the shape of a dove, came down from heaven and sat on Him. Also, a voice from heaven spoke and said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased.”



After he was baptized, Jesus went out to the wilderness and fasted and prayed, eating nothing for forty days.

The devil came to Jesus and said, “If thou be the Son of God, command that this stone be made bread.”

Jesus answered. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but my every word of God.”



Then, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and he said, “All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whom-so-ever I give it. If thou therefore will worship me, all shall be thine.”

Jesus answered, “Get thee behind me, Satan, for it is written: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve.”



The devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, and set Him on a pinnacle of the temple and said, “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.”

Jesus answered, “It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” The devil left Him and angels came and ministered to him.

**See Mathew 4:1-11 and
Luke 4:1-13**



One day two men that were walking with John the Baptist saw John look toward Jesus in the distance and say, “Behold the Lamb of God.” They left following John and started following Jesus. They, even, went home with him that night. The next day, one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother, Simon Peter, and told him that he had found the Christ. Peter went back with him to meet Jesus. Then, Jesus found Philip, from the same city, and said, “Follow me.” Then, Philip went and found Nathanael and told him they had found the Christ and asked him to come and see.



One day, Jesus and His disciples were called to go to a wedding feast. While they were there, the wedding ran out of the grape drink they were drinking. Jesus mother went and told Jesus that they were all out. Jesus told her that His time was not come, yet, but His mother told the servants to do whatever Jesus asked them to do.



Jesus told the servants to take the six water pots that were there and fill them with water.



Then, Jesus told them to take some to the governor of the feast and let him taste it.



When the ruler of the feast drank it, not knowing where it came from because the servants didn't tell him, he went and found the bridegroom and asked why he had not put the best drink out first when people were thirsty instead of saving the best for last when everyone was pretty much done drinking.

See John 2:1-11



Then Jesus went up to the passover in Jerusalem. When he went into the temple he saw people selling sheep and oxen and doves for people to use for their sacrifice. When Jesus saw this, He was angry. He made a whip out of small cords and drove the sellers and the animals out the temple, and he poured out the money and dumped over the tables and said, “Take these things hence; Make not my Father’s house a house of merchandise.”

See John 2:13-22



While He was at the feast many believed on Him when they saw the miracles that He did. However, Jesus didn't commit himself to any man because He knew what was in the heart of man.



A man named, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “ Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with Him.”

Jesus answered him, “Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus asked how a man could be born again when he was old.



Jesus told him told him that everyone had to be born twice, physically and spiritually. “That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.”

Nicodemus said that he didn’t understand, and Jesus said, “How can you be a master of Israel and not understand these things? ... If I have told thee earthly things and thou believe not, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”



And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man, which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the servant in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.



He that believeth in Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

See John 3:1-21



And John was baptizing near Salem because there was a lot of water there, and people came to him and told him that Jesus was baptizing more people than he was. John answered them and said, “Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before Him. ... He must increase, but I must decrease. ... He that cometh from heaven is above all. ... The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

See John 3:22-36



When Jesus and his disciples were passing through Samaria, Jesus stopped by Jacob's well to rest, while his disciples went to buy food. While he was resting, a woman came to draw water from the well, and he asked her for a drink.

The woman asked him, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh a drink of me, which am of woman of Samaria... for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans?"



Jesus answered her, “If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.”

The women said, “Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Are thou greater than our father, Jacob, that gave us the well?”

Jesus said, “Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst....”



The woman said, “Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not neither come hither to draw.”

Jesus said, “Go, call thy husband and come hither.”

The woman answered, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said, “Thou hast well said, ‘I have no husband’ for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband, in that saidst thou truly.”

She said that she knew He must be a prophet and she asked Him where people should really worship, where her people



worshipped or in Jerusalem, where the Jews said to worship.

He answered her, “... Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation in of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”

The woman said that she knew that Christ was coming and that when He came He would tell them all things.



Jesus said to her, “I that speak unto thee art He.”

Then, his disciples returned. They were surprised to see Him talking to her, but they didn’t ask Him why He was.

The woman left her water pot, went into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”



Then, they went out of the city and came unto him. In the meantime, His disciples asked him to eat, but He said, “I have meat to eat that you know not of.” The disciples didn’t know what He meant, so He explained. “My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work. Say not ye, ‘There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest?’ Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto eternal life...”



And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

Then, they asked Him to stay and teach them. He stayed with them for two days, and many more believed on Him after hearing Him for themselves. They said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

See John 4:4-42



When Jesus was in Cana of Galilee, he met a nobleman, whose son was sick in Capernaum. He begged Jesus to come heal his son because he was near the point of death. Jesus said, “Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.”

The nobleman said, “Sir, come down ere my child die.”

Jesus said, “Go thy way; thy son liveth.”

The man believed Jesus and went his way.



As he was going the nobleman's servant met him and told him, "Thy son liveth."

The nobleman asked his servant what time his son started to get better. When his servant told him, he knew that it was the same hour that he had been talking to Jesus. Both the nobleman and his whole house believed on Jesus.



Jesus came to Nazareth where He grew up, and like He always did, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath say and read the Old Testament. They brought Him the book of Isaiah. After reading prophecy about Himself, He said, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” Then, He went on to tell them how prophets were never accept in their own towns. He told them how Elijah performed a miracle for a widow from Si-don and how Elisha healed a Syrian of his leprosy.



Suddenly, as the people listened to Him, they began to change from admiring His wisdom to hating His honesty. The mob took Him, thrust Him out of the city, and took Him to the edge of a cliff, where they planned to throw Him down and kill Him. However, Jesus went right through the middle of the mob and walked away.

See Luke 4:16-30



Walking near the sea of Galilee, Jesus began to preach, “Repent : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Seeing Peter and Andrew, his brother, casting nets into the sea, He said, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” They left their nets and followed him.

Going further, He saw James and his brother, John, in a ship with their father mending their nets. He called to them, and they left the ship and their father and followed Him.

And Jesus went all throughout Galilee teaching and preaching and healing people, and a great multitude of people came from all over and followed him.



And they went into Capernaum; and on the Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and taught. They were amazed when they heard him because He taught like one that had authority and not like the scribes.

There was a man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, “Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us ? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God!”



Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, “Hold thy peace and come out of him.” And when the unclean spirit had torn him and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.”

Everyone was amazed. They asked each other, “What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey Him.”

And his fame spread throughout all the region.

See Mark 1:21-28



Jesus, James, and John went with Peter and Andrew to their house. Peter's wife's mother laid sick with a fever. Jesus took her by the hand and lifted her up. Immediately, the fever left her, and she ministered to them.

See Mark 1:29-31



In the morning before daybreak, Jesus went off by himself to pray. Peter and some others went out to look for him. When they found him, they told him, “All men seek for thee.”

Jesus answered, “Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.”

There came a leper to him, kneeling down and begging him, “If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”



Jesus put forth His hand, touched him and said, “I will be thou clean.” Immediately, the leprosy left him, and he was clean. He charged him, “See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.”

But he went out and began to blaze abroad the matter, so much that Jesus could no more go openly into the city, but was without in a desert place, and they came to him from every quarter.

See Mark 1:35-45



After a while, Jesus went into Capernaum, and it was noised that He was in the house. So, many people gathered in and around the house that there wasn't room for all of them. Jesus preached to them. Four men came carrying their sick friend, but they couldn't get near to Jesus because of all the people.



Not willing to give up, the four men took their sick friend up to the roof. After they broke a hole in it, they let their friend down through the hole to Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the sick of the palsy, “Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.” And some people that were there were angry and said within themselves, Why doth this man speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?



Jesus said to them, “Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins...” He saith to the sick of the palsy. “I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.”

And he arose, took up his bed, and went forth before them all, and they were all amazed and glorified God.



One day when Jesus was walking by the place where taxes were collected, He saw a tax-collector named Levi and said, “Follow me,” and Levi got up and followed him.

When the Pharisees saw Jesus eating with publicans and sinners, they asked Jesus’s disciples why. However, Jesus answered them, saying, “They that are whole have no need of a Physician but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”



All these things happened for Jesus in His first year of public ministry when he was about thirty years old.