

The Dynamics of God's sojourn among us.

Introduction

I am a dot connector.

Personal Hermeneutical Profile
The following best describes me:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I depend heavily on the meaning of words<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ I believe in the absolute divine authorship, inspiration, of the original biblical text◦ I do not recognize any scriptural disjunction or inconsistency or contradiction.• I am a dot connector.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ I embrace an interconnection between parts of the narrative as one story◦ I utilize the context for meaning◦ I theorize that the Scripture is one contiguous and continuous work (without tangential thought)◦ I view biblical lists as complete or finished [Τετέλεσται]: total, final, consequential, and exigent.• I perceive a Biblical psychology in Scriptural truth.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ I tend to apply Scripture to life and conduct◦ I view the message of Scripture as relevant for here and now• I love to teach not prophesy.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ I maintain a simple eschatology based on John 14:1-2.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I recognize a two-fold interpretation of the prophecies of Scripture: Then and Yet but claim no special revelation in that regard◦ I recognize a biblical use of figures of speech.◦ I am a limited literalist where the Biblical explanation requires or recognizes a strict,, concrete, factual, or exact interpretation• I am not a dispensationalist

Broken Bones: Pg 8ff

Parallel Gospel – A.T. Robertson.

Jesus's feelings

- John 11:35, 38 Jesus **wept**. [silent tears] ... Jesus, once more **deeply moved** [deeply moved with indignation, provoked to anger] at Lazarus's tomb
- Mark 8:12 He **sighed deeply** [groaned sadly as with a burden] talking about the leaven of the Pharisees
- Mark 4:29 Peace, be still

Hard instructions

- Matthew 5:44 **love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you,
- But Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not **hate ... wife ...** cannot be my disciple.
- When we study the Sermon on the Mount (the Beatitudes) all will make sense
- Mark 10:22, 24, 26 the man's face fell. He went away **sad** [gloomy], because he had great wealth. The disciples were **amazed** [astonished in a frightened sense at his words. The disciples were even more **amazed** [in shock], and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"
- Mark 10:32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were **astonished** [they weren't sure what was up], while those who followed were **afraid**. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. Are we still following Him!?

A Teacher first, a Healer, second

- Mark 10:1 as was his custom, he taught them.
- Mark 10:31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first. [??]
- Matthew 13:34-35 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. Chuck Smith waited until more mature to teach them.
- John 16:12-13 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

On Children

- Mark 9:36, 42 Taking the child in his arms, ... "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. When His disciples argued about who was to sit next to Him in His kingdom.
- 10:13-16 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

On Loving Him

- Bro. Tagart (From Christ Chapel in Costa Mesa, CA. Chuck Smith)
- John 21:15 Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me [agape] more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I **love** you. [we're friends]" ...more than your other friendships? This was their first meeting after Jesus's resurrection and after people swore he didn't know the Savior.
- Luke 10:39, 40, 42 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ..But Martha was distracted ... indeed only one is needed and Mary has chosen what is better..." No hay lugar mas alto que esta tus pies.

Revealing About Jesus's thoughts

- Mark 10:37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your *left* in your glory." But Jesus responded using the more common term: vs 40 but to sit at my right or *left* is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

Bathabara (10-14)

Zacharia's Prophecy

Grant Partrick's Youtube presentation: Waiting, God works while we wait. 400 years between Malachi and Matthew. [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mkut3H8TGV0&t=439s>]

Can we imagine the excitement of hope that rose in the hearts of true believers who waited their lifetime added on generations who came and went and now He is here!!

Like the disciples when Mary Magdelene found them and said in her excitement what my friend's 7 yr old yelled one Easter Sunday. Are you sitting down for this???

Galatians 4:4 When the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son.

- Alexander the Great had to conquer the known world and make the Greek language a common tongue, to share the Gospel message .
 - Greek was broken into multiple dialects except during the Biblical period when it merged into one, after which it broke up again.
 - The Greek language needed time to develop the message of Grace in terms of the passive and perfect
 - “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” Eph. 2:8
- Rome had to conquer Greece and build highways throughout the world to facilitate the spread of the Gospel.
 - It was a time of global peace throughout Rome's kingdom.
- The Socratic method of questioning the mythologies would replace the absolute authority of older and misleading traditions. Greek playwrights wrote comedies about the gods in a culturally based derision. Any serious message was pelted with thrown objects.
 - A Global discontent over Persian Mithraism
 - Jewish interest in a Messiah was at a revival pitch with Herod appointed King in Israel.

Luke 1:67-79 Children's International Bible

67 Then Zechariah, John's father, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He told the people what would happen:

68 “Let us thank the Lord, the God of Israel.

God has come to help his people and has given them freedom.

69 God has given us a powerful Savior

from the family of God's servant David.

70 God said that he would do this.

He said it through his holy prophets who lived long ago.

71 God will save us from our enemies

and from the power of all those who hate us.

72 God said he would give mercy to our ancestors.

And he remembered his holy promise.

73 God promised Abraham, our father,

74 that he would free us from the power of our enemies,

so that we could serve him without fear.

75 We will be righteous and holy before God as long as we live.

76 “Now you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

You will go first before the Lord

to prepare the people for his coming.

77 You will make his people know that they will be saved.

Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:48 48 When Jesus' parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, “Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you.”

The Msg: His mother said, “Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you.”

CSB: Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you

Τέκνον τί ἐποίησας ἡμῖν οὕτως ἰδοῦ, ὁ πατήρ σου καὶ γὰρ ὁδυνώμενοι ἐζητοῦμέν σε

Child, why did you do such a thing to us! Look at me! Your father and I were tormented trying to find you!! KJohnV

John preached repentance

Luke 3:3 He went all over the area around the Jordan River and preached to the people. He preached a baptism of changed hearts and lives for the forgiveness of their sins. 4 As it is written in the book of Isaiah the prophet: Isaiah 40:3-5 “This is a voice of a man who calls out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the road straight for him. 5 Every valley should be filled in. Every mountain and hill should be made flat. Roads with turns should be made straight, and rough roads should be made smooth. 6 And all people will know about the salvation of God!’”

Jesus's Baptism

Luke 3:21 When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As he was praying, heaven opened, ...

This is called a *singularia Lucae*. The other Gospels make no mention of His praying at this occasion. On the night before He choose His 12 disciples (Lk 6:12) He prayed. “*By uniting the accounts of all the Evangelists [Gospels] with reference to our Lord's practice of private prayer, we find that He, who always lived in uninterrupted communion with the Father, specially and emphatically hallowed every turning point of His earthly career—His baptism, choice of Apostles, renunciation of a throne (Jn 6:15), transfiguration, and His journey toward His last sufferings—by solitary prayer.*” --Lange

We can also maintain that there was no group assembled, just John, a few of his disciples, and Jesus.

Mark 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mark 6:46 After he said good-bye to them, he went away to the mountain to pray.

Luke 6:12 When He choose the 12

Luke 9:28 At His transfiguration

Luke 11:1 After He prayed His disciples wanted to learn how....

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

On Prayer

vows, prayers, requests, supplications, petitions, intercessions, and giving of thanks

At Jesus baptism: Scholarship calls our word here: “a pious conversation.” or talking to God. Prayer should be a dialogue and an open communication between us and God. Prayer is “spiritual” not just verbal—certainly not “mechanical”

When God Speaks

Luke 3:22 a **voice** came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you **I am** well-pleased.”

Temptation:

Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit
2 into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted (tested not for approval but to bring to sin)
by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.
3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”
4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

Deut 8:3 man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.
7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.”
8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and *serve* him only.’”

Deut. 6:13 *Fear* the LORD your God, **worship** him, and take your oaths in his name.
Ex 34:14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.
10 For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

Ps 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”
12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Jesus Rejected at Nazareth
14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Luke 4:12 And Jesus answered him, “It is said: Do not **test** the Lord your God. The word “test” is a biblical term. God can test us but we cannot test Him, questioning His faithfulness.

Deut 8:2 Remember that the LORD your God led you on the entire journey these forty years in the wilderness, so that he might humble you and test you **to know what was in your heart**, whether or not you would keep his commands

Seasonal

Luke 4:13 the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a **season**. Hints at: persecution, the type of temptation Satan is noted for, how he awaits opportunity.

What is sin?

I Jn 2:16 For everything in the world—comes not from the Father but from the world—.

- the lust of the flesh, Luke 4:3 stone to bread
- the lust of the eyes, Luke 4:5-6 awarded the kingdoms of the world to become sole ruler
- the pride of life Luke 4:9-11 hurled off the Temple roof unharmed

3 characteristics of anointed ministry:

- Live by God's Word. "life and conduct"
- Worship God alone: not the idols of greed and money.
 - Col 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.
 - Luke 16:13 No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
- Don't test God.
 - Num 21:6 Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. cp.
 - 1 Co 10:9 We should not test the Lord as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

Bragging: an insolent and empty assurance, which trusts in its own power and resources and shamefully despises and violates divine laws

epithumia – lust

James 1:14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire [lust] and enticed.

But Eden was a Paradise of Pleasure.... Milton's Paradise Lost.

Wilderness Provisions

1. It was a place for purification (1 Peter 1:6-7) "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. "
2. It was a place of power (Luke 4:14 " Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside"; 2 Corinthians 12:9 "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." ").
3. It was a place of privileged blessings to those mature enough to receive them. (Mark 1: 12 "The Angels ministered unto Him.")

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

In the beginning Gen. 1:1; John 1:1

the Word was [a?] God

Charles Middleton's 361 pages on the article "the"

The Son of Man – John 3:13 reads literally the Son of *the* man, referring to Jesus.

Example the son of man: Ezekiel 2:3 [93x] And he said unto me, **Son of man**, I send thee

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like **the Son of man** [the word "the" is not written even though it references Christ] came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

30x in Matthew's Gospel referring to Jesus: John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must **the Son of man** be lifted up:

Christian Doctrine

1. The **verbal-plenary theory of Inspiration**, every word of scripture is inspired (or as I see it: every word needs to be taken into account in our interpretation) . This was already mentioned.
2. The **virgin birth of Christ**. Mary was a virgin when she conceived the Savior. Our Catholic brethren say Mary was never intimate with Joseph, her husband. The reference to a 'virgin' in Isaiah 7:14 is really the word "young maiden."
 1. [Luke 1:34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"]
3. The **Trinity** or three persons in the Godhead but one God. This is logically (3=1) incongruent—at least according to our way of doing math. But the trinity is part of the Biblical record
 1. [Although the word 'trinity' is not found in scripture, in Ephesians 4:4-6 Paul spoke of "one Spirit..one Lord.. one God and Father of all." Also see I Corinthians 12:4-6 "same Spirit..same Lord..same God."
 2. 2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.]
4. The **Deity of Christ**.
 1. [Granville Sharp's rule governing the 'copulative kai' οίεν translatable as 'even' supports the Christian theological position that Jesus is Himself God. [Titus 2:13: προσδεχόμενοι την μακαρίαν ἐλπίδα και ἐπιφάνειαν τῆς δόξης τοῦ μεγάλου θεοῦ και σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.] This is one of many Scriptures that are employed Christian theology to established the need for Jesus to be God in His death to provide forgiveness (a propitiation) for all mankind.]
 2. Yet, here is the fulcrum of our faith. "

- 1. The Word was God....” John 1:1 vs 14 The Word became flesh**
5. The **vicarious atonement**. Christ—God incarnate—died on Calvary for us —the message of Scripture!
 1. **Matthew 20:28** “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
 2. **2 Corinthians 5:21** He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 3. How could Jesus be human if He were God? [**Philippians 2:5-11**]
 4. **Dorothy Sayers** submits an answer: “If Christ was only man,” she reasons, “then He is entirely irrelevant to any thought about God; if He is only God, then He is entirely irrelevant to any experience of human life. If Jesus is God, then when Jesus died, God died. And if Jesus is totally man, then when He was raised again from the dead, man was resurrected. And this alone is the start and finish of our common faith.
 1. **Romans 6:4** Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.
 2. **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion: If one died for all, then all died. And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.

Jesus is ware Gott und ware mensch.

John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- **Arius** believed that Jesus had to be created as the Son of God. He couldn't just 'be' God.
- **Nestorius** thought Jesus couldn't be God because He was obviously human. Nestorius never recognized Mary as the 'Mother of God.' That was illogical to him.
- **Apollinaris** believed the Jesus was God's mind in a human body. Jesus had one nature not two.
- **Eutyches** maintained that Christ had a human nature but it was unlike the rest of humanity.
- **Serapion** who probably was the one who introduced docetism believed that Jesus' body was an illusion.
- (**Docetism** comes from the Greek word, dokein meaning 'to seem to be')
 - **Marion** didn't believe that Moses' God was Jesus' God. The God of the Old Testament was, according to him, vengeful; Jesus was love. Marion was a docetist.
- **Sabellius** couldn't buy into the idea of a trinity. He believed that God was not three persons in one but three characteristics in one.
- The **Ebionites** were Jewish christians who believed that the laws of Moses were still applicable in following Christ.
- The **Patripassians** [Monarchianism is a set of beliefs that emphasize God as being one person, in direct contrast to Trinitarianism which defines God as three persons coexisting substantially as one in being.] and
- **Theopaschism** [God suffered: a 6th-century heretical doctrine maintaining that Christ had only one nature, the divine, and that this nature suffered at the Crucifixion] claimed that Christ's divine nature suffered as well as His human nature during the Passion
 - [This becomes a question of passibility or capable of feeling suffering.]

Galilee-Jerusalem (15-20)

Some Disciples. (Historical link) John 1:35-51

vs. 35 A couple of John's disciples heard John introduce Jesus as the Lamb of God and decided to follow Him. **John**, James brother, and **Andrew**, Peter's brother.

Vs 39 They spent that first night with the Savior since it was 4 PM and the sun goes down at 6.

vs 41-42 We have **found** [*Eurikamen*] the Messiah and he [Andrew] brought **Simon** to Jesus.

Vs 43 Jesus calls **Philip** to join them [He is on His way, soon, to Galilee] Philip is from Bethsaida on the North east corner of the Sea of Galilee.

vs. 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

vs. 45 Philip found **Nathanael** and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

vs. 46 "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him.

"Come and see," Philip answered. [I remember the 12 yr old at vacation Bible School.]

vs. 47 Nathaniel was sincere, transparent, spontaneous, wholehearted. "in whom is no deception" Jesus witnessed.

Vs 49-50 "Rabbi," Nathanael replied, "You are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!" Jesus responded to him, "**Do you believe because** I told you I saw you under the fig tree?"

Signs that work to engender faith. We are all different.

Note: So much to learn!

Acts 19

1. While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions and came to Ephesus. He found some disciples
2. and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit **when** you believed?" "No," they told him, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."
3. "Into what then were you baptized?" he asked them. "Into John's baptism," they replied.
4. Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of **repentance**, telling the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Jesus."
5. When they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the **Lord** Jesus.
6. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy. 7 Now there were about twelve men in all.
 1. Greek grammar
 2. Laquida.

Birthday of Faith - wedding at Cana – water to wine. John 2:1-12

John 2:10 drunk –it was wine.

John 2:11 Jesus did this, the first of his **signs**, in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples **believed** in him.

Proving faith:

The **Touchstone** of Christian thought:

John 3:31 the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth.

Numbers 23:19 God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Every **worldview**, also, has what philosopher William Halverson called a “touchstone proposition.” For the christian this is the belief in the involvement of an immanent God of Love whose purposefulness and plan makes life a process not an evolution, progressing toward the fulfillment of His promises to us. God sounds reasonable to us. Miracles make sense. Most of the Bible stories can be viewed literally because these were things God could pull off.

Challenged. Read pages 33 Trusting God start 2nd paragraph ... to ... pg 37 & pg 38 Childlike Faith

John 14:1-2. Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

The sum of this matter is that our faith declares the reality of God and is capable of seeing His hand often in the circumstances of our life. My wife’s pastor of many years, Pastor Harry Snook, wrote that faith develops or matures in steps from a belief in a Savior to unconditional trust in our Lord which he called “the top of the ladder.” Bro Snook.

“To trust means that we believe in Him regardless of our circumstances. We may not understand, there may not be any light at the end of the tunnel but we have full confidence in Him, that He knows what He is doing, and that He loves and cares for us, in spite of whatever happens.” Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

Capernaum, their new home.

Vs 12 After this, he went down to Capernaum, together with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they stayed there only **a few days**.

Mt 4:13 He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea

Mk 6:3 Nazareth: Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren’t his sisters here with us? ” So they were offended by him.

Later Jesus, too, would move to Capernaum: **Mt 9:1** his own town.

Jesus for now lives in Nazareth, **Lk, 4:23** Then he said to them, “No doubt you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Doctor, heal yourself. What we’ve heard that took place in Capernaum, do here in your hometown also.’”

Joseph has died by now. He is not mentioned in the Gospel account after the Christmas story.

Jesus's Brothers

Helvidian view: Mary gave birth to Jesus's younger siblings OR children of Joseph by a former marriage, or first cousins, children of the sister of the Virgin.

Capernaum on the Lake

There is a custom house here. Lk 5:27 This is where He would find Matthew. It is the Jewish capital of Galilee. They are more open to His message than Nazareth.

Read final 2 paragraphs pg 16 text.

Cleansing the Temple John 2:13-22

Malachi 3:1, 3 Then the Lord you seek will suddenly come to his temple ... He will be like a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver. Then they will present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

It was the time of the Passover, Nissan 14:

- Friday, April 11, 27AD
- Wednesday, April 28, 28AD

[Nisan 30, Iyar 29, Sivan 30, Tammuz 29, Av 30, Elul 29, Tishrei 30, Marcheshvan (Cheshvan) 29 or 30, Kislev 30 or 29, Tevet 29, Shevat 30, Adar 29]

John 2:15-16 After making a whip out of cords, [a diminutive form. Possible rush or tall grass found nearby used to shew the animals along.] he drove everyone out of the temple with their **sheep and oxen**. He also poured out the **money changers'** coins and overturned the **tables**. He told those who were selling **doves**, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my **Father's house** into a **marketplace!**"

- Jesus was in control not enraged. Angry not wrathful. He drove the cattle out of the outer gentile court but had those who sold pigeons carry out the cages.
- Market – money vs. God
- Father. He knows Himself to be the Messiah because He is the Son. His Messianic consciousness is based on the consciousness of His divinity.
- Stephen told us, they accused Jesus of planning to destroy the Temple. Acts 6:14 For we heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and **change the customs** that Moses handed down to us.

What Cleansing the Temple said about Jesus

Ps 69:9 because **zeal** for your house has consumed me,

- **ardent love, jealousy**, God's name, **Ex 34:14**
 - Jealousy is a sign of love: Joyce at Long-acres; CCNA convention
 - Cannot serve God and money. Lk 16:13; Greed is idolatry Col 3:5

- In the NT the witness is present tense “is an all consuming zeal for **holiness**.”
- Isa 9:6-7 For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, ... The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this.
- Isa 56:7 my house of prayer
- But Moses sought the favor [**stroked the face**] of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’ But Moses sought the favor [**stroked the face**] of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever. - Exodus 32:11-13
- vs. 18 they ask for a **sign** that authenticates the source of His authority in cleansing the outer court.
 - Vs 24-25 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because **he knew all men**, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.
 - **res ipsa loquitur** – the thing speaks for itself.
 - Godet points out that this **manifestation of holiness should speak to their conscience**.
- Vs 19 **destroy this temple**. Already He speaks in parables but they don't want to understand Him that way.
 - Mt 12:19 Jesus did not engage contentious debate [a work of the flesh, Gal 5:20]: the Evangelist seems to describe the calm temper of Jesus in contrast with the vehemence of the Jewish doctors wrangling together about tenets and practices.

Vindicated Faith

John 2:22 Faith awaits vindication.

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

I Tim 3:16 Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Jesus's interview with Nicodemus John 2:23-John 3

[next stop: Samaria and a few enjoyable days: John 4]

1. There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2. This man came to him at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him.”
3. Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is **born again**, [anew?] he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
4. “How can anyone be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked him. “Can he enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born?”
5. Jesus answered, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is **born of water and the Spirit**,
 - pardon thru repentance, water baptism &
 - sanctification, the indwelling Spirit];
 - Luke 3:16 “baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:” he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh [human nature], and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit [a spiritual nature].
 - 2 Corinthians 2:14 But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God’s Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.
 - Romans 8:6 Now the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace.
7. Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again.
8. The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”
9. “How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.
 - “It can be comprehended only in so far as it is experienced.” Godet
10. “Are you a teacher of Israel and don’t know these things?” Jesus replied.
 - Ezekiel 36:26-28 “I will give you a new heart. I will put my Spirit in you ... to follow my decrees....”
 - “The Pharisees only set their hearts on the glory of the Kingdom, rather than on its holiness.” Godet
11. “Truly I tell you, **we** speak what **we** know and **we** testify to what **we** have seen, but you do not accept our testimony.
 - Who is the “we”?
 - The Father: John 5:36-37 “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me.”
 - His Disciples (5): John 12:44-45 “Jesus cried out, “The one who believes in me believes not in me, but in him who sent me. And the one who sees me sees him who sent me.”
12. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
13. No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven —**the Son of Man**.
 - No one has ascended into heaven to behold heavenly things and make them known to you, except He who has descended .. to live among you as a human.
 - No one else has ever ascended into heaven, excepting the son of man who came from there.
 - Proverbs 30:4 “Who has gone up to heaven and come down? What is his name, and what is the name of his son? Surely you know!”
 - Colossians 3:1 “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”
14. “Just as Moses lifted up **the snake** [Num 21. 2 Ki 18:4] in the wilderness, so the Son of Man **must** be lifted up,
 - “...the satisfaction of certain moral necessities known only to God ...mysterious substitution,,,” Godet
 - theories of the Atonement are many.
15. so that everyone who believes **in** him may have eternal life.
 - “Believes in Him” everywhere else (34x) John writes *into* Him. Trust in Jesus for our salvation is not just a our position in Christ but it is an active, developing, relationship.

- “resting on Him” [Critical commentary] for the cause or promise of an eternal salvation.
 - “into” would emphasize: Habakkuk 2:4 The just shall live by faith.
 - John 12:27 “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.
 - Nicodemus, John 19:39 He [Joseph of Arimathea] was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. [34 kilograms Gk 100 litras]
16. For God loved the world **in this way**: **He** [The Father gave] **gave** [not sent] his one and **only Son**, so that **everyone** [whosoever: not just Jews but of all races, classes, and peoples] who believes in him will not **perish** [Was Jesus referring to a hell?] but have eternal life.
- “When Jesus died on the cross the mercy of God did not become any greater. It could not become any greater, for it was already infinite. We get the odd notion that God is showing mercy because Jesus died. No--Jesus died because God is showing mercy. It was the mercy of God that gave us Calvary, not Calvary that gave us mercy. If God had not been merciful there would have been no incarnation, no babe in the manger, no man on a cross and no open tomb.” - A. W. Tozier The Attributes of God: A Journey Into the Father's Heart
 - 2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:
 - Does Jesus know Who He is or is this John's theology? John 4:10 is in red: Jesus answered her, “If you knew **the gift of God** and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”
 - What does “perish” signify? Thayer: “to devote give over to [deliver up] .to eternal misery.” simply: to incur the loss of true eternal life”
17. For God did not send his Son into the **world** [embracing all humanity but not a universalism] to condemn the **world**, but to save the **world** through him
18. Anyone who believes in him is **not condemned** [Romans 8:1 no condemnation to those in Christ], but anyone who does not believe is **already** condemned, because he has not believed in the name of **the one and only Son of God** [did Jesus know Who He was?].
- “The Lord declares that the believer, being already introduced into eternal life, will not be subject to an investigation of this kind.” Godet
 - Already: not just regarding the unbeliever but for the believer: I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.
 - The language here is rough: “already condemned, because he has not believed” it sounds so permanent! But the meaning is “The Son does not judge because, believers need not be judged and unbelievers—as long as they remain so—condemn themselves!
19. This is **the judgment**, God's causative action: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.
20. For everyone who does **evil** [*worthless effort*] hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed.
21. But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be **accomplished** by God.”
22. After this, Jesus and his disciples went to the Judean countryside, where **he spent time with them** and baptized.
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23. John also was baptizing in **Aenon near Salim**, because there was plenty of water there. People were coming and being baptized,
24. since John had not yet been thrown into prison.
25. Then a dispute arose between John's disciples and a Jew about purification.
26. So they came to John and told him, “Rabbi, the one you testified about, and who was with you across the Jordan, is baptizing—and everyone is going to him.”
27. John responded, “No one can receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven.

28. You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I've been sent ahead of him.'
 29. He who has the bride is the groom. But the groom's friend, who stands by and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the groom's voice. So this joy of mine is complete. He must increase, but I must decrease."
 30. The One from Heaven
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31. The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is from the earth is earthly and speaks in **earthly terms**. [Worldview: cp above] The one who comes from heaven is above all.
32. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, and yet no one accepts his testimony.
33. The one who has accepted his testimony has affirmed that God is true.
34. For the one whom God sent speaks God's words, since he gives the Spirit without measure.
35. **The Father loves the Son** and has given all things into his hands.
36. The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him.

Samaria-Galilee John 4; Luke 4:16-30 - Pages 21-25

"He must needs go through Samaria" (John 4:4). After eight months of ministry in Judea, the time had come for Jesus to travel into Galilee.

- The imprisonment of John. **Matthew 4:12**: *When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.*
- Jesus' growing popularity with the masses, no doubt as a result of His miracles rather than His teaching, **John 4:1**: Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John... he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.
- a more open hostility by the Pharisees occasioned. **Luke 6:11** "They [the Pharisees], however, were filled with rage and started discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus."
- Jesus was exhausted from the journey. (**John 4:6**) Jerusalem to Sychar (see map) about 30-35 miles and without food for awhile. ("For his disciples had gone into town to buy food" - **John 4:8**) [I think He just got them pre-occupied elsewhere since this event had nothing to do with them.

My Samaritan woman: Daisy.

Would God give us to discern detect conviction and hunger, may even have relative insight. **John 2:24-25** But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person. He's God: Jeremiah 17:10 "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

- She came alone to the well instead of at six o'clock HOUR or noon. (**John 4:6**) pg. 22
- She had been married, and more likely divorced than widowed, five times and now had decided to simply "live in" (**John 4:18**)
- She came to Jacob's Well, though in Samaria at that time there were many wells. This particular well at the base of Mt. Gerizim had great religious significance for her (**John 4: 20**)
 - John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth."
 - *She enquired about the coming Messiah. Jesus's response: "I am He" (**John 4:26**)*
- She was a religious woman somewhat versed in Samaritan creed as well as knowledgeable of

certain religious terms (**John 4:25**), and although this point alone seemed to bear no particular importance, in the present context, it has a remarkable resemblance to what is characteristic of someone who, in search of the meaning to life, returns to the House of God.

- Most significant of all was the testimony of Jesus, Whose ability to view the human heart openly, saw a thirst that He alone could quench.
 - John 4:14 *“But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life.”*
 - “Let the river flow...”
- He stayed 2 days **John 4:40**. Like Trump Jesus connects with those whose listening hunger refresh. He plugged in....
 - It was this epitaph that would eventually be inscribed on their stony hearts, (**John 4:48** *“Unless ye see signs and wonders ye will in no wise believe”, the engraving reads). “You must have signs,”* Jesus observed, *“not just signs but such as inspire awe and wonder.”*
 - Godet sums the point well, *“The eager welcome which Jesus found among the Samaritans is an example of the effect which the coming of Christ should have produced among His own (the Jewish nation). The faith of these strangers was the condemnation of Israel’s unbelief. It was, undoubtedly, under this impression that Jesus, after those two exceptional days in His earthly existence, resumed His journey to Galilee.”*
 - *“Indeed, the disposition which Jesus thus meets at the moment when He sets foot on Israelitish soil, is the tendency to see in Him only a thaumaturge (worker of miracles): and He is so much the more painfully affected since He has just passed two days in Samaria, in contact with an altogether opposite spirit.”*
 - Luke 17:16,18 *He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. “Didn’t any return to give glory to God except this foreigner? ”*

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43 After two days he left there for Galilee. 44 (Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) 45 When they entered Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him because they had seen everything he did in Jerusalem during the festival. For they also had gone to the festival.

But first a few things on the schedule:

1. **John 4:45-54** Healed the Nobleman's son.
2. **Luke 4:16-30** Preached His final sermon in the Synagogue in Nazareth.
 - Vs, 27 implies that His healing lepers at this time in Israel was rare if at all.
 - Vs. 28 they were enraged [and attempted to assassinate Him] that He, Jesus, would apply the Scripture in Isaiah 61:1,2 that was descriptive of Messianic calling, to Himself:

The Spirit of the Lord God is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal [bind up] the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners;

3. **Matthew 4:13-16** Moved to Capernaum.
4. **Mark 1:16-20** Official calling of 4 fishermen: Peter, Andrew, James & John
5. **Luke 5:5** The large catch of fish.
6. **Mark 1:21-28** Jesus taught in the synagogue in Capernaum
7. **Mark 1:29-34** Healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever.
8. **Mark 1:35** Prayer before tour.
9. **Mark 1:38** "Let's go...."

The Leper

How long He continued visiting the synagogues of Galilee, we can only conjecture. There were upwards to **200 towns** in Galilee and thousands of inhabitants, as well as the crowds that came from the neighboring provinces. Perhaps a few months, perhaps over a year, Jesus was engaged in healing the physically sick and delivering the mentally and spiritually oppressed

- (**Mark 1:34, 39** *he healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ...He went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.*).

And then it happened, the single event that would bring His first tour of Galilee to as abrupt a conclusion as it had begun.

- **Mark 1:40** *"There came a leper to Him ... "*

To A. T. Robertson, one word characterizes the scene -- Excitement. Countless demons had been by this time exorcised. Thousands, no doubt, had been healed of various diseases reflecting every area of human need. In all of this, nothing seemed extra ordinary or out of the usual. Matthew, himself, quoted Isaiah

- (**Matthew 8:17** *He himself took our weaknesses and carried our diseases.*) *to lend support to the fact that all was as it should have been. But the theologian had forgotten about the leper. Luke, the physician, diagnosed this man's leprosy as advanced*
- (**Luke 5:12** *While he was in one of the towns, a man was there who had leprosy all over him. He saw Jesus, fell facedown, and begged him: "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."*).

Mark 1:45 How is it that this single leper could do what crowds could not: Deny Jesus a synagogue ministry?

End of First Tour

Mark 2:1 He went home....

As H. B. Swete observed, *"How grave the danger which Jesus sought to avert ultimately became is apparent from **John 6:15.** They would inevitably seek to crown Him King"*.

Luke records Jesus' last act of this first tour. How wisely the Savior moved (**Luke 5:16**)-*"And he withdrew Himself into the wilderness and PRAYED."*

Mark 2:1-12 The Paralytic healed in Peter's house.

The Calling of Matthew **Matthew 9:13** not recorded by Mark (2:13-17) or Luke (5:27-32): *“Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I didn’t come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*”

