

## Lesson II

### Review:

Zechariah & Elizabeth

Annunciation (of Mary's pregnancy)

Magnificat (my soul *magnifies*)

Birth of John the Baptist (*Benedictus – bless the Lord*)

Birth of Jesus (*Gloria in Excelsis – glory in the highest*)

Simeon & Anna (*Nunc Dimittis – now dismiss*)



### Theme Verse:

And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

### Bible Study:

#### **John the Baptist at Work**

Read: **Luke 3:1-20**

1. How was John to prepare the way for Jesus?
  - a. (Isaiah 40:3–5; Malachi 3:1; 4:5–6; Luke 3:4–6)
2. Some people are offended when they are rebuked for their sins. Others say, "That was a good sermon for . . ." What effect does God's Word have on the repentant and believing sinner (vv. 8–10)?

#### **The Baptism of Jesus**

Read: **Luke 3:21–22**

1. How does the Baptism of Jesus show the three persons in the Holy Trinity?
  - a. (Father speaks, Holy Spirit descends, Son is baptized; Luke 1:35; Matt 28:19)
2. How does our Baptism bring us into a saving relationship with the triune God?
  - a. (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38–39; John 3:5–6; Titus 3:5–7)
3. Why should a Christian frequently remind himself or herself of Christ's Baptism of his or her own Baptism
  - a. (Matthew 3:15; Romans 6:4; Galatians 3:26–27)?

## 40 Days in the Wilderness

Read: **Luke 4:1–13**

1. What's the difference between Jesus and Adam and Eve when it came to giving in to temptation?
  - a. (Romans 5:12; 19 – all people fall for sin)
  - b. Jesus resisted Satan's temptation by faithfully applying God's Word
2. Satan tempts us too, how does the bible help?
  - a. (1 John 2:15-17; 1 Timothy 6:9; Psalm 119:105; Colossians 3:16; James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8-9)

## Hometown Visit in Nazareth

Read: **Luke 4:14–30**

(Isaiah 61:1–3; 1 Kings 17:9–24; 2 Kings 5:1–19 are mentioned by Jesus)

1. How did the widow of Zarephath recognize Elijah as God's prophet?
2. How did Naaman prove he had become a believer?
3. What truth did Jesus want to point out here?
  - a. Also see Matthew 8:11-12

## Healing and Preaching

Read: **Luke 4:31–44**

1. Why is the preaching of Jesus referred to so often?
2. How does Satan still have control over unbelievers?
3. What thing breaks his power? (1 Peter 5:8–10; Ephesians 6:16)

## Miraculous Catch of Fish

Read: **Luke 5:1–11**

1. Peter let Jesus use his boat as a pulpit to preach the Gospel. How did other believers help Jesus?
  - a. (Luke 19:28–35; John 19:38–40; Luke 7:36–38; Mark 14:13–15; Matthew 27:57–61)
2. When can we be certain that our labors please God? Why should we not become discouraged when we do not see immediate results?
  - a. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

## Closing

- Remember your Baptism each day by making the sign of the cross and confessing your sins to God and then seek forgiveness;
- Listen to sermons closely and try to determine the Law and Gospel statements. Apply those statements to your life.
- Memorize Bible passages – especially those that help you overcome temptation.
- **Read Luke 5:12–7:10** to prepare for the next lesson.