

Getting Started

1. Did you celebrate New Year's Eve in a special way this year? Why or why not?
2. Why are there not more stories about Jesus growing up in the Bible?
3. Which of the four gospels is your favorite (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)? What makes it your favorite?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 31:

Q. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit¹ to be our chief prophet and teacher² who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;³ our only high priest⁴ who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,⁵ and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;⁶ and our eternal king⁷ who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.⁸

¹ Luke 3:21-22; 4:14-19 (Isa. 61:1); Heb. 1:9 (Ps. 45:7) ² Acts 3:22 (Deut. 18:15) ³ John 1:18; 15:15 ⁴ Heb. 7:17 (Ps. 110:4) ⁵ Heb. 9:12; 10:11-14 ⁶ Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24 ⁷ Matt. 21:5 (Zech. 9:9) ⁸ Matt. 28:18-20; John 10:28; Rev. 12:10-11

Why would it matter if Jesus had been anointed by with the Holy Spirit?

6. Read Isaiah 61:1-2a. Why does Jesus quote this passage from Isaiah? Is Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus or something else?
7. Read 1 Kings 17:7-24. Why does Jesus bring up this account?
8. Read 2 Kings 5:1-19. Why does Jesus bring up this account?

Application

9. There are many in this world that do not proclaim Jesus as Lord. There were many in Jesus' day that denounced him and ridiculed him. Neither of these things changes the fact that Jesus is Lord. Continue to stand firm on your faith and proclaim this truth day in and day out.

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The Gospel According to Luke

“You Can’t Go Home”

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18&19

January 3 – Gen. 8-11 – Why were the people interested in building a temple to heaven?

January 4 – Job 1-5 – Why are we now reading the book of Job before we finished Genesis?

January 5 – Job 6-9 – What is Job’s complaint?

January 6 – Job 10-13 – Zophar states, “God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves” (11:6). Could he say the same to you?

January 7 – Job 14-16 – Job focuses on his mortality. Do you often think of yours?

January 8 – Job 17-20 – Job 17:15 “Where then is my hope.” Where is our hope?

January 9 – Job 21-23 – Job asks why the wicked prosper. Do you have an answer for him?

- **Jesus is the _____.**

- **Not everyone will _____ Jesus as _____, but that does not _____ he is.**