

The Kingdom & the Cross – Part IV
Matthew 3:13-4:12

1. The _____ Significance of the _____ of Jesus (Mt. 3:13-17)
 - a. Sonship and _____ (Gen. 22:2);
 - b. Sonship and _____ (representation & renewal) (Ex. 4:22-23; Ex. 34:28)
 - c. Sonship and _____ (Messiah) Psalm 2:7;
 - d. Sonship and _____ (Is. 42:1)
 - e. Sonship and _____ (Is. 53:11-12)

2. The _____ of the Spirit in the _____ of Jesus (Mt. 4:1-12)
 - a. The _____ Conflict (1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12)
 - i. The devil plays _____ while the rest of us play _____.
 - ii. Our deepest struggles are not against _____ and _____.
(Eph. 6:12)
 - b. The _____ of Satan
 - i. 1st temptation – _____ from position. (Mt. 4:3-4; Phil. 2:5-6)
 1. Response – Dt. 8:3 Man's fundamental need is not material _____ but personal _____ to God.
 - ii. 2nd temptation – _____ through privilege. (Mt. 4:5-7; Phil. 2:8)
 1. Response – Dt. 6:16 (Ex. 17) We don't _____ Scripture to _____ God.
 - iii. 3rd temptation – _____ of power. (Mt. 4:8-10; Phil. 2:9-11)
 1. Response – Dt. 6:13 Humans were meant to be God's _____, not Satan's _____.
 - c. The _____ of Jesus (Mt. 16:26; Phil. 2:5-11; Rev. 11:15-16)
 - i. Satan's offer was for a counterfeit _____. (Eph. 1; Col. 1)
 - ii. Sin is always counterfeit _____.

3. The _____ Struggles of the _____ of Jesus
 - a. _____ up God's word. (Psalm 119)
 - b. _____ vigilant against the enemy. (Eph. 6:13)
 - c. _____ Jesus' ultimate victory. (Rev. 19:11-21)
 - d. _____ Satan's inevitable doom. (Rev. 20:10)

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1. The Prophetic Significance of the Commission of Jesus (Mt. 3:13-17)
 - a. Sonship and Sacrifice (Gen. 22:2);
 - b. Sonship and Symbolism (representation & renewal) (Ex. 4:22-23; Ex. 34:28)
 - c. Sonship and Sovereignty (Messiah) Psalm 2:7;
 - d. Sonship and Servant (Is. 42:1)
 - e. Sonship and Suffering (Is. 53:11-12)
2. The Purpose of the Spirit in the Temptation of Jesus (Mt. 4:1-12)
 - a. The Spiritual Conflict (1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12)
 - i. The devil plays chess while the rest of us play checkers.
 - ii. Our deepest struggles are not against flesh and blood. (Eph. 6:12)
 - b. The Seduction of Satan
 - i. 1st temptation – Profit from position. (Mt. 4:3-4; Phil. 2:5-6)
 1. Response – Dt. 8:3 Man's fundamental need is not material provision but personal devotion to God.
 - ii. 2nd temptation – Protection through privilege. (Mt. 4:5-7; Phil. 2:8)
 1. Response – Dt. 6:16 (Ex. 17) We don't misuse Scripture to manipulate God.
 - iii. 3rd temptation – Perversion of power. (Mt. 4:8-10; Phil. 2:9-11)
 1. Response – Dt. 6:13 Humans were meant to be God's priests, not Satan's pets.
 - c. The Steadfastness of Jesus (Mt. 16:26; Phil. 2:5-11; Rev. 11:15-16)
 - i. Satan's offer was for a counterfeit kingdom. (Eph. 1; Col. 1)
 - ii. Sin is always counterfeit contentment.
3. The Practical Struggles of the Followers of Jesus
 - a. Store up God's word. (Psalm 119)
 - b. Stand vigilant against the enemy. (Eph. 6:13)
 - c. See Jesus' ultimate victory. (Rev. 19:11-21)
 - d. Savor Satan's inevitable doom. (Rev. 20:10)