

Jesus Knew the Scriptures

(Luke 4:16-21)

Introduction:

1. These verses teach us a very important point about the Lord that we are emphasizing in our lesson -- "Jesus knew the Scriptures."
2. In the Bible we read about many occasions when Jesus demonstrated His knowledge of the Scriptures.
3. I hope that our lesson will help us understand how knowing the Scriptures will benefit us.
4. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES AT A YOUNG AGE
 - A. In Luke 2, Jesus went to Jerusalem with Joseph and Mary to observe Passover when He was 12 years old.
 - B. When the feast concluded, Joseph and Mary were returning to Nazareth.
 - C. After traveling a day's journey, Joseph and Mary discovered Jesus was not with the group, so they went back to Jerusalem.
 - D. Notice what they found in vs.46.
 - E. Jesus' knowledge made quite an impression on those who were present (vs.47).
 - F. It certainly appears that Joseph and Mary had fulfilled their responsibilities as parents (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).
 - G. Maybe this will help us understand why God chose them to raise His Son.
 - H. How does this apply to us? (see Ephesians 6:4)
- II. JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES WHEN HE WAS TEMPTED (Matthew 4)
 - A. (vs.3) Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.
 - B. (vs.4) Jesus told Satan what is written in Deuteronomy 8:3.
 - C. (vs.5-6) Satan tempted Jesus to jump off the temple.
 - D. (vs.7) Jesus told Satan what is written in Deuteronomy 6:16.
 - E. (vs.8-9) Satan tempted Jesus to fall down and worship him.
 - F. (vs.10) Jesus told Satan what is written in Deuteronomy 6:13.
 - G. How does this apply to us? (see Psalm 119:11)
- III. JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES WHEN HE WAS ASKED VARIOUS QUESTIONS
 - A. Matthew 22:34-40
 1. (vs.34-36) A Pharisee asked Jesus to identify the greatest commandment.
 2. (vs.37-40) Jesus showed that the responsibilities of the Hebrew people were summed up in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18.
 - B. How does this apply to us? (see 1 Peter 3:15)
- IV. JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES WHEN HE DIED
 - A. The Lord's final words are found in Luke 23:46.
 - B. When Jesus spoke these words, He was quoting Psalm 31:5 where David said: *"Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth."*
 - C. How does this apply to us?
 1. Those who can make this statement are able to leave this life in peace.
 2. Only those who have been "redeemed" can make this statement.
 3. According to Ephesians 1:7, "redemption" is through the Lord's blood.
 4. This passage describes "redemption" as "the forgiveness of sins."
 5. When does the Lord redeem us through His blood and forgive our sins?
 6. See Acts 2:38, 41, 47

Conclusion:

1. The Lord's example shows how we can benefit greatly as a result of knowing the Scriptures.
2. What are your plans for studying the Bible in 2016?