

Jesus Demonstrated His Knowledge of the Scriptures  
(Luke 4:16-21)

Introduction:

1. This morning we covered a number of passages that relate to "growing in knowledge of the Scriptures."
2. This evening we are concentrating on the fact that "Jesus knew the Scriptures."
3. In our lesson we are examining several occasions when Jesus demonstrated His knowledge of the Scriptures.
4. Let us allow our study to help us more fully understand how learning the Scriptures will benefit us.
5. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES AT A YOUNG AGE
  - A. According to 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 15:1-9
    1. (vs.1-2) The scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus why His disciples violated their tradition.
    2. (vs.3-9) Jesus pointed out the inconsistency of these people by showing how they disobeyed Exodus 20:12 and 21:17.
  - B. Matthew 19:3-9
    1. (vs.3, 7) The Pharisees tested Jesus by asking him questions about divorce.
    2. (vs.4-6, 8-9) Jesus pointed out God's will for marriage from the beginning (Genesis 2:24).
  - C. Matthew 22:23-32
    1. (vs.23-28) The Sadducees approached Jesus with a hypothetical situation having to do with the resurrection.
    2. (vs.29-32) In His response Jesus quoted Exodus 3:6 to show that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob still existed, even though they had died years before God spoke to Moses at the burning bush.
  - D. 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.

E. 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 -- *"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."*
  - 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. (Hebrews 12:1-2) We are taught to look unto Jesus as we endeavor to run the Christian race.
- 2. We have clearly seen that "Jesus knew the Scriptures."
- 3. The Lord's example clearly shows how we will benefit from growing in our knowledge of the Scriptures.