

Sermon – Preparing for the Cross - The Cross of Christ

Theme Scripture - **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Hebrews 9:22**

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II. Repentance – The Foundation for Going to the Cross

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III. Water Baptism and Baptized by the Holy Ghost

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C. Throne of Grace – Obedience, Integrity & Character – Not Temporary Miracles

IV. Humility, Accountability – Acknowledgement, Submission to Authority

A. Jesus submits to God the Father and John the Baptist – **Matthew 3:13-15**

V. Submit to the Training of the Holy Ghost!

A. **Learning to Be about My Father's Business** - Luke 2:40, 42 -49

B. **Jesus resisted the Devil – Disciples forsook their Livelihood**

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2. **Matthew 4:4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

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Surely, he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was on him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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Matthew

3:13 Then comes Jesus from Galilee to Jordan to John, to be baptized of him.

3:14 But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and come you to me?

3:15 And Jesus answering said to him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

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- 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was on him.
- 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
- 2:43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.
- 2:44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.
- 2:45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.
- 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the middle of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.
- 2:47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.
- 2:48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said to him, Son, why have you thus dealt with us? behold, your father and I have sought you sorrowing.
- 2:49 And he said to them, How is it that you sought me? knew you not that I must be about my Father's business?

B. Jesus resisted the Devil – Disciples forsook their Livelihood

1. Mark

- 1:12 And immediately the spirit drives him into the wilderness.
- 1:13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him.
- 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
- 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent you, and believe the gospel.
- 1:17 And Jesus said to them, Come you after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
- 1:18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

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- 16:22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from you, Lord: this shall not be to you.
- 16:23 But he turned, and said to Peter, **Get you behind me, Satan: you are an offense to me: for you mind not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**
- 16:24 Then said Jesus to his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**
- 16:25 **For whoever will save his life shall lose it: and whoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**
- 16:26 **For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**
- 16:27 **For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**
- 16:28 **Truly I say to you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.**