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Who Is Jesus? Pt 2

Acts 10:36-48

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SermonAudio Blurb: Peter is now ready to address the house of Cornelius, filled with friends and family of this Centurion. But what is his message? It begins and ends with the person and work of Jesus. In this short series we walk through his words to see the many qualities that belong to Jesus and see the utter centrality of Him in all things.

I. Introduction.

- A. **Read vs 36-48.**
- B. In this passage we see the message of Peter to these many Gentiles who are gathered at the request of Cornelius the Centurion.
- C. In this few verses we are privileged to see a simple message that is really not simple. It is very dense and full of deep, rich, and soul-satisfying theology that frankly it boggles my mind.
- D. At the core running through it all is simply a message of the person and work of Jesus. For until you get it right about Jesus nothing else will ever fit or make sense.
- E. I started with 13 qualities of Jesus and then found another as I read it to you last week so now we are up to 14. Together we had the privilege of looking at the first four last time we gathered.
 - 1. Peace-Maker (36a).
 - 2. Messiah (36b).
 - 3. Lord (36c).
 - 4. Historical (37a). Why? Because large crowds were responding to the coming of the this new prophet.

II. 14 Qualities about Jesus..

- A. Focus of The Prophets (37b).
 - 1. Peter point to the historical events of their day in proclaiming Jesus to these Gentiles. They knew of the events and they knew of the work of a man named John. We call him John the Baptist.

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- a. John was actually related to Jesus and you can read about his beginnings in Luke 1 and it was something of a miraculous event.
 - b. John's place in the world of biblical prophets is a unique one.
 - c. In many ways this man was like a comet in the sky, flashing forth in bright glory for a brief moment and then becoming disappearing from sight and thought.
2. But he was only the last of the prophets to speak of the coming One who would become known as the Messiah or Christ.
- a. Luke 24:44:
 - b. We can begin in Genesis 3:15:
 - (1) What is interesting is that this has not yet happened in its fulness. The beginning of this crushing came with Jesus' first advent/coming.
 - (2) But Paul makes it clear in Romans 16:20:
 - (3) In the second coming of Christ we read that Satan is then bound in the Abyss for 1,000 years to prevent him from doing his deceiving, That is found in Revelation 20, but it is an angel doing this binding. Revelation 20:1-3:
 - (4) And then at the end of the 1,000 year earthly reign we have Satan cast into the lake of fire, commonly called hell to join

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the one known as the beast and also the false prophet to be tormented for eternity.

c. The book of Isaiah is full of promises about the promised Messiah.

(1) In Isaiah 7:14:

(2) In Isaiah 9:6:

(3) In Isaiah 11:1:

(4) In 49:1-13 is one of several examples of what are known as the Servant Songs.

(5) Isaiah 53 describes in great detail the substitutionary death of the Messiah.

(a) (4a)

(b) (5)

(c) (8)

(d) (11)

(e) (12)

(6) In Zechariah 9:9:

(7) In Zechariah 11:13:

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(8) And in Micah 5:2:

3. All of these and many more all point to the fact that God would redeem mankind for Himself.
 4. But there is more to all of this than just John the Baptist and the Old Testament prophets. Let's look at the next quality of Jesus and see how it all develops.
- B. Anointed by Holy Spirit (38).
1. In the Old Testament there are several key passages that show this important point: (turn to Isaiah 11).
 - a. The Old Testament tells us that the coming Messiah, the Christ, would be anointed with the Holy Spirit. It was a key marker for who the Messiah was.
 - b. Isaiah 11:2.
 - c. Isaiah 42:1-9.
 - d. Isaiah 61:1.
 - e. And this is exactly what the gospels all show in Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3 and John 1.
 - (1) In each of these it expressly is noted that the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism.
 - (2) It is worth noting that in John 1 we find this being said by John the Baptist: (31-34)
 - (3) So that very unique prophet who was to proclaim the coming of the Messiah and to prepare the people to receive their Lord, formally testifies that Jesus is that One.
 2. The Holy Spirit is one of three persons of what we call the Trinity.
 - a. He is not simply a force or power or energy. He is a person. And as such you can grieve Him, lie to Him and resist Him.
 - b. Ontologically He is fully God, not one third of God.

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- c. Economically His role is seen in giving of life in creation, we see this in Genesis 1. But also He is the giver of the Scripture as the source of inspiration of the writings we collectively call the bible.

- d. With Jesus Christ, all that He did was through the power of the Spirit. Although Jesus is fully God Himself, He is also fully human. And it was only through the presence and empowerment of the Spirit that He carried out His redemptive work.
 - (1) Too often we (understandably) get confused with the relationship of the divinity of Jesus and the humanity of Jesus
 - (2) But the Holy Spirit is where this comes into play. Through the presence and work of the Spirit the man Jesus had communion with God.
 - (3) The Spirit was the agent of the conception of Jesus in the womb of a virgin.
 - (4) The Spirit descended/anointed Him at His baptism, from which Jesus then entered into His public work of redemption.
 - (5) The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. And the Spirit empowered Him to be able to withstand all temptation.
 - (6) Every time you see a miracle done by Jesus Christ you are seeing the empowering work of the Spirit.
 - (7) Even the death and offering of Jesus' blood in payment for sin was done by the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 9:14:
 - (8) Even the resurrection was a work of the Spirit. Romans 8:11:

- 3. So when we look at Acts 10:38 we see all of this tucked together tightly in one sentence.
 - a. Jesus was anointed by the Father with the Spirit. This is the power, then, that drove and enabled Jesus to do His works.

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- b. This anointing is NOT the same as being indwelt by the Holy Spirit. It is not the same as being baptized with the Spirit. And it is not the same as being filled with the Holy Spirit. And it is certainly not being made alive by the Spirit.
- c. This is a unique anointing that rest upon and in the sent Son of God.
- d. Those works are spelled out in part in the middle part of the verse.
- e. And then the reason behind it all was because God was with Him.

III. Conclusion.

- A. Let me end this by showing you how the Trinity displays itself in Jesus Christ.
- B. We tend to see the Trinity and look at a few passages that help us prove it and see it. But the reality is that it is present from the very first verse all the way to the final verse.
 - 1. God exists as Trinity.
 - 2. A mystery to be sure and one we ought be very careful in stating things with absolute certainty if we do not have clear evidence in and from the bible.
 - 3. Look at John 5:19-23, 30 with me.
 - 4. Now take what I have taught you about the anointing of the Holy Spirit and add that to what we just read and you see the work of the Trinity.
 - 5. All that Jesus does or says is because it is the will of the Father and all that Jesus does or says is by the power of the Spirit.
- C. Beloved this is the Jesus of Whom Peter is proclaiming. And it is the same Jesus you and I are to proclaim. May we all be a little more wise today as we leave.

Benediction

May the Lord remind you all of the richness of His grace and the manifold blessings that belong to you in Christ Jesus our Lord. May you walk in His promises and by the power of the Holy Spirit as you engage this fallen age for God's glory. Amen