

## Sermon 21 stories JESUS IN THE PRESSURE COOKER LUKE 4:1-13

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#### THE STORY GAVE US THE CLUES TO THE CHRIST'S INTENTIONS

- That first Passover included the piece about being saved by the blood of the lamb.
- 1500 years of sacrificing myriads of sheep...the scene was set for the Last Lamb.
- Dying for us...in our place...we can write the last chapter of this love story.

#### THE BLOODY ALTAR TOOK A NEW FORM...IT CROSSED OUT THE OLD ONE

- Sinners brought their flawless male lambs to the priest. Leviticus 1:3
- Put your hand on its head, sinner. This should have been you. Leviticus 1:4
- John the Baptizer saw the bigger picture...Lamb of God, for the whole world. John 1:29

#### AH, BUT THE BIG PROBLEM...PASSING THE 'TEMPTATION' TEST...IN A WEAKENED CONDITION

- Immediately after being baptized...thrown into the furnace of temptation. Luke 4
- Tempted in every way, like us...yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15
- Lust of the flesh, Lust of the Eyes, Boastful Pride | John 2:16
- Why was Satan intent on spoiling the resume of Jesus?

#### A SINLESS PRIEST TO MAKE ATONEMENT FOR SINFUL HUMANS

- Unlike the High Priest, who had to first offer sacrifices for his own sin Hebrews 5:2, 3
- Sinless, Jesus could offer himself as a sacrifice on behalf of others...like us. Hebrews 5:7- 10
- Couched in 1500 years of bloody sacrifice, we see Jesus as the sinless priest and a sinless offering.
- Did heaven hold its collective breath as Jesus faced temptation after real temptation?

#### DID HE FACE WHAT YOU FACE?

- Attracted to women? Lured by wealth? Drawn to center stage? Hebrews 2
- He stands alongside those being tempted...with empathy and sympathy.
- The ones who stand firm are tempted more than others.

## GOD'S GOODNESS LEADS US TO REPENT Romans 2:4

- The cross represents painful obedience on Jesus' part. Philippians 2:8
- With all of the appetites of a normal human body...Jesus remained faithful to his calling.
- Having defeated demonic assaults, he stands ready and able to assist us.
- The Call of God is to his amazing love, unmerited forgiveness and joy, a forever family and Heaven itself. Hebrews 2:14- 18

## JESUS IS CALLING...GOD IS INVITING...HEAVEN IS WAITING...AND YOU?

- Your Story can be grafted into the Jesus Story...today.
- Facing God with your portfolio of misdeeds and blunders (sin) would be horrific.
- So God is offering you joy now, peace forever, heaven, and himself...so what's your hang-up?

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