Ch 23: Jesus Ministry Begins

Workbook

Day One

Read Luke 3:1-18; Mark 1:9-11; John 3:22-36; Luke 7:18-35 and Mark 6:14-29. (Read in the order given.)

1. Did John the Baptist fully understand his role in the

 Upper Story at all times? Explain your answer.

1. What was John the Baptist’s role in the Upper Story?
2. How does John the Baptist speak to you personally?

Write down John 3:30 and meditate on it for your devotional time today. Write a prayer in response.

Day Two

Read Luke 4:1-13, John 6:25-59.

1. What need did Satan first appeal to?

 Where have we seen this tactic used by Satan

 before?

 How has Satan attacked you personally in this way?

1. What need did Satan attack next?

 How has Satan attacked you personally in this way?

1. What need did Satan attack last?

 How has, or could, Satan use this attack against

 you personally?

1. What is Jesus teaching us through John 6:25-59?

Read He 4:14-16. How is God speaking to you through today’s passages? Write a prayer in response.

Day Three

Read Matt 9:27-34, 12:1-50

1. What sort of people do we see Jesus associating

 with?

1. What is He doing out amongst the people? (what

 sort of things?)

1. How are the Pharisees and Sadduccees reacting?
2. Why do you think they are reacting the way they are?

Jesus wasn’t “doing religion”, He was challenging the way

the Pharisees and Sadduccees had represented God’s

Law and worshipping God, He was running up against all their traditions. What is God showing you through these passages about what the Church’s role is? How might this be challenging us to move beyond our comfort zone in some way? Write a prayer in response.

Day Four

Read Matt 4:18-21; Matt 9:9; John 1:43-51.

1. What verb is ALWAYS present when Christ calls someone?
2. How would you define “follow”?
3. How did each disciple respond?
4. Read John 10:27-28. What do Christ’s “sheep” do?

Read Matt 12:46-50 and Mark 8:34. Meditate on Mark 8:34 and then write a prayer in response.

Day Five

Read John 3:1-12, 4:1-22.

1. What do Nicodemus and the woman at the well have

 in common?

1. What is the common thread in His answer to both of

 them?

1. Why do you think Nicodemus and the woman respond

 differently?

Read Ro 9:30-33. What is God showing you through today’s passages? Write a prayer in response.