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- b. Jesus is presented in the temple Lk.2:21-24

- **WEEK 5: GENERAL TOPIC: JESUS AND HIS FAMILY**

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 - b) **The Baptism of Jesus Mtt.3:21-22,**
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 - a) **The temptation of Jesus Mtt.4:1-11, Mk.1:12-13, Lk.4:1-13**
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- **WEEK 9: GENERAL TOPIC: THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS**
- **a. Temptation in Nigeria today
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- **b. Ways of overcoming temptations.**
- **WEEK 10: REVISION,**
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IMAGES OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS



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THE ANNUNCIATION IS.9:6-7, MTT.1:22-23, LK.1:30-33

- **GOOD NEWS:**
- **The 7th and 9th chapters of the book of Isaiah narrated the promise of God in the old testament to save the life of mankind which was fulfilled in the new testament that is called the GOODNEWS. And the good news is the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah who is our Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE TEACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST CONCERNING THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

Since the date of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ was not known because of the sin of man, there must be preparation for his coming. This led to the birth of John the Baptist.

His Parents were Zachariah and Elizabeth. They were God fearing people but had no Child. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Zachariah where he was offering incense at the alter of God and promised him a Child. This Child was born and was named John the Baptist.

When it was time to prepare the peoples mind for the coming of the Messiah he started preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

telling the people to repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Many people repented as a result of his preaching and he baptised them in the river Jordan. During the baptism, he dipped the whole of their body in the river to show that the water has washed away all their sins.

The people were amazed because of how John preached and so they thought he was the Messiah but John told them that the Messiah is greater than himself. And that he was not fit to untie his shoes.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS MTT. 1:18-25, LK.2:1-7

There was a young Jewish woman called Mary who lived with her Parents in Nazareth, a small city in Galilee. She was a virgin and righteous before God. She married a carpenter named Joseph.

One day, God sent his Angel to Mary and the Angel said, 'Hail, oh favoured one, the Lord is with you'. Mary did not understand what the angel said and she became afraid, because she has found favour with God she will conceive and bear a son whom she shall name Jesus. Mary inquired to know from the Angel how that could be possible, since she was not yet married to Joseph. The angel told her that she would conceive by the holy spirit

As soon as Joseph married her, he discovered that she was pregnant, so he became angry and wanted to divorce

her secretly because he was a good man and did not want to disgrace her.

In the night, the angel of God appeared to Joseph and explained everything to him so Joseph became sorry for his intending action.

In the eight month of Mary's pregnancy, Caesar Augustus gave an order that everybody should be counted so they could be taxed. So Joseph took his family to Bethlehem.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, the inn was full, so Joseph quickly took Mary to the manger where Jesus was born. Jesus birth shows that God has fulfilled his promise to send a messiah, to save us from our sins.

IMAGES OF THE SHEPHERDS



THE VISIT OF THE SHEPHERDS

LK.2:8-20

In the night that Jesus was born, the Angel of God appeared to the shepherds who were looking after their flocks in Bethlehem and announced the birth of Jesus to them. The whole place shone brightly which frightened the shepherds, but the Angel told them not to be afraid because he brought good news to them.

Many Angels joined and they praised God saying. 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom he is well pleased.

The shepherd then went to Bethlehem to see the child Jesus. When they arrived, they saw Joseph, Mary and Jesus. They narrated their encounter with the Angel to them.

After this, the shepherd went back to the field rejoicing and praising God for the birth of our Saviour.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT OF SHEPHERDS

1. Firstly, the announcement of the birth of Jesus shows that God has interest in ordinary people.

This is because the shepherds are poor, simple, uneducated people who only have hope in God for their survival.

2. Secondly, the shepherd's visit to the new born king shows that salvation is for all whether educated or uneducated, poor or rich, Jesus is coming to save all of us from our sins.

IMAGES OF THE THREE WISEMEN



THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN MTT. 2.1-12

After the visit of the shepherds to the Child Jesus, three wise men from the east came to Jerusalem to meet King Herod to inquire from him where the new king of the Jews was born so that they could go and worship him.

King Herod became worried when he heard the news of the new born King because of the fear that the new born King may overthrow him, he called a meeting of the Jewish council and they inquired and told him that the new king was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

So King Herod sent the wise men 'Go and search for the new born king and when you have found him, come back and tell me so that I may go and worship him.'

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN (CONTD)

The wise men started their journey and they were guided by a star, until they reached Bethlehem. They fell down and worshipped him and offered gifts such as Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

The Angel of the Lord appeared to the wise men and told them not to go back to King Herod because his intention was not to go and worship the new king but to kill him.

Then they left through another way back to their country.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT OF THE WISEMEN

1. The word 'Magi' is used to refer to those that study the stars, to know how it affects our lives. It was through their studies that they found out that the saviour was born
2. Their visit indicates that Jesus is really the Saviour of the world.
3. The Gold which they offered Jesus shows that he is from the royal line of King David and the prince of peace who has come to save the world.
4. Frankincense refers to his spiritual work which would provide us the good relationship with God and one another.
5. Myrrh is used to preserve his dead bodies from decaying so it signifies his death on the cross to save us from our sins.

THE VALUE OF VIRGINITY BEFORE AND AFTER MARRIAGE

Marriage is the union of a man and a woman to form a family, that is husband and wife with their children.

It is very important in our society because stable marriage produce stable families that will lead to stable society. Mary was a virgin before she was engaged, and before she got married to Joseph.

It is expected of all young men and women to retain their virginity before marriage. This means that they should not have sex with any man or woman before their engagement and marriage. Nothing is more special than giving yourself to someone that you know will never leave you through the covenant of marriage.

As your body is still the same and you wouldn't cheat on them then, don't do it now. Put a price on your virginity, because it's an expensive gift you want to give to someone whom you love one day!

THE VALUE OF VIRGINITY BEFORE AND AFTER MARRIAGE (CONTD)

CONSEQUENCES OF SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE

It is very important that we follow the good example of Mary and Joseph and remain virgins before we marry. After we have kept our virginity until marriage, we must remain chaste after marriage.

We must keep our virginity before marriage because failing to do that, we can contract diseases such as....

1. STDS .. Sexually transmitted diseases. E.g gonorrhea and syphilis.
2. HIV/AIDS...Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
3. Guilt/ Sin
4. Unwanted pregnancy
5. Abortion
6. Death

VALUE OF VIRGINITY BEFORE AND AFTER MARRIAGE

A virgin is a person who has not had sexual intercourse with anyone. It could be a male or female. Virginity before marriage means that the person exhibited faithfulness and he or she is disciplined. For a girl who marries as virgin, it brings high family morals value and regard to herself and her family. It accords the girl respect especially from her husband and inlaws.

The following are the values:

1. It frees us from contracting sexual transmitted diseases.
2. It frees us from unwanted pregnancy especially girls.
3. It frees us from abortion.
4. It frees us from being school drop out because once a girl is pregnant while in school, she is likely to keep away from school till after delivery.
5. It removes the sense of guilt and shame which we will feel when we indulge in pre-marital sex or unfaithfulness in marriage.
6. Our virginity brings credit to our parents and family

JESUS IS PRESENTED IN THE TEMPLE LK.2:21-24

Eight days after the birth of Jesus, he was circumcised according to the Jewish law. He was given the name 'Jesus' as prophesied by the angel Gabriel.

Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary presented him to the Lord in the temple of Jerusalem and the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons was made to the Lord.

This was done to fulfil the law of Moses regarding the first born of man and animal. The first born of every Jewish Parents or animal belonged to God, the giver of all things.

IMAGES OF THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE



IMAGES OF PROPHECY OF SIMEON



PROPHECY OF SIMEON LK2:25-35

There lived a righteous man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was a committed man of God and was always praying and asking God for the favour of the Israelites.

On one occasion that he was in the temple of God, the holy Spirit appeared and revealed to him that he must see our Lord Jesus Christ before his death.

When Jesus was brought into the temple, the holy Spirit inspired Simeon and he took Jesus by his hands and praised God for making him see Jesus before his death. This marvelled Joseph and Mary.

Simeon therefore revealed to Mary that the purpose of Jesus' coming to the world is to save Israel from their sins.

IMAGES OF PROPHECY OF ANNA



PROPHECY OF ANNA LK 2:36-40

Anna was a widow who was eighty four years old when she prophesised about Jesus and Mary. She was a prophetess who lived a righteous life. She always worshipped God through fasting and praying.

In her address to the people of Israel, she thanked God for the gift of Jesus the saviour of the world and prophesised to the people that Jesus was born to save Jerusalem from bondage because they were under slavery by many nations.

After this Joseph and Mary took Jesus back to Nazareth.

JESUS AND HIS SIBLINGS MT. 12:46-50, MT 13:53-56

Soon after Jesus had concluded his teaching in parables, he entered his home town Nazareth and began to teach in the Synagogue. Jesus grew up and started His ministry by teaching His people.

While He was preaching, His mother and brothers came looking for Him. And they told Him that your mother and siblings were looking for you. He replied “who is my mother and who are my brothers?” stretching out His hand towards His disciples, He replied “here are my mothers and my brothers, for whosoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my mother, brother and sister”.

This means that to Jesus anybody who does the will of His Father in Heaven is His siblings. The people were amazed at his wisdom and boldness so they began to question whether he was not the son of Joseph the Carpenter and Mary.

Due to this reason, they took offence at him because they did not see any reason why he is different from them or being anointed by God.

Jesus was not able to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's behaviour. It was not that Jesus had no power to perform miracles but he did not want to do so in the midst of unbelievers.

JESUS OBEYED HIS PARENTS LK.2:51-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, he went to Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph for the feast of Passover which was their custom. When the feast was over, the parents of Jesus started their journey back to Jerusalem unknown to the parents. He was in the temple listening to the teachers and asking intelligent questions. The people were amazed at his intelligence.

When they came looking for him, Jesus obeyed his parents and followed them back to Nazareth. He continued to be under his parents. He learnt their history, important festivals of the Jews, laws and their religion.

Being obedient to our parents is important and it attracts God's blessings and this means that you are loyal to God, since He is our Father in Heaven. You are expected to be obedient also to your teachers and those around you because :

- a. It helps us to gain happiness and live a better life.
- b. We will have all the good things we need in life..

c. We will be protected against deadly circumstances in life.

d. It helps us build our relationship with God.

e. Then we will live long life.

Jesus became obedient to Mary and Joseph,
he grew up in the fear of God and became responsible.
He was a disciplined and hardworking child.
He obeyed all instructions given to him.
He was very respectful to his parents and polite to
all other people.

He helped his parents to do all the household
work and everybody spoke well of him.

JESUS' UNDERSTANDING OF 'FAMILY'

MT.12:46-50

As Jesus was still speaking with the crowd, his Mother and brothers came to take him home. When he was informed about this, he said that his Mother and brothers are those who listen to God's words and live by it. After this, Jesus followed his Mother and brothers to Nazareth. At twelve years old, Jesus became aware of his total relationship with God.

The true family of Jesus is made up of 'those who do the will of God'. They are obedient, respectful, humble, loving, kind and hardworking

They put God first in everything, they put all their trust, hope and confidence in God. Jesus was only laying emphasis on the true family of God which is based on good morals rather than mere physical relation.

QUALIFICATION AS MEMBERS OF JESUS' FAMILY

Jesus told the crowds that whoever works together to fulfil the will of God are his true family members, regardless of any blood relationship they might accidentally share. Jesus said that those who are qualified to be his family members are those who hear the words of God and keep them.

This also includes those who hunger for a relationship with God and are willing to do God's will. And it does not include those blood relatives who don't have the 'correct' relationship with God.

Jesus also said, “ Blessed are those who hear the words of God and obey them, whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.

IMAGES OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



THE FORERUNNER OF JESUS MK.1:1-18

A forerunner is one who prepares the way for another person greater than himself. He lays foundation for the work of that person.

Before Jesus started his ministry, God sent John the Baptist as his forerunner. He was to prepare the minds of the people for the coming of the Saviour.

John the Baptist prepared their minds by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He called upon all the people to repent from all the bad things they have done like fighting, stealing, cheating, lying, having sex before and after marriage with others. Because all these are against God.

All the people who listened to John felt sorry for their sins and they confessed their sins to God and John baptized them in the River Jordan.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

MT.3:3-17;MK.1:9-11,LK.3:21-22.

Baptism is one of our Sacraments as Christians. It is our rite of initiation into the Christian community that is represented by the Church. Our baptism therefore makes us full members of the Christian society.

We call ourselves 'Christians' because we have been baptized like Jesus. And we were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus came to John to be baptised, John was surprised and unwilling to do it. This was because Jesus the Messiah had no sins to confess. And John felt

that he was the one that supposed to go to Jesus for baptism and not for Jesus to come to him.

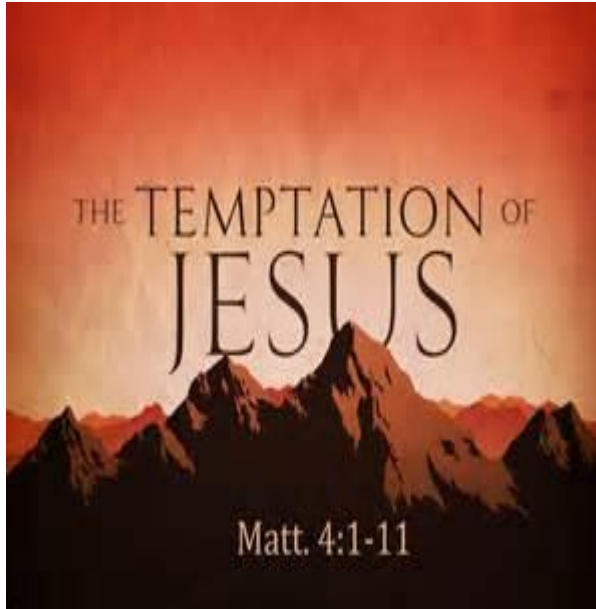
John asked Jesus saying ‘I need to be baptised by you and do you come to me? Jesus answered him and said, let it be, as far it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness. John then agreed and baptised Jesus. Immediately after the baptism

Jesus looked up, he saw the spirit of God descending upon him like a dove and the voice of God came to Jesus saying, “Thou art, my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' BAPTISM

- 1. John's baptism was meant for sinners who were sorry for their sins and are determined never to sin again.**
- 2. So Jesus as the Messiah had no need to repent and did not need forgiveness from God yet he allowed himself to be baptised which will prepare him to be acceptable into the kingdom of God.**
- 3. This means that without baptism, we cannot enter the kingdom of God.**
- 4. The voice of God that came to Jesus during his baptism called him the Son of God. This shows God's confirmation of Jesus as the true Messiah and saviour who came to save us from our sins.**
- 5. The baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his ministry, so our baptism marks our entrance into the Christian community.**

IMAGES OF THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS MTT.4:1-11, MK.1:12-13, LK.4:1-13

To tempt is to entice, convince or persuade someone to do what he or she is not supposed to do. E.g telling someone to steal which is against God's will is to tempt that person.

Temptation is the process whereby we are enticed, convinced or persuaded to do what we are not supposed to do. And the devil tempts us to do things against God's will.

Soon after the baptism of Jesus came the battle of temptation. It was the holy spirit that led Jesus to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus was tired after forty days and forty nights of fasting when the devil came to tempt him.

- The temptations are as follows:-
 - a. The first temptation was to turn stone into bread. The devil told Jesus that if he was truly the son of God, he should turn stone into bread. Jesus replied to him and said that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

- b. In the second temptation, Jesus was taken to the holy city of Jerusalem by the devil was asked to stand at the pinnacle of the temple, then the devil asked Jesus to jump down from the pinnacle if he is the son of God. The devil said, ‘if you are the son of God throw yourself down for it is written, he will give his angels charge of you on their hand they will bear you up so that you will not strike your leg against a stone. Jesus replied and said, you shall not tempt the Lord your God.
- c. In the third temptation, Jesus was taken to a high mountain from where the whole world could be seen. The devil tempted him and said; ‘worship me and all these will be yours’. Jesus replied to him saying ‘Be gone Satan, for it is written, you shall worship the Lord **your** God and only him you shall serve.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' TEMPTATION

1. The first temptation which was to turn stone into bread refers to Jesus as an economic Messiah. This is because the people thought that Jesus was coming to provide them with material needs. So the devil wanted Jesus to use material things to get people to follow him. This is not true because he is coming to bring Salvation to mankind.
2. The second temptation which was for Jesus to jump from the Pinnacle of the temple refers to Jesus as a wonder working Messiah. The people thought that Jesus was coming to perform miracle to amaze the people. This was not true because his coming is to bring people to himself through preaching and call to repentance.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS TEMPTATION (CONTD)

3. The third temptation refers to Jesus as a political messiah who is coming to lead his people to war and help them win the battle. This was wrong because his coming is for our salvation.
4. No one is above temptation. Jesus allowed himself to be tempted for us to know that as human beings, we can face temptation at anytime.
5. Jesus overcome temptation because of his dependence on God. So we should always depend on God to overcome temptation.

TEMPTATION IN NIGERIA TODAY MTT.4:1-11, LK.4:1-3, PS.51.

Temptation is to make one do what he or she is not supposed to do because it is evil. Therefore when we are tempted to sin, we are being asked to do something that is against the will of God. Jesus allowed himself to be tempted in order to tell us that as human beings, we are not free from temptation.

In Nigeria today, we may be tempted to disobey the commandment of God and disobedience breaks the relationship between God and man and between man and his neighbours.

We may be tempted to steal and quarrel among ourselves, fight each other, do what is wrong by our mind or friends, to tell lies or take what does not belong to us. We may be tempted to be selfish and cruel to those around us, to disobey our parents, teachers and elders, to take dangerous drugs.

As Christians, we are not advised to engage in these acts because it is against the will of God.

WAYS OF OVERCOMING TEMPTATIONS

- We can overcome temptation through prayers, reading the bible and seeking the help of Jesus.
- We should always call upon God whenever we are tempted so that he will send the holy spirit to guide us against that, and this can be possible if we are obedient and hardworking Children.
- Whenever we are unable to resist temptation and do what is wrong, we should feel sorry for our sins and ask God for forgiveness.
- Avoiding bad friends and working hard at school.
- Joining Christian youth association and some prayer groups.
- In Catholic churches, we can confess our sins and ask God for forgiveness by reading Psalm 51. This Psalm was written by king David when he committed sin and asked God for forgiveness.