

## Jesus' Ministry Begins

**Lesson aim: To examine the proofs of Jesus' deity in his temptation and in the testimony of his first followers**

**Jesus' temptation in the wilderness--Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13**

1. *What does the story of the temptation of Jesus prove about Him?*
  
2. *Examine each temptation answering these questions:*
  - A. *To what human need or desire did Satan appeal?*
  - B. *How did Satan make the sin appealing?*
  - C. *What principle would Jesus have to compromise to submit to Satan?*
  
3. *Does the Devil use Scripture? Contrast Jesus' use of the Scripture and Satan's use of the Scripture.*
  
4. *What lessons might we learn from Jesus' success in conquering Satan's temptations? What assurance do we have from his experience in being tempted? (Heb 2:18, 4:15-16)*

**John's self-identification and his identification of Jesus--Jn. 1:19-34**

1. *What was John's claim as to his own identity? How does this compare with what had been declared about him from the time of his birth?*

2. *What testimony did John give about Jesus? Upon what basis was he assured that this testimony was true?*

### **Jesus' first followers--Jn. 1:35-51**

1. *Explore the conclusions of those men who first interviewed Jesus (the first followers).*

2. *What did they seek to do with their new discoveries about Jesus?*

### **First miracle-water becomes wine--Jn. 2:1-11**

1. *What truth(s) does this miracle confirm about Jesus?*

### **Visit at Capernaum--Jn. 2:12**

#### ***Research Challenge:***

***What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What is the significance of the fact that Jesus would baptize in the Spirit?***

