

Jesus Christ, the Anointed One

Matthew 1:16
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Introduction:

1. **Happy Mother's Day!**
2. **Last week:** We learned that God promised to send a divine Seed King who would fix all the problems caused by the Fall.
3. **First coming: The Messenger of the NC** (Lk 22:20), secured 3 things
 - a. Forgiveness to avert judgment
 - b. New heart (nature) which wouldn't be inclined only to evil
 - c. Filling of Holy Spirit in us to experience presence and power of God
4. **Second Coming:** judge all evil, set up His eternal kingdom, & give us resurrection bodies, so we never die again!
5. God put a name and face to this divine King – It's JESUS – the Christ!
6. **Matthew 1:16 (NIV)** ... *Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*
7. The title Christ is from the Hebrew Messiah – means “anointed one,” and shows up 530 times in the NT, in all books of the NT except 3 John.
8. Anointing was with the HS! Why is this so significant?

A. OT leaders were anointed with the Spirit

1. God took some of the Spirit on Moses and put it on his 70 leaders
2. **Numbers 11:25 (NIV)** *The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him (Moses) and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied.*
3. God said Joshua, Moses' successor, had the Spirit IN him (Nu 27:18)
4. **Judges**, who ruled Israel after Joshua, all had the Spirit come on them: Gideon, Othniel, Samson, Jephthah (Jud 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25)
5. **Prophets** such as Elisha, Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Micah all had the Spirit on and in them (2 Kg 2:15; Isa 6:1-2; Ezk 2:2; 3:24; Dan 4:8-9; Mic 3:8)
6. **Priests** were also anointed with oil and had the Spirit on them (Ex 40:15)
7. The Spirit enabled them to do the kingdom work they were chosen for!
8. Kings were no different. When anointed with oil the HS came on them!

9. **1 Samuel 16:13 (NIV)** *So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.*
10. That's where the idea of the “anointed one” came from.
11. The anointing of the Spirit had a significant impact on them, as seen in Saul after Samuel anointed him to be king. Look what happened ...
12. **1 Samuel 10:9-10 (NIV)** *As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. ¹⁰ When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying.*
13. However, if the king disobeyed, he could also lose the anointing of the Spirit, and the Spirit would then depart from the king.
14. **1 Samuel 16:14 (NIV)** *Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.*
15. Saul was afraid b/c he knew that God's Spirit had left him!
16. **1 Samuel 18:12 (ESV)** *Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.*
17. No wonder David begged God not to remove the Holy Spirit from Him after he repented of his adultery with Bathsheba and murder of Uriah.
18. **Psalms 51:11 (NIV)** *Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*
19. David knew that he was in real trouble if the Spirit left him!
20. Not only was it a shock that the promised Davidic King was God; not only was it a shock that this divine Seed King would sacrifice Himself...
21. It was stunning that the divine King would need an anointing of the HS!
22. **Isaiah 11:1-2 (NIV)** *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him.*
23. Last week we saw that the shoot coming from the stump of Israel was the divine Davidic Seed King, & here it says the Spirit rests on Him too!

B. Jesus was anointed with the Spirit

1. Last week we saw that John identified Jesus as the divine Seed King because he saw the HS come down Him as a dove at His baptism!
2. When Jesus preached His 1st sermon, He read **Isaiah 61:1-3 (orange)** & then said, “I am that divine Seed King on whom the Spirit would rest!”
3. **Luke 4:17-18, 21 (NIV)** *The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit*

of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. **He has** sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed"... ²¹ Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

4. Jesus says that He needed the anointing of the Spirit **in order to** preach the good news, **in order to** set the captives free, **in order to** give sight to the blind and **in order to** bring release to the oppressed! **Really?!**
5. **The Persons of the Trinity are always working TOGETHER!**
 - a. **The Father** planned redemption and then sent His Son (Jn 3:16).
 - b. **The Son** carried out the Father's will and plan. Which is why He said
 - c. That's why in Gethsemane He said, "Not my will but yours be done," and "I can only do what I see the Father doing" (Jn 5:19)
 - d. **The** nature of God is both to exert authority & obey in submission.
 - e. **But** Jesus also lived in dependence on the HS who enabled Him!
6. Now we'll see just **HOW MUCH** the Spirit enabled Jesus!

First: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit

1. Concerning Mary, an angel of the Lord told Joseph ...
2. **Matthew 1:20 (NIV)** ... *what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*
3. And to Mary the angel said that this child would be holy – morally pure!
4. That means the Spirit would have to prepare a body (Heb 10:5) that was not tainted by sin, like the one Adam & Eve had before the Fall.

Second: Jesus' childhood & youth were marked by the Holy Spirit

1. **Luke 2:40 (NIV)** *And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.*
 - a. "Filled" is a present passive participle, meaning "was continually being filled with" or increasing in wisdom!
 - b. Passive – means it was being done to Him! Came from the Spirit!
 - c. Luke was drawing from what Isaiah had said ...
 - d. **Isaiah 11:1-2 (NIV)** *The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the **Spirit of** wisdom and of understanding, the **Spirit of** counsel and of power, the **Spirit of** knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--*
 - e. Luke said that in his boyhood the HS was continually filling Jesus with wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge & FOTL!
 - f. Some of it would have come through others, and some of it directly
2. **Luke's example from Jesus' boyhood** (Lk 2:41-51)

- a. When Jesus turned 12, He joined His parents on their annual trip to the Feast of the Passover in Jerusalem.
 - b. On their journey home, his parents realized that Jesus was missing
 - c. Their search led them back to the temple in Jerusalem where He was discussing & asking questions of the Jewish teachers (Lk 2:46).
 - d. **Luke 2:47 (NIV)** *Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.*
 - e. Luke concluded the story by saying ...
 - f. **Luke 2:52 (NIV)** *And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*
3. But as we already saw (Lk 2:40), it wasn't intrinsic – it was by the HS!

Third: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted

1. No sooner had Jesus been anointed at His baptism, when the Spirit led Jesus from the Jordan into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil
2. **Luke 4:1-2 (ESV)** *And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days.*
 - a. Mark said the HS "**drove**" Jesus into the wilderness (Mk 1:12)!
 - b. The **participle** (being tempted by the devil) lends meaning to the **verb** (was led), indicating that the HS led Jesus into the wilderness **in order to be tempted by the devil.** But there's more ...
 - c. The **verb** (was led) is in the imperfect tense, meaning that in the past something was repeatedly or continually happening.
 - d. **Meaning:** Jesus was continually being led by the HS throughout that 40-day temptation trial in the wilderness!
3. This time of testing didn't just happen and neither did Jesus initiate it.
4. **All this was the Spirit's doing**
5. Heightened by a punishing 40-day fast, this ordeal was so severe that Jesus suffered through it.
6. **Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)** *Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*
7. Throughout, He was being directed by the Spirit, who was prompting Him, warning Him of the pitfalls, giving Jesus the desire to remain steadfast (Phil 2:13a) and giving Him divine enablement (Phil 2:13b).
8. As we know, Jesus prevailed over the schemes of the devil and when it was over angels came to minister to Him (Mk 1:13).
9. And then Luke concludes much like he began this account ...

10. **Luke 4:14 (NIV)** *Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.*
11. Luke was saying that the Spirit was fully involved in the wilderness temptation, from start to finish.
12. Our 2nd Adam, Jesus, not only had to be tempted in all points like we; but unlike the 1st Adam, He also had to resist and overcome all temptation on behalf of us all.
13. And this He did, aided by the guidance, help and power of the Spirit!

Fourth: Jesus preached & taught by the power of the Holy Spirit

1. **Luke 4:17-18 (NIV)** *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.*
2. Jesus Himself said He needed the HS in order to preach!
3. What's really fascinating is that **EVEN AFTER His resurrection** Luke says that Jesus taught His disciples by means of the Holy Spirit ...
4. **Acts 1:1-2 (NIV)** ... *I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.*
5. Earlier we learned that Jesus "grew in wisdom" by the Holy Spirit.
6. Did He suddenly stop growing in wisdom by the Spirit, just because He became an adult? We don't!
7. Remember that even in His adulthood, Jesus didn't always know everything about individuals or circumstances (Lk 2:46, 52; Mk 5:30).
8. Even in adulthood, Jesus was growing in wisdom and knowledge, by the help of the Spirit.
9. Weeks earlier Jesus had taught the apostles that one of the aspects of the Spirit's enabling ministry was that He would teach them all truth and guide them into all truth (Jn 14:26a; 16:13).
10. Jesus had 'inside' understanding of this, having experienced it Himself!
11. John concurred with this assessment, saying ...
12. **John 3:34 (NIV)** *For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.*
13. OT prophets were given limited, but inspired words by the Spirit.
14. But Jesus was given God's final words to speak to humanity (Heb 1:1-3), and just like the OT prophets, He was given these words by the HS!

Fifth: Jesus healed by the power of the Holy Spirit

1. Luke implied that the Spirit's power wasn't always available.

2. **Luke 5:17 (ESV)** *On one of those days, as he was teaching ... and the power of the Lord was with him to heal.*
3. If the power to heal was intrinsic, this statement wouldn't make any sense because the power to heal would always be with Him.
4. But Jesus needed power from outside of Himself in order to heal
5. And that's what Luke said explicitly in Acts ...
6. **Acts 10:38 (NIV)** ... *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*
7. Notice that Jesus was healing by the power of the HS!

Sixth: Jesus delivered people from demons by the Spirit

1. Jesus understood that He ministered and cast out demons by the HS!
2. **Matthew 12:28 (NIV)** *But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

Seventh: Jesus experienced the fruit of the Holy Spirit

1. **Luke 10:21 (NIV)** *At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth"*
2. We're told that joy is a fruit of the Spirit. But Jesus also exhibited the other fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, peace, patience, gentleness, etc.
3. Presumably, then, these were produced in Jesus' life through the Spirit.

Eighth: The Spirit enabled Jesus to hear the Father

1. Jesus prayed much with His heavenly Father. How did Jesus hear Him?
2. Just before His crucifixion, Jesus was preaching to a crowd when a voice came from heaven.
3. **John 12:28 (NIV)** *Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."*
4. The crowd heard it and Jesus said that it was for their benefit, not His.
5. **John 12:29-30 (NIV)** *The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine."*
6. An audible voice from heaven also marked Jesus' baptism, as well as His transfiguration.
7. These audible voices occurred only three times, and were given not for Jesus' benefit, but for the benefit of those present.
8. Thus, we know that Jesus didn't normally hear His Father audibly.

9. Yet, He received much direction from the Father during His prayer times
10. How did Jesus hear the Father, then? The same way we do – by the HS!
11. We don't naturally have access to God's thoughts and mind (Isaiah 40:13), but because of Christ, we can access His thoughts and mind.
12. **1 Corinthians 2:16 (NIV)** *For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*
13. Our access is through the HS, who understands the thoughts of God.
14. **1 Corinthians 2:11 (ESV)** ... *no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*
15. And it is to our spirits, that the HS communicates God's thoughts to us.
16. **Romans 8:16 (NIV)** *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

Ninth: The Spirit enabled Jesus to offer Himself up to God to die

1. Jesus shared, not only in humanity's life, but also their death
2. **Hebrews 2:14 (NIV)** *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--*
3. As the time neared for Jesus to be crucified for the sins of the world, He was filled with horror, prompting desperate cries to His Father
4. **Hebrews 5:7 (ESV)** *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.*
5. Yet, He never shrank from the path chosen for Him, but submitted to the Father's will. How did He do it?
6. Hebrews tells us that He was enabled to do so by the Holy Spirit!
7. **Hebrews 9:14 (ESV)** ... *how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God....*

Tenth: The Spirit raised Jesus from the dead

1. **17 times in Acts & the Epistles it explicitly says that God raised Jesus from the dead!** (Acts 2:24; 3:15; 1 Cor 15:14-17; Heb 13:20; 1 Pt 1:21)
2. And Paul specifies which member of the Godhead raised Jesus!
3. **Romans 8:11 (ESV)** *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

Conclusion

1. **Isaiah** said that the divine Seed King (Jesus) would be anointed with the HS in order to carry out the purposes for which the Father sent Him.
2. He was **conceived by the HS** and **He was raised by the HS**. **From start to finish, He lived His life, enabled by the Holy Spirit! It wasn't intrinsic!**
3. If Jesus depended on the HS to guide & empower through temptation, don't you think we need to be doing the same?!
4. If Jesus needed the HS to learn, to grow in wisdom, and to teach, how much more do we need Him for that?!
5. If Jesus heard the Father through the Spirit, how much more do we need the Spirit to hear God?!
6. If Jesus healed people and delivered people from demonic oppression by the Spirit, don't you think we need to do the same?!
7. The Bible **warns us** not to quench the HS's work in our lives & churches.
8. **1 Thessalonians 5:19-20 (ESV)** *Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies.*
9. Today I am only addressing the quenching of the HS.
10. The **Thessalonian church** quenched the HS by despising prophecies.
11. It handcuffed the Spirit from working in their midst through prophecy.
12. **You can quench the Holy Spirit in 3 ways:**
 - a. **Faulty beliefs** – Not all the spiritual gifts are for today," or by discrediting or minimizing the importance of hearing God's voice.
 - b. **Passivity** – you believe in all the gifts and hearing His voice but are waiting for Him to do what He will do, rather than pursuing Him.
 - c. **Control** – so worried about controlling mistakes & imbalances. God isn't as concerned about mistakes as we are! Or we worry about excess emotional displays. We despise it in our hearts like Michal, David's wife did, when he danced with all his might before the Lord!

Reflection:

1. Confess quenching the HS through faulty beliefs, passivity or control.
2. Confess if your church has ignored or rejected Him or His ways.
3. Welcome the Spirit into your life, family & church. Tell Him you want to learn to know Him and His ways better.

PRAYER

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