

New Vine Fellowship Sermon Outline April 27, 2025

MESSAGE: Toward The Cross

I. FOUNDATIONS:

A. THE WORD... John 1:1-4 (NLT)

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

B. THE SON... John 1:11-14 (NLT)

11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. 14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.

C. LOOK TO THE SON... John 6:40 (NIV)

40 **For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”**

II. Review: THE END

A. Last Word: FINISHED John 19:30 (NLT)

30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, **“It is finished!”** Then he bowed his head and released his spirit.

B. The Centurion Mark 15:37-39 (NIV)

37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. 38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

III. REVIEW: SUNDAY MORNING

A. Mary Luke 24:1-2 (NLT)

1 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.

B. Peter and John John 20:8-10 (NIV)

8 Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— 9 for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. 10 Then they went home.

C. Mary Again John 20:11-13 (NLT)

11 Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. 12 She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

D. The LORD John 20:14-13 (NLT)

14 She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. 15 **“Dear woman, why are you crying?”** Jesus asked her. **“Who are you looking for?”** She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

E. I Have Seen the Lord John 20:16-18 (NLT)

16 **“Mary!”** Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). 17 **“Don’t cling to me,”** Jesus said, **“for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”** 18 Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

IV. Review: HE'S ALIVE

A. Sunday Evening John 20:21-22 (NLT)

21 Again he said, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”** 22 Then he breathed on them and said, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

B. Thomas John 20:26-28 (NLT)

26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. **“Peace be with you,”** he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”** 28 “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

C. Belief John 20:29-31 (NLT)

29 Then Jesus told him, **“You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”** 30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

D. Last Instructions Acts 1:6-9 (NIV)

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them: **“It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”** 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

V. JESUS’ MINISTRY

A. John the Baptist Luke 3:20-22 (NLT)

20 So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others. 21 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.

B. Aside. Jesus’ Lineage Matthew 1:1-6 (NLT)

1 This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac. *Isaac was the father of Jacob.* Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (*whose mother was Tamar*). Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram. 4 Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon. 5 Salmon was the father of *Boaz (whose mother was Rahab)*. Boaz was the father of Obed (*whose mother was Ruth*). Obed was the father of Jesse. 6 *Jesse was the father of King David.* David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).

C. Jesus Begins Luke 3:23a (NLT)

23 Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Jesus was known as the son of Joseph.

VI. JESUS’ TEMPTATION

A. The Wilderness Luke 4:1-2 (NLT)

1 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

B. First Temptation Luke 4:3-4 (NLT)

3 Then the devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’” (*Deut. 8:3*)

C. Second Temptation Luke 4:5-8 (NLT)

5 Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 “I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them,” the devil said, “because they are mine to give to anyone I please. 7 I will give it all to you if you will worship me.” 8 Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the your God and serve only him.’” (*Deut. 6:13*)

D. Third Temptation Luke 4:9-12 (NLT)

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! {*Psalm 91:11-12*} 10 For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect and guard you. 11 And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’ ” 12 Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the your God.’ (*Deut. 6:16*)

E. Protected Luke 4:13 (NLT)

13 When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

VII. MINISTRY RESUMES

A. Galilee Luke 4:14-15 (NLT)

14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit’s power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. 15 He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

B. Nazareth Luke 4:16-19 (NLT)

16 When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. 17 The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: 18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.” (*Isaiah 61:1-2*)

C. Fulfilled Today! Luke 4:20-22 (NLT)

20 He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. 21 Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!” 22 Everyone spoke well of him and was amazed by the gracious words that came from his lips. “How can this be?” they asked. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?”

D. Prove Yourself Luke 4:23-24 (NLT)

23 Then he said, “You will undoubtedly quote me this proverb: ‘Physician, heal yourself’—meaning, ‘Do miracles here in your hometown like those you did in Capernaum.’ 24 But I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown.

E. Elijah Luke 4:25-26 (NLT)

25 “Certainly there were many needy widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the heavens were closed for three and a half years, and a severe famine devastated the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them. He was sent instead to a foreigner—a widow of Zarephath in the land of Sidon.

F. Elisha Luke 4:27 (NLT)

27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, but the only one healed was Naaman, a Syrian.”

G. Anger Luke 4:28-30 (NLT)

28 When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. 29 Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. They intended to push him over the cliff, 30 but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way.

VIII. Galilee Continues

A. Capernaum Luke 4:31-32 (NLT)

31 Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day. 32 There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority.

B. Be Quiet Luke 4:33-35 (NLT)

33 Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—began shouting at Jesus, 34 “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 35 Jesus cut him short. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further.

C. Capernaum **Luke 4:36-37 (NLT)**

36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What authority and power this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!” 37 The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

D. Peter’s Home **Luke 4:38-39 (NLT)**

38 After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon’s home, where he found Simon’s mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. “Please heal her,” everyone begged. 39 Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.

E. Healings **Luke 4:40-41 (NLT)**

40 As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed every one. 41 Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak.

F. Good News-Judea **Luke 4:42-44 (NLT)**

42 Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them. 43 But he replied, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.” 44 So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.