

2 • The Holy Spirit, the Son, and You

In our first lesson, we heard Jesus make a promise to his apostles:

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear _____ about me.” (John 15:26)

The Holy Spirit would be at work in revealing the truth about Jesus to the world. But this wasn't the beginning of his work. He played a major role throughout Jesus' time on earth.



The Holy Spirit & the Birth of Christ

- ❖ He directed the _____ (Mic 3:8; 2 Pet 1:21)
- ❖ To _____ (Luke 1:35) and to _____ (Matt 1:20), promises were made by an angel that the Holy Spirit would be involved in Jesus' birth

The Holy Spirit & the Life of Christ

- ❖ He was active in the life of a man named Simeon when Jesus was presented in the _____ (Luke 2:25-27)
- ❖ At Jesus' _____, the Spirit descended on him in bodily form (Luke 3:21-22)
- ❖ Jesus is described as being "_____ of the Holy Spirit" leading up to his temptations in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-2)
- ❖ Jesus declared that it was "_____ the Spirit of God" that he cast out demons (Matt 12:28)

The Holy Spirit & the Death of Christ

- ❖ Jesus is described as having "offered himself" without blemish to God "_____ the eternal Spirit" (Heb 9:13-14)
- ❖ "If the Spirit of him who _____ Jesus from the dead dwells in you..." (Rom 8:9-11)

Clearly, the Holy Spirit's "fingerprints" can be seen all over the life of Jesus, but that's not all. Just listen to the conclusion of the very first gospel sermon after Jesus' resurrection:

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the _____ of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Acts 2:38-39)

The Holy Spirit and the Christ—both have worked, for me and for you. **Let's talk about it...**

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Our video highlighted that the Holy Spirit was at work throughout the Old Testament, revealing things about Jesus' birth, life, and death hundreds of years before they happened. Let's go on a quick hunt in our Old Testaments. What did the Holy Spirit reveal about the Messiah through the prophets in...
 - Micah 5:2?
 - Isaiah 7:14?
 - Genesis 49:10?
 - Isaiah 11:1?
 - Jeremiah 23:5-6?
 - Isaiah 53:4-7?
 - Isaiah 2:2-3?
- What does the work of the Holy Spirit through these prophecies prove? Visiting passages like **Numbers 23:19**, **Isaiah 46:8-10**, and **Romans 1:1-6** might be helpful here...
- Let's go back and read what Jesus did and said when he visited his hometown synagogue in **Luke 4:16-30**. What do we need to understand about Jesus, and how has the Holy Spirit helped us see what we need to see?
- The words we heard from **Romans 8:9-11** sounded really, really important. In your own words, what is the Spirit of God revealing through the apostle Paul?
- Finally, what's the connection to us—and anyone today—according to what Peter and the apostles proclaimed in **Acts 2:38-39**?