

Week 12: Mar. 24 (Mar. 17–Mar. 23)

- The Israelites are numbered in a census
- Only Joshua and Caleb will cross over; Moses will not
- Joshua to succeed Moses because he has the “spirit of leadership”
- Balaam is killed by the Israelites - why?
- Begin Deuteronomy: Moses’ valedictory address to the Israelites - Moses reiterates all he and the children of Israel have learned from God over the past 40 years
- Moses is harsh with the Israelites: “Because of you the Lord became angry with me also and said, ‘You shall not enter the land...’”
- “You did not trust in the Lord” and “You did not listen”
- Luke tells us of the prophet Anna
- The only story we have of Jesus between birth and ministry: Jesus at age 12 staying behind in Jerusalem: “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”
- “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man”
- The beginning of John the Baptizer’s ministry
- Look at how John responds to questions (3/18: Luke 3:10) - this is the life we are called to live, a life of deeds, not creeds
- The Spirit descends upon Jesus: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”
- Jesus begins his ministry at about age 30
- The lineage shows he is part of the House of David
- Jesus is tempted in the wilderness; “when the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.”
- Jesus reads from Isaiah in his hometown synagogue; the people take offense. “No prophet is accepted in his hometown.”
- People are furious - try to “throw him off a cliff”!
- “But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.”
- Why did the demons and evil spirits always seem to know that Jesus was the Messiah?
- Note how often Jesus retreats in solitude for prayer
- Jesus eats with “tax collectors and sinners”
- Psalm 66:1 - “Shout for joy to God all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!”
- Proverbs 11:25 - “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”