

# ***JESUS MINISTRY BEGINS***



**Col 3:4 Christ, who is our *life*...**

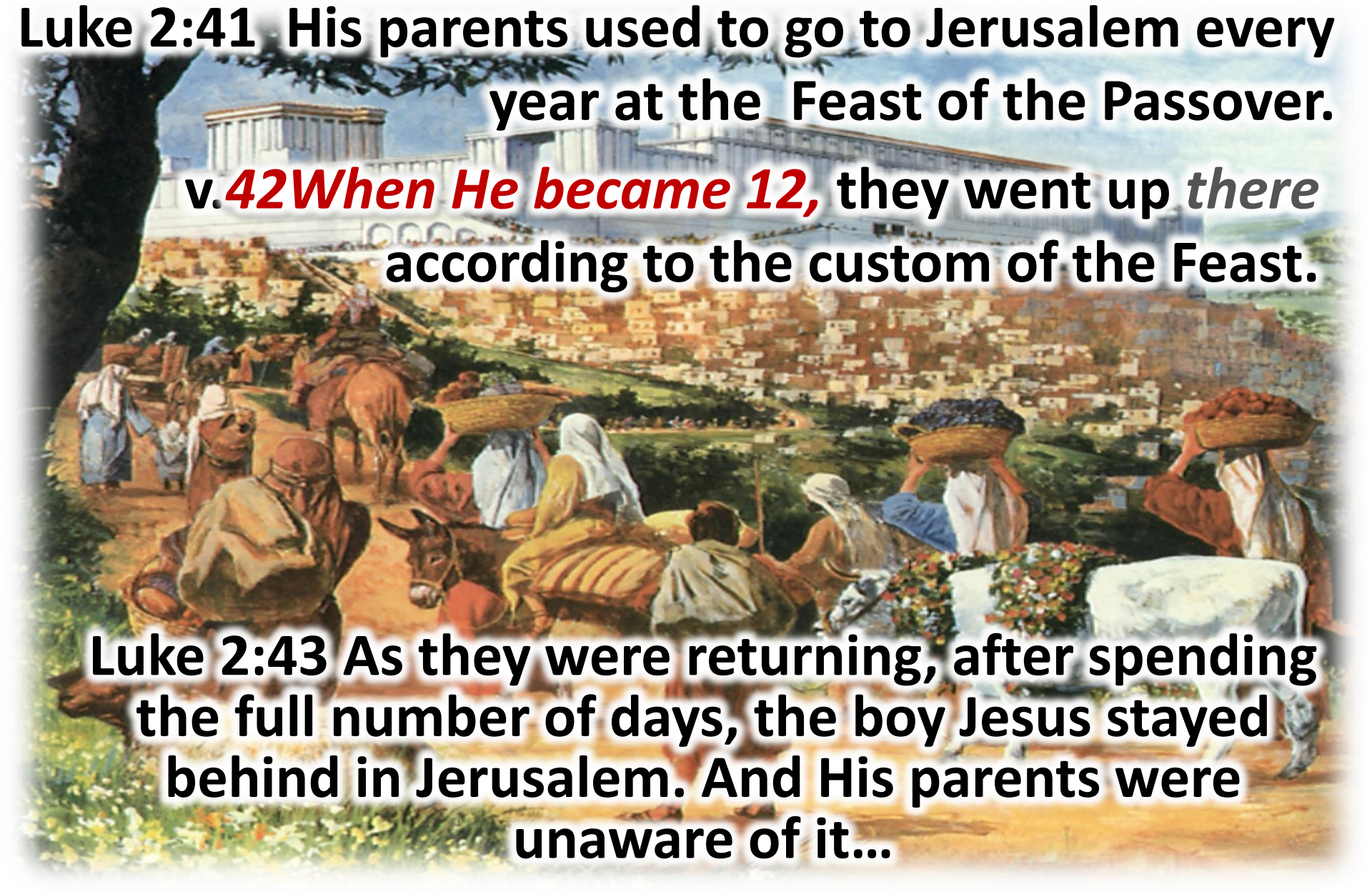
**Gal 2:20 It is no longer I who live, but *Christ lives in me*; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God.**

# *Jesus before His Ministry Begins*

**Luke 2:41** His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

**v.42** *When He became 12*, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast.

**Luke 2:43** As they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. And His parents were unaware of it...

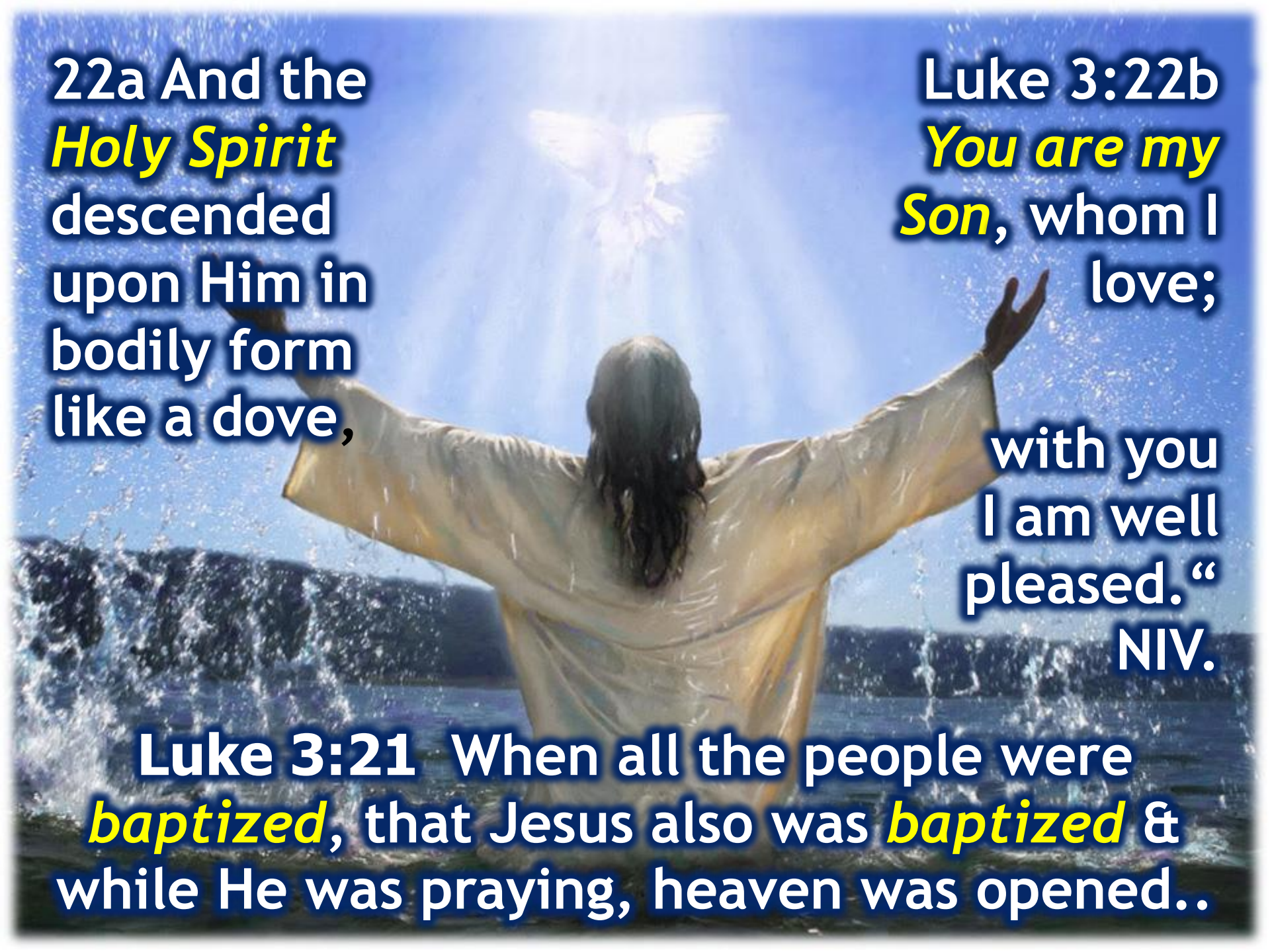


# JESUS WAS SPIRITUAL AT AGE 12



Luke 2:46 And it **came about that after three days** they **found Him in the temple**, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

Luke 2:49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that **I had to be in My Father's house?**"

A person with long dark hair, wearing a white robe, stands with their back to the camera, arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are standing in shallow water, with splashing water around their feet. In the background, there are dark, forested hills under a bright blue sky. A white dove is visible in the sky, appearing to descend from above. The overall scene is bright and spiritual.

22a And the **Holy Spirit** descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove,

Luke 3:22b  
**You are my Son**, whom I love;

with you I am well pleased.”  
NIV.

Luke 3:21 When all the people were **baptized**, that Jesus also was **baptized** & while He was praying, heaven was opened..

# *But **WHY** was Jesus Baptized ?*

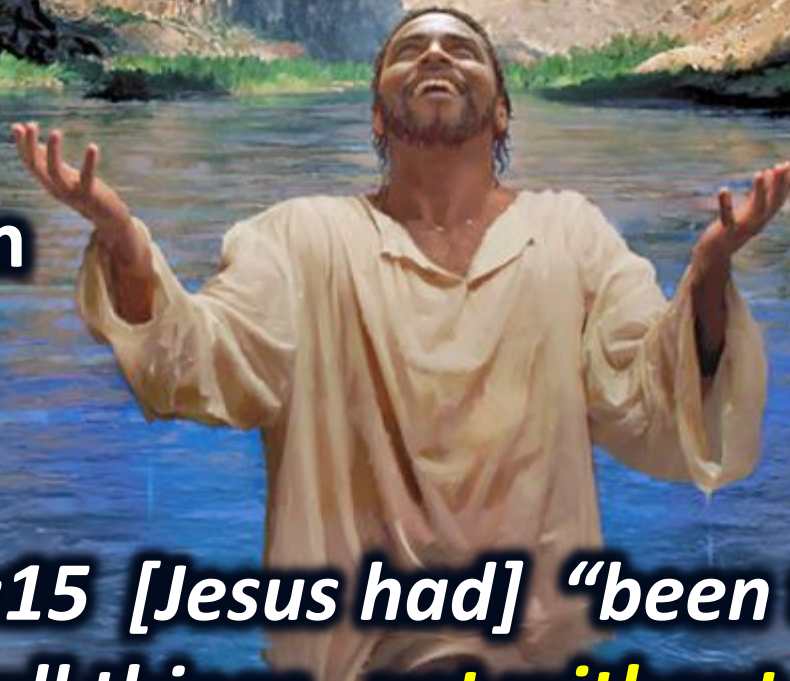
Matt 3:15 It is fitting for us **to fulfill all righteousness.**


Mark 1:4 But John's baptism was for the **remission of sin**

Heb 4:15 [Jesus had] **"been tempted in all things.. yet without sin."**

Because it was **right to do to** reveal Jesus as Messiah to John & to Israel.

John 1:31-34





We are to be *filled* with  
the Spirit (Eph 5:18<sup>b</sup>)

We are to be *led*  
by the Spirit  
(Rom 8:14)

We're willing to go/do what *Spirit revealed*

**Luke 4:1** Jesus, *full of the Holy Spirit*,  
returned from the Jordan and *was led*  
*about by the Spirit in the wilderness.*

Luke 4:2 For forty days, being *tempted by the devil*.

*And He ate nothing* during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry.

### *Satan's Temptations*

Lk 4:3 -4 Food by wrong means. (cf MK 16:20)

Lk 4:5 -8 Kingdom & power by wrong means.

Lk 4:9-13 Proof of deity by wrong means.


# How to Resist

1. Refuse to make **excuses**
2. Remember God's **blessings**
3. Recognize the **cost** of giving in
4. Remove **yourself** from the source

*Avoided temptation whenever possible (v10)*

*Ran when it was not (v12)*





But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire,  
he is **DRAGGED AWAY** and **ENTICED**.

James 1:14 NIV

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A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a person's feet walking. The person is wearing dark sneakers with white laces and white soles. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**I HAVE ONE GOOD REASON WHY  
YOU SHOULD WALK AWAY FROM  
TEMPTATION RIGHT NOW.  
ONE REASON: GOD. IS. BETTER.**

**FRANCIS CHAN**

***None of us  
are safe !***



**“If say we *have no sin* we are deceiving  
ourselves.” 1 John 1:8**

# 1 **Identify** Your Temptations



**Quit focusing on it, wondering if it will go away.  
(1 John 2:16) Lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and..**

## 2 **Pray** About Your Temptations



**Lk 22:40**

***Pray* that  
you do not  
fall into  
temptation**

**Ps 141:3 Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;  
Keep watch over the door of my lips.  
4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,**

## 03 **Avoid** Temptations

**1 Tim 6:11 Flee these things (love of riches)**



**2 Tim 2:22 Flee youthful lusts**

## 04 Use the Bible **for Inspiration**

**Ps 18:32-35**

The God who girds  
me with *strength*,  
And makes my  
way blameless.

**33** He makes my feet like  
*the feet of a deer* and sets  
me *upon my high places*.

**34** He trains my *hands for battle*,  
So that my arms can *bend a bow of bronze*.

**35** Thou  
hast also  
given me  
*the shield*  
*of Thy*  
*salvation*,  
And Thy  
*right hand*  
*upholds*  
*me*.



## 05 Use the **Buddy System**



Eccles 4:9-10 ***Two are better*** than one because if either...  
Prov 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, so ***one sharpens another.***



# 06 Use **Positive Language**



**IMPOSSIBLE**

Phil 4:13 I **CAN** do all things

Lk 1:37 With God **NOTHING**  
is impossible.

Dan 11:32b But those that know  
their God will **display strength and take action**

1 John 1:9 He is just to forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from **All** unrighteous..

Rom 8:28 All things **work together for good.**

Heb 4:15-16 We may draw near with confidence  
to the **throne of Grace...**

# 7 Give Yourself **Alternatives**

**1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you  
*but such as is common to man;***

**and God is faithful, who will not allow you to  
be tempted beyond what you are able, but  
*with the temptation will provide the way of  
escape also, that you may be able to endure it.***