

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS MAN?

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I. WHERE IS JOSEPH?

Matthew 13:55-56 (NKJV)

⁵⁵ Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And His sisters, are they not all with us? ..."

**Joseph...*was quick to
answer what he
perceived to be the
direct call of God***

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neighbors,***

***his complete self-sacrifice, when
he left all and fled into Egypt to
save the infant Jesus...indicate
he was up to the calling of God***

RESPONSIBILITIES of the FIRST-BORN SON

II. TESTS BEFORE POWER

Jesus' Tests

**1. Turn the rocks
into bread**

Luke 4:4

LUST OF THE FLESH

Jesus' Tests

**2. Worship satan for the
kingdoms of the world
Luke 4:5-8**

LUST OF THE EYES

Jesus' Tests

**3. Throw yourself off
this building
Luke 4:12**

THE PRIDE OF LIFE

III. TRUE MINISTRY IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Power before testing?

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***Leads to pride
and
self-destruction***

**Power *following* surrender
to God in tests?**

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to God in tests?**

***Leads to humility and
dependence on God.***

**He immediately GOES TO
THE SYNAGOGUE!**

Luke 4:17-21 (NKJV)

17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

Luke 4:17-21 (NKJV)

**18 "The Spirit of the LORD
is upon Me, Because He
has anointed Me To preach
the gospel to the poor; He
has sent Me to heal the
brokenhearted,**

Luke 4:17-21 (NKJV)

**To proclaim liberty to the
captives And recovery of
sight to the blind, To set at
liberty those who are
oppressed;**

Luke 4:17-21 (NKJV)

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." "

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Luke 4:17-21 (NKJV)

**21 And He began to say
to them,
*“Today this Scripture is
fulfilled in your hearing.”***

**JESUS STOPPED IN
*MID-SENTENCE!***

Isaiah 61:2 (KJV)

***...and the day of
vengeance of our God***

THIS TIME

***He'll pay the penalty for
our sin and give back to
Father God all who
surrender to Him and
receive Him by faith, as
their Lord and Savior***

NEXT TIME

***He'll bring the final
judgment of God***

**Peace on earth, good
will to men**

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***Means that PEACE
COMES TO THOSE WHO
are RIGHT WITH GOD.***

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