

NOT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD CHRIST

LUKE 12:49-59

In C.S. Lewis' Tales of Narnia, one character says of Aslan: "He's wild, you know. Not like a _____ lion." The words "I came ..." in verses 49 and 51 (and throughout the gospels) mark the _____ of Christ

I. JESUS DESCRIBED HIS MISSION IN TERMS OF _____ *LUKE 12:49*

Nothing in Scripture indicates that Jesus literally set anything on fire; so this saying is a _____

A. Fire is often used in the OT as a symbol for the _____ of God Himself

1) Examples = the _____ of fire; the burning _____; the appearance of God on _____

2) At the end of v. 49 Jesus indicated that He _____ for this fire to be kindled, indicating that to this point, Jesus had NOT been representing the Father, which is _____ true and not possible

B. Fire is also linked with the Holy _____ in the Gospel of Luke

1) In Luke 3:16 John the Baptist says of Jesus, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and _____"

2) Nowhere does Scripture indicate that the _____ of Jesus was to usher in the coming of the Spirit

C. Fire is often linked in the OT and NT with the _____ of God

1) Examples = the _____ of Israel; the destruction of the rebellion led by _____; the _____ of fire

2) Jesus' mission was to deal with the wrath of God at the _____ and He desired to accomplish it

II. JESUS DESCRIBED HIS MISSION IN TERMS OF A _____ *LUKE 12:50*

Jesus had already been baptized, and He was not baptized after this point; so this saying is a _____

A. The word "baptism" is a transliteration of the original Greek; it means a dipping or _____

B. V. 50 is parallel to v. 49: Jesus yearns to be immersed, flooded, inundated with the _____ of God
3 OT passages illustrate this meaning: Psalm 18:4-5; Psalm 69:1-2 and _____

C. Taken together, verses 49-50 indicate that Jesus yearned to accomplish a baptism by _____

1) These verses are as close as the Bible gets to saying that Jesus experienced _____ in our places

2) Because Jesus "accomplished" this baptism by fire, there is no wrath left for the _____ to face

III. JESUS DESCRIBED HIS MISSION IN TERMS OF _____ *LUKE 12:51*

A. "I Did Not Come to Give _____ on Earth"

1) Jesus uses a technique often used by rabbis—emphasizing _____ aspect of truth rather than the whole

2) Jesus did indeed come to bring peace with God, the peace of God and to make us _____

3) By the very nature of what Jesus accomplished at the cross, the cross/the gospel _____

B. "I Came to Bring _____ on Earth"

1) The cross means that there are only two kinds of people in the world: _____ and _____

2) Verses 52-53 indicate the cross brings not just division of all mankind, but _____ as well

3) Jesus assures us that this antagonism will affect every unit of society including our _____

CONC: Jesus chided the crowd because they could read the weather but not the great acts of _____
Jesus counseled us to _____ the case with God for our sin debt before we face the Judge in court