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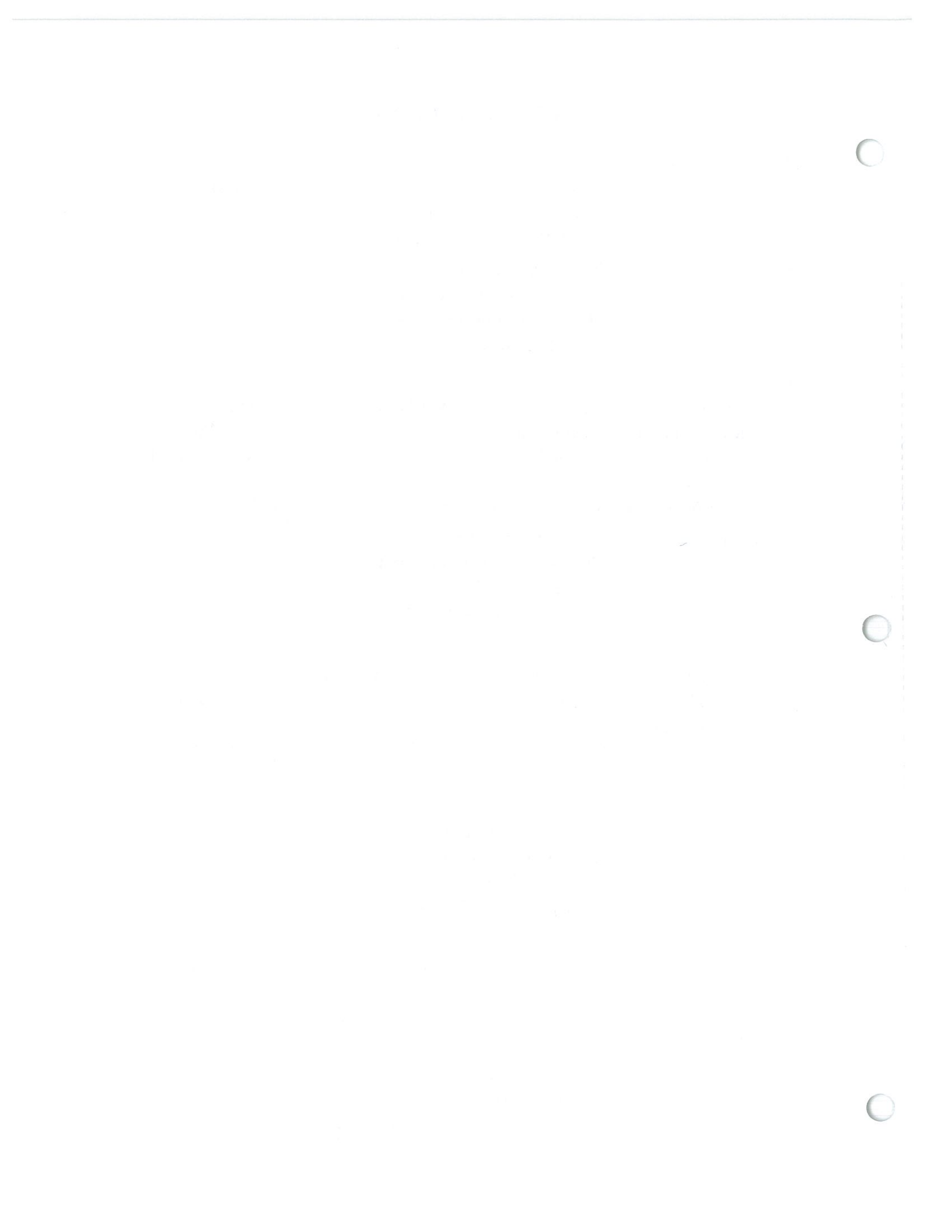
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6. INSPIRED AND PRESENTING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

The Bible is inspired by God; the Holy Spirit guided the authors of the books of the Old and New Testaments as they wrote. Although all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) all tell the story of the life of Christ, each book is an independent description written from different perspectives. Many of the events in Jesus' life are found in all four books, and some events are only written in some (or sometimes only one) of the four books.

For example: imagine four different people taking a photograph of the same object, but from four different angles. The four photographs will be of the same thing, but from different points of view.

Each writer understood the events of Jesus' life in a different light because his personal interests and experiences were different from the other writers, and because the four Gospels were originally written for different groups of people.

7. THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

The apostle Paul witnessed to the power of the Gospel, as recorded in *Romans 1:16-17*.

**For further explanation of the terms "apostle" and "disciple" see Lesson Seven in this book.*

8. THE GOSPELS OF MATTHEW AND MARK

The book of **Matthew** was written in Palestine (The Holy Land) in the Aramaic language first and later was translated into Greek. Matthew wrote this book as a message to the Jews, which presents Jesus as the **promised Messiah** as foretold by the prophets. Matthew presents Him as **King of the Jews** and shows His royal blood by tracing His descent from David. Matthew also shows that Jesus is the **Promised Seed** by tracing Him to Abraham, the founder of His race. He showed Jesus' kingly character from His birth to His final triumph in the resurrection. *Matthew 1:1 / Matthew 1:17 / Matthew 27:37 / Matthew 28:18*

The book of **Mark** was written to the Romans. Mark wrote this book to show Jesus as **an active Servant of God** with a deep interest in all and a love for every human being. Mark also shows Jesus as the **Friend of Man**. *Mark 2:15 / Mark 6:34*

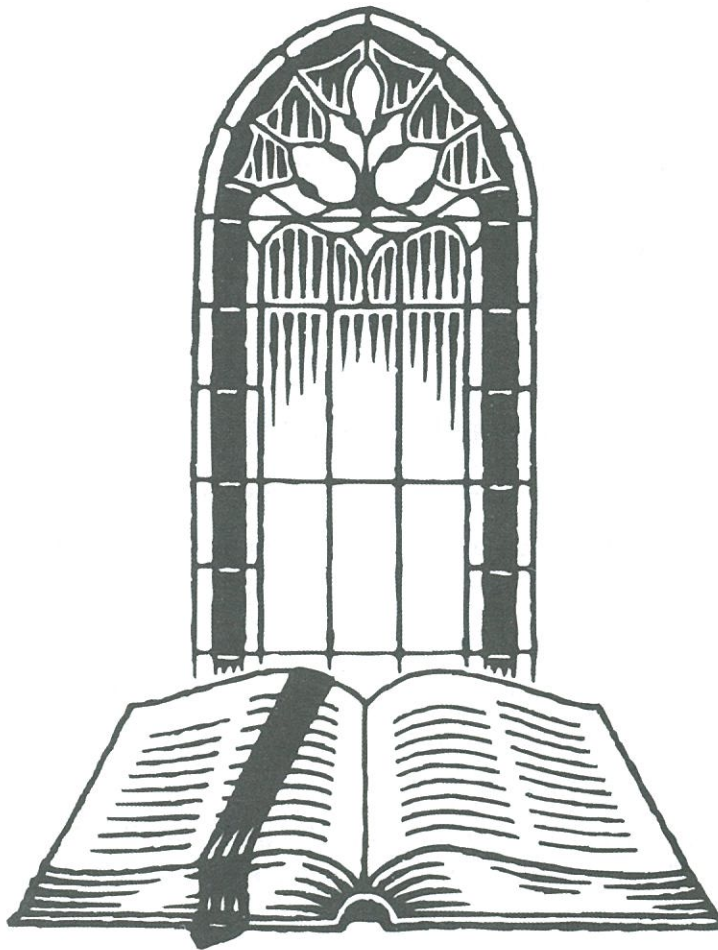
9. THE GOSPELS OF LUKE AND JOHN

The book of **Luke** was written to the Greeks and other Gentiles. It pictures Jesus as **the ideal, perfect Man** and also as **the Savior of all people**. Luke also shows Jesus as **the friend of the poor, sick, despised, and outcast**. *Luke 7:22*

The book of **John** was written to **all Christians** regardless of the nation to which they belonged. John wants all to know that **Jesus is the Son of God**. He declares that Jesus was with God in the beginning. The purpose of this Gospel is to lead its readers to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. *John 1:15-18, 29-34*

10. TWO IMPORTANT THINGS THE GOSPELS TEACH US

The Gospels are of great value to us personally, in two ways. First, they tell us that salvation and eternal life are possible, and they tell us how we may receive these wonderful gifts. Second, the life story of Jesus presents us with a master pattern for our lives, a standard by which we can judge our own thinking, speaking, and doing. We should strive to live as near to the master pattern as is humanly possible, with God's help.



“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.’”

Mark 16:15 (NIV)

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

1. JOHN'S PARENTS

John the Baptist was the son of Zechariah, a priest, and Elizabeth, a descendant of Aaron, the first priest of the Old Testament. *Luke 1:5-9*

2. JOHN'S BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: *Luke 1:11-25*

3. JOHN'S KINSHIP TO JESUS

John's mother, Elizabeth, was a relative of Jesus' mother, Mary. John was therefore related to Jesus. *Luke 1:36*

Note—some Bible translations use the word “relative,” but others use the word “cousin.”

4. JOHN IS GIVEN HIS NAME

“...according to the word of the angel and according to the will of God.”
Luke 1:13 / Luke 1:57-66

5. PROPHECY IS FULFILLED IN JOHN THE BAPTIST

A **prophecy** is a message from God, often concerning an event that has not yet happened.

A **prophet** is one who proclaims God's message and may possess the gift of foretelling events to come.

<u>Propesied</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>Fulfilled</u>
<i>Malachi 4:5-6</i>	The fiery spirit of an Old Testament prophet	<i>Luke 1:17</i>
<i>Malachi 3:1</i>	John's work for Jesus (John is known as the one who prepared the way for Christ [the “forerunner of Christ”], which is similar to being a public relations person or press agent.)	<i>Luke 1:76-77</i>
<i>Isaiah 40:3</i>	John describes his mission in a special way: John preached in the wilderness. His message: repentance (turning away from sin)... “repent of your sins.”	<i>John 1:19-23</i> <i>Luke 3:3-20</i>

6. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S WAY OF LIFE: *Matthew 3:1, 4*

7. JOHN BAPTIZED JESUS: *Luke 3:21, 22 / John 1:29-34*

John understands his destiny. *John 3:25-36*

Note how Jesus (when He heard that the people were becoming confused about whom they should listen) took Himself out of that part of the country and did not return until He heard that John had been put in prison. *John 4:1-3 / Mark 1:14-15*

Jesus testifies to John the Baptist's worthiness of honor. *Luke 7:24-30*

8. JOHN THE BAPTIST ARRESTED: *Luke 3:19-20*

9. A GREAT FEAST AND A GREAT TRAGEDY: *Mark 6:21-29*

John the Baptist is an example of real courage in the face of danger.



“John testifies concerning Him. He cries out, saying, ‘This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me’.”

John 1:15 (NIV)

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BIRTH AND EARLY YEARS OF JESUS' LIFE

1. ANNUNCIATION

The angel Gabriel announces Jesus' birth to Mary. This is known as the "Annunciation."
Luke 1:26-35 / Compare with Isaiah 7:14

The announcement made to Joseph. *Matthew 1:18-25*

2. THE MAGNIFICAT

Mary visited her relative Elizabeth. *Luke 1:39-45*

Mary sang a song of praise (often called "The Magnificat"). *Luke 1:46-55*

3. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem (also known as the City of David) to register for the census because they were both descendants of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and was placed in a manger. *Luke 2:1-7*

4. THE SONG OF THE ANGELS: Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds heard the message and song of the angels. *Luke 2:8-14*

They visited and adored the Christ Child in the manger. *Luke 2:15-20*

5. JESUS RECEIVED HIS NAME

Jesus received His name. *Matthew 1:21 / Luke 2:21* (Also see *Acts 4:12*)

Jesus' name—which is the Greek version of the Hebrew name "Joshua" (or, "Y'shua") has been translated to mean "God saves," "The LORD saves," or "Savior."

According to the instructions given to Jewish people in the Old Testament, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to God at the Temple in Jerusalem about forty days after His birth.

See *Luke 2:22-24*

For the original Old Testament rules, read *Leviticus 12:2-7*.

Simon and Anna blessed Jesus and His parents. *Luke 2:25-38*

6. THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Far away in an eastern land, around the time of Christ's birth, some men known as the Magi (or "Wise Men") were alerted about this wonderful event by the appearance of an unusual *star* in the sky. *Matthew 2:1-2 / Compare with Numbers 24:17a* in the Old Testament.

They journeyed to Jerusalem where they expected to find the **King of the Jews**.

Matthew 2:1 / See also Isaiah 60:1-3, 6.

Herod became troubled when he learned from the religious leaders that Christ would be born in Bethlehem and he sent the Wise Men there.

Matthew 2:3-8 / Compare with Micah 5:2.

Starting for Bethlehem, the Wise Men were thrilled to see again the same star that they had seen at home in the East. Now it moved before them until it stood over the house where Mary, Joseph and Jesus now lived. *Matthew 2:7-10*

The Wise Men presented their gifts to Jesus in the house. They returned to their own country without going back to Herod. *Matthew 2:11-12 / Compare with Isaiah 60:6.*

7. FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Jesus' life was protected when his parents took him to Egypt where they stayed until Herod died. *Matthew 2:13-15 / Compare with Hosea 11:1.*

8. THE GREAT SLAUGHTER OF INFANT BOYS

Ordered by the jealous King Herod. *Matthew 2:16-18 / Compare with Jeremiah 31:15.*

The return to Nazareth Joseph returned to Nazareth with Mary and Jesus after the death of Herod. *Matthew 2:19-23*

9. JESUS VISITED THE TEMPLE

The only other event mentioned in Jesus' life until His baptism is His visit to the Temple when He was twelve years old. *Luke 2:41-52*



“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

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FIRST YEAR OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY

1. JESUS' BAPTISM

Jesus opened His three years of earthly ministry with the ceremony of baptism by His cousin, John the Baptist, in the river Jordan. At this time the Trinity (three persons in one God), God the **Father**, God the **Son** (Jesus), and God the **Holy Spirit** was revealed.

Matthew 3:13-17 / Mark 1:9-11 / Luke 3:21-23

2. JESUS' TEMPTATIONS

Directly from the scene of His baptism, Jesus was moved by an inner urge of the Holy Spirit to go alone to the wilderness. He spent forty days and forty nights there without eating any food. We are not told what actually took place but we are led to believe that Jesus prepared His heart for the work and suffering that lay ahead of Him. At the end of this period, when He was physically very weak and tired, the devil came and tempted Jesus to take the quick, easy way to accomplish His purpose without considering the will of God the Father.

Temptation

Meaning

turning stones into bread

satisfying physical needs

jumping from the highest point of the Temple

showing off His power

gaining control of the world by worshipping Satan

gaining control of and bringing the world to His Father **by Satan's plan**

In each case He escaped temptation by **remembering what God said** in Scripture. He also **reminded the devil** of what God had said. *Matthew 4:1-11 / Mark 1:12-13 / Luke 4:1-13*

John the Baptist's imprisonment.

Shortly after Jesus came back from the wilderness He heard that John the Baptist had been cast into prison. *Matthew 4:12 / Matthew 14:3-5 / Mark 1:14 / Mark 6:27-29 / Luke 3:19-20*

Jesus then went to the city of Nazareth in Galilee. *Luke 4:16-17*

3. CHRIST CALLED HIS DISCIPLES AND ORDAINED THEM

Early in Christ's first year of ministry He called many **disciples** to follow Him. The names of many of these are not given in the Bible but we list here some of those that are recorded and the nature of their call.

Simon Peter and **Andrew**: *Matthew 4:18-20 / Mark 1:16-18 / John 1:37-42*

James and **John**: *Matthew 4:21-22 / Mark 1:19-20*

Philip and Nathanael/Bartholomew: *Matthew 10:2-4 / John 1:43-49*

Note: many scholars believe that Nathanael (found in the book of John) and Bartholomew (found in the book of Matthew) are likely the same person.

Matthew (also called **Levi**): *Matthew 9:9 / Mark 2:13-14 / Luke 5:27-28*

Out of many **disciples**, Jesus chose twelve men whom He had called and He **ordained** them (gave them spiritual power and authority). Then He trained them and sent them forth to carry out His work and plan. *Matthew 10:2-4 / Mark 3:13-19 / Luke 6:13-16*

4. MIRACLES

Jesus performed two miracles during His first year of ministry. He was in the city of Cana both times.

John 2:1-11 Water made into wine

John 4:46-54 The nobleman's son healed

The first Passover of his ministry

Jesus visited Jerusalem to attend the Passover Feast. *John 2:13-25*

5. JESUS CLEANSED THE TEMPLE: *John 2:13-17*

6. JESUS INSISTED UPON REVERENCE FOR GOD AND HIS HOUSE: *John 2:16-17*

7. NICODEMUS VISITED JESUS

John 3:1-8 He learned how to become a child of God, and how this is possible.

John 3:11-18 He learned who Jesus was, and why God sent Him.

John 3:19-21 Jesus is the Light of the World. Nicodemus learned why some people hate that light.

8. WOMAN AT THE WELL

Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah (the Christ, the Anointed One), and that He will give inner satisfaction and eternal life to all who ask Him. *John 4:5-30, 39-42*

9. JESUS WAS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

Jesus went to make his official headquarters at Capernaum. *Luke 4:16-19, 4:28-32*

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him."

Luke 4:14-15 (NIV)

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JESUS' MIRACLES

1. MIRACLES

A miracle is a work done by God out of the ordinary course of nature, giving special evidence of His divine power. It is when God causes something to happen through a method that is beyond what we normally expect in our world. Miracles in the Bible often prove the connection between God and those He chooses to be messengers of His will and purpose.

Matthew 12:38 / John 2:18

God performed miracles throughout the Old Testament. *Exodus 14:21-31 / Judges 6:36-40*

2. JESUS' BIRTH AND RESURRECTION

Christ's holy birth and resurrection are two more examples of God's miracles.

Christ, a miracle in human form, preformed many miracles for a higher purpose:

To prove—through evidence of His divine power—that He was sent by God, the Father. *John 3:2*

To show His love, kindness, and mercy, particularly for suffering and oppressed people. *Matthew 9:20-22 / Mark 1:30-31 / Luke 4:38-40 / John 4:43-53*

See if you can find more examples from the Gospels!

To make known spiritual truths:

God's best is always better than humanity's best. *John 2:1-11*

God has power over nature. *Matthew 8:23-27*

God has authority over life's end (resurrection). *Luke 7:11-16*

God has power over the body and the soul. (see #5 in this lesson for examples)

God has power over the devil. *Mark 1:23-27*

God can forgive our sins. *Matthew 9:2-7*

3. MIRACLES RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS

The miracles recorded by the Gospel writers:

were done openly where large groups could see them and later speak of them. *John 6:2, 14 / John 7:31*

were done for the benefit of others. Jesus did not perform miracles for His own relief. He provided more than enough food for the hungry that followed Him, but would not change a stone to bread to satisfy His own hunger. *Matthew 4:1-4*

did not keep Jesus from His practice of private devotion. *Mark 1:34-35*

were accompanied by prayer and giving of thanks. *John 11:41*

The miracles took place in many settings (locations): at a wedding, at the Temple, along the Sea of Galilee, on the Sea of Galilee...

Look through each of the four Gospels and discover for yourself the various settings for the miracles.

4. PEOPLE RECOGNIZED THAT JESUS DID THE WORKS OF GOD

The miracles that Christ performed caused people to recognize that He did the works of God. *Mark 2:12*

5. MIRACLES TEACH SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

Christ often used miracles as a way of making known spiritual truths. In performing some of His miracles, Jesus often revealed different truths about Himself and the power that He had, including the power to restore and satisfy the souls of people, as well as the power to raise dead souls of people to new life. Here are some examples:

Jesus healing the body (*John 5:8-9, 14*) can be considered an example of how Jesus can **restore** the soul of a person.

Jesus feeding the hungry (*John 6:8-27*) can be considered an example of how Jesus can **satisfy** the soul of a person.

Jesus raising the dead back to life (*Luke 7:14-15; 8:54-55*) can be considered an example of how Jesus is able to raise the dead souls of people to new life in Him.

6. THREE TYPES OF MIRACLES DONE BY JESUS

Christ performed three types of miracles: **healing miracles, nature miracles, and resurrection miracles**. The performing of miracles was an outstanding part of His earthly ministry.

7. HEALING AND RESURRECTION MIRACLES

These miracles were performed upon the bodies of people and show Christ's humanity, His kindness and sympathy. They reveal Christ as the one Man who loves humanity with His whole heart.

8. HEALING MIRACLES

Some of the most outstanding examples of Jesus' **healings** are:

Centurion's Servant	<i>Matthew 8:5-13</i>
Woman with an Issue of Blood	<i>Matthew 9:20-22</i>
Demon-possessed Man	<i>Luke 8:26-39</i>
Ten Lepers Cleansed	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>
Man at the Pool	<i>John 5:1-9</i>
Man Born Blind	<i>John 9:1-7</i>

9. RESURRECTION MIRACLES

There are three recorded **resurrection** miracles:

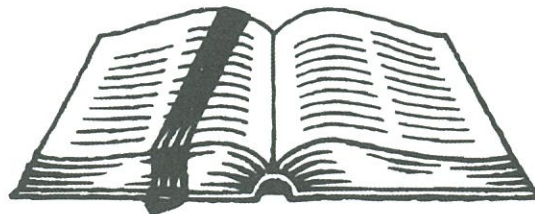
Widow of Nain's Son	<i>Luke 7:11-17</i>
Jarius' Daughter	<i>Luke 8:41-56</i>
Lazarus	<i>John 11:1-44</i>

10. NATURE MIRACLES

These were performed on non-human objects. They show Jesus' power over nature.

Some of the most outstanding examples of Jesus' **nature** miracles are:

Stilling the Storm	<i>Matthew 8:24-27</i>
Tax Money Provided	<i>Matthew 17:24-27</i>
Feeding of Over Five Thousand	<i>Mark 6:30-44</i>
Great Catch of Fish	<i>Luke 5:1-9</i>
Water Made into Wine	<i>John 2:1-11</i>



“He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Mark 2:12 (NIV)

6

PARABLES JESUS TOLD

1. JESUS TAUGHT IN PARABLES

Much of Jesus Christ's teaching was in the form of **parables**.

They were prophesized in *Psalm 78:2*. Compare with *Matthew 13:35*.

2. DEFINITION OF A PARABLE

A parable is a short story about commonly known material things or ordinary people, which is told in order to explain and teach a spiritual truth.

3. EXAMPLES OF PARABLES

The Pearl of Great Value	<i>Matthew 13:45-46</i>
The Sower (Farmer)	<i>Mark 4:3-20</i>
The Fig Tree	<i>Luke 13:6-9</i>
The Lost Coin	<i>Luke 15:8-10</i>
The Rich Man and Lazarus	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i>

4. REASONS FOR USING PARABLES TO TEACH

Christ told parables in order to get across to the hearts of His audience the truth He wished to teach. He prepared the way, beginning first with well known, easily understood things or actions that He used in teaching them how to understand a similar spiritual truth.

5. CHOICE OF MATERIAL OR OBJECTS USED IN THE PARABLES

Christ chose someone or something for His parables that His audience would personally recognize and understand.

Jesus used the following examples when speaking to certain groups:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Subject of Parable</u>	<u>Reference</u>
chief priests and elders	tenants in a vineyard	Matthew 21:33-43
a mixed crowd	wise and foolish builders	Luke 6:46-49
disciples	a persistent widow	Luke 18:1-8
self-righteous people	a Pharisee at prayer	Luke 18:9-14

2. MIRACLES

Miracles show the unlimited power of Christ.

Great Catch of Fish *Luke 5:4-9*

Obedience to Christ brings reward to those who have tried and failed.

Widow's Son raised to Life *Luke 7:12-16*

Jesus showed His compassionate love for a grieving mother.

Tempest Stilled *Matthew 8:24-27 / Mark 4:37-41 / Luke 8:22-25*

Christ has power over nature.

3. SERMONS

On Christ's Divine (Godly) Nature *John 5:17-47*

Jesus teaches clearly that He is the Son of God and that He obeys His Father's will.

4. THE SABBATH

About the Sabbath *Matthew 12:1-8 / Mark 2:23-28 / Luke 6:1-5*

5. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Sermon on the Mount *Matthew 5-7*

Jesus makes two kinds of statements in the Sermon on the Mount. He tells us things we should do (or the kind of people we should be), and He tells us things we should not do.

6. PARABLES OF GRACE

Parables of Grace - told to show the forgiveness and loving care of God, our Father.

The Moneylenders *Luke 7:41-43*

Lost Sheep *Luke 15:3-7*

Prodigal or Lost Son *Luke 15:11-32*

7. PARABLES OF JUDGMENT

Parables of Judgment – show that God is the supreme Ruler and all people are responsible to Him. In Lesson Six, you also learned that Parables of Judgment reveal the judgment of right and wrong, and teach the rewards of righteousness and the condemnation of sin.

Fish Net *Matthew 13:47-51*

The Rich Fool *Luke 12:16-21*

Wise Steward *Luke 12:42-48*

Barren Fig Tree *Luke 13:6-9*

8. PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Parables of the Kingdom reveal the deep spiritual nature of God's Kingdom.

Wheat and Weeds	<i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>
Mustard Seed	<i>Matthew 13:31-32 / Mark 4:30-32 / Luke 13:18-19</i>
The Yeast	<i>Matthew 13:33 / Luke 13:20-21</i>
Hidden Treasure	<i>Matthew 13:44</i>
The Fine Pearl	<i>Matthew 13:45-46</i>
The Sower	<i>Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23 / Mark 4:3-20 / Luke 8:4-15</i>
The Wedding Feast	<i>Luke 12:35-38</i>

Joy awaits those who prepare for eternity.

9. SINFUL WOMAN ANOINTED BY JESUS AND A PASSOVER: Luke 7:36-50

Second Passover of Jesus' ministry *John 5:1*

10. JESUS OPPOSED

Jesus' popularity began to diminish.

Early Opposition *Matthew 12:14 / Mark 3:6 / Luke 6:11*

Increased Opposition *Matthew 12:24-25 / Mark 3:22-27 / Luke 11:14-15, 17-23*

Toward the end of the second year of Jesus' ministry, two groups of people began to show more opposition to Him. These groups were the **Pharisees** and the **Sadducees**.

The **Pharisees** were opposed to Jesus because He said He was the Son of God, which to them was blasphemy (a very serious sin of insulting God). They also thought that He did not have a proper respect for God's Law. They were upset, for instance, when He healed people on the Sabbath, or allowed His disciples to pick grain on the Sabbath.

The **Sadducees** did not like His talking about judgment and eternal life, because they did not believe in those things. But what really upset them was His cleaning of the Temple. The Sadducees made a lot of money renting tables to the moneychangers and stalls to the animal sellers. They could see that, if the people decided that Jesus was right, they would lose a lot of money.

They began to follow Jesus around, arguing with Him and trying to 'show Him up' to the crowds. When that did not work, eventually they decided to kill Him.

"By Myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please Myself but Him who sent Me."

John 5:30 (NIV)

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THIRD YEAR OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY

In His third year of ministry, Jesus found that a great many opposed Him, as will be noted at the end of this lesson. But, in spite of the difficulties, it was in this year that much of His work, which is recorded for us, took place.

There is much Scripture to read in this lesson, but those who will take the time to read it carefully will find that many of the treasures of Jesus' ministry will be revealed.

1. SENT OUT TO DO EVANGELISM

Christ knew that by sending the disciples out to get active experience in the field of work (He was leaving to them) He would help them to realize the greatness of the work and scope of the problems. It would be better for them to come face to face with reality before He left them. To face these things for the first time without the security of His presence would be frustrating to them.

Matthew 10:5-42 / Mark 6:7-13 / Luke 9:1-6

2. PARABLES

Please review Lesson Six for more information about parables.

Unmerciful Servant	<i>Matthew 18:23-35</i>
Workers in the Vineyard	<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>
Good Samaritan	<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>
Friend at Midnight	<i>Luke 11:5-13</i>
The Great Banquet	<i>Luke 14:15-24</i>
Lost Sheep	<i>Luke 15:1-7</i>
Lost Coin	<i>Luke 15:8-10</i>
Lost Son	<i>Luke 15:11-32</i>
Unjust Steward (or "The Shrewd Manager")	<i>Luke 16:1-13</i>
Lazarus and the Rich Man	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i>
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	<i>Luke 18:9-14</i>
The Pounds (or Minas)	<i>Luke 19:11-27</i>

3. MIRACLES

Please review Lesson Five for more information about miracles.

Fed over 5,000	<i>Matthew 14:15-21 / Mark 6:35-44 / Luke 9:12-17 / John 6:5-14</i>
Jesus Walked on the Water	<i>Matthew 14:22-32 / Mark 6:45-51 / John 6:16-21</i>
Fed over 4,000	<i>Matthew 15:32-38; Mark 8:1-9</i>
Tribute Money (or Temple Tax)	<i>Matthew 17:24-27</i>
Raised Lazarus to Life	<i>John 11:1-46</i>

4. HEALINGS

Healing of the Young Woman	<i>Matthew 15:22-28</i>
The Boy with a Demon	<i>Matthew 17:14-21</i>
Deaf and Mute Man	<i>Mark 7:32-37</i>
Blind man of Bethsaida	<i>Mark 8:22-26</i>
Woman with Bent Back	<i>Luke 13:10-17</i>
Man with Dropsy	<i>Luke 14:1-6</i>
Ten Lepers	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>
A Blind Beggar	<i>Luke 18:35-43</i>
Man Born Blind	<i>John 9:1-41</i>

5. SERMONS

General Teachings:

The Cost of Being a Disciple	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>
The Bread of Life	<i>John 6:25-59</i>
Fatherhood of God	<i>John 8:15-58</i>
The Good Shepherd	<i>John 10:1-16</i>

In the reference from Luke 14, Jesus used two examples of counting the cost. One is of a man making sure he had enough money for the job before he began to build a tower (probably a small one in his vineyard). The other is of a king deciding whether or not his 10,000 men can beat the enemy's 20,000 men.

Becoming a Christian (accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord) is making a commitment to God. We should know that God expects certain things of us, once we become His children. We should *count the cost* before we make our commitment to Him. God will help us to keep our commitment, but we have to be sure that we are willing to make it in the first place.

Teachings for His disciples:

Jesus prophesied the end of His life in detail. The disciples didn't want to hear it.

Future Suffering and Death of Christ *Matthew 20:17-19 / Mark 9:30-32 / Luke 18:31-34*

Jesus spoke of His second coming. Notice that there are many warnings that no one knew when it would be.

Sin, Forgiveness, Faith, Duty *Luke 17:1-10*

Second Coming of Christ *Matthew 24:3-31, 36-44*

Christ said that all of His followers should develop the trustfulness, simplicity, and humility of a little child.

Humility *Matthew 18:1-6 / Mark 9:33-37 / Luke 9:46-48*

6. JESUS' DISCIPLES BEGAN TO LEAVE HIM/PETER'S CONFESSION: *John 6:60-71*

The opposition became stronger, courage was lost, and many who said they loved Him turned their backs on Him.

Peter confessed Christ. *Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20*

7. THE TRANSFIGURATION: *Matthew 17:1-9 / Mark 9:2-10 / Luke 9:28-36*

Jesus displayed a small amount of the glory He left behind in heaven. Moses and Elijah came to talk with Jesus, and strengthen Him for His coming suffering and death.

8. REJECTED BY THE SAMARITANS: *Luke 9:51-56*

Unlike the Samaritans of Sychar, these Samaritans were not able to overcome their prejudice against the Jews (Jesus was a Jew), so they rejected Jesus. Those whose lives are ruled by prejudices reject many good things.

9. ADULTEROUS WOMAN: *John 8:1-11*

Jesus' wisdom and love enabled Him to escape from another trap set by the self-righteous people who opposed Him.

At the house of friends *Luke 10:38-42*

This is a gentle lesson about priorities, and the importance of putting Christ first. Mary made the right choice.

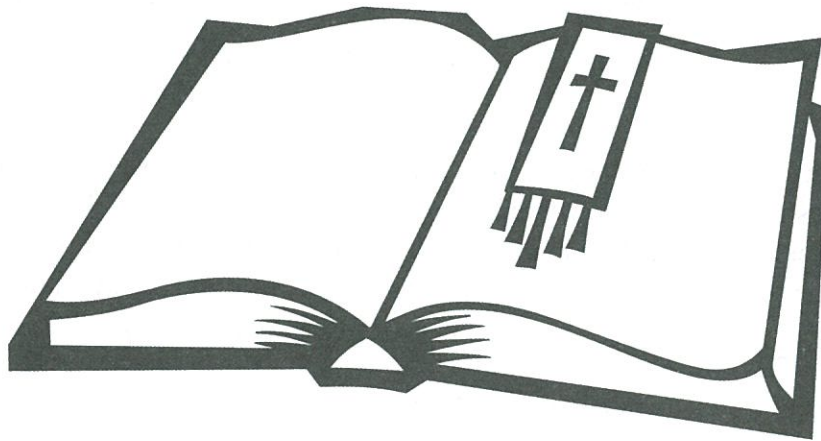
Jesus blessed the children *Matthew 19:13-15 / Mark 10:13-16 / Luke 18:15-17*

10. RICH YOUNG MAN (RULER)

The Rich young man met with Jesus. *Matthew 19:16-30 / Mark 10:17-31 / Luke 18:18-30*

Zacchaeus chose Christ. *Luke 19:2-10*

Jesus was anointed. *Matthew 26:6-13 / Mark 14:3-9 / John 12:2-8*



“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Mark 10:14 (NIV)

10

“PAID IN FULL”

1. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAST FEW DAYS

The last days of Jesus’ earthly ministry were very important. Nearly half of the record of Jesus’ life found in the four Gospels is about the last ten days that Christ was upon earth. This indicates how important those days were. During this time we are clearly shown the desperate and deep love of God for His human children. **We are shown the tremendous suffering He was** willing to bear in order to set us free from the burden of sin and from the wrath (anger) of a holy God against the evil that He cannot look upon or allow to exist forever.

2. A VOLUNTARY SACRIFICE/THE FINAL WEEK

Notice as you read how no man “took Jesus’ life” or forced Him to make this sacrifice. He did it out of love for His Father and out of love for us from a very willing heart!

Matthew 26:36-44 / Matthew 26:53-54 / Luke 22:39-44 / John 10:17-18 / John 18:4-11

Palm Sunday:

At the beginning of the week, Jesus rode into Jerusalem and was received warmly and enthusiastically by the crowds. This event is often referred to as Christ’s “Triumphal Entry” into the city. Palm Sunday was the beginning of Jesus’ final week before His death and resurrection. Many Christians honor this time of Jesus’ life by calling it Holy Week.

Matthew 21:1-11 / Mark 11:1-11 / Luke 19:28-40 / John 12:12-16

Jesus wept over Jerusalem as He approached the city. *Luke 19:41-44*

Monday:

Jesus cleansed the Temple a second time. You will remember He did this also at the beginning of His ministry. *Mark 11:15-17*

3. JESUS TELLS MORE PARABLES

Tuesday:

Jesus pronounced a curse on a fig tree
The leaves of the fig tree withered away.
Since it was not bearing fruit it was of no value.

Matthew 21:18-22

The Parable of the Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-32

The Parable of the Vineyard

Matthew 21:33-41

The Parable of the Marriage Feast

Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

The Widow's offering *Mark 12:41-44*
 Jesus observed the giving of money in the church offering.

Wednesday:

Jesus announced His betrayal and crucifixion *Matthew 26:1-2*

4. JUDAS ARRANGES THE BETRAYAL

Judas arranged with the Scribes and Pharisees to betray Jesus for a price—30 silver coins, the price for which a male slave could be bought in the market.

Matthew 26:14-16 / Mark 14:10-11 / Luke 22:1-6

5. THE LAST SUPPER/BETRAYAL AND ARREST

Thursday:

The Last Supper: *Matthew 26:17-30 / Mark 14:12-26 / Luke 22:7-23*

Jesus' Prayer in the Upper Room for...

The Father's work through Him *John 17:1-5*

His disciples *John 17:6-19, 25-26*

Future believers (us!), who believe in Christ through the disciples' testimony *John 17:20-24*

Prayer in Gethsemane (for Himself): *Matthew 26:36-46 / Mark 14:32-42 / Luke 22:39-46*

Betrayal and Arrest: *Matthew 26:47-57 / Mark 14:43-46 / Luke 22:47-54 / John 18:3-13*

Friday (often called "Good Friday")

6. JESUS' TRIALS

Jesus was held captive by several Jewish leaders, and hearings and trials were held against Him in a way that could be considered improper and illegal, according to the Jewish laws of the time.

The trials were conducted **at an illegal time**. According to Jewish law, it was improper to hold a trial or hearing during the time Jesus was put on trial—between midnight and the following morning. It was also improper procedure to hold a trial during the Jewish holiday of Passover, which was also happening during this time.

The trials were conducted **in an illegal manner**. During this time in history, the ruling council of Jerusalem—the **Sanhedrin Council**—was to meet together and follow strict rules when holding a trial. Many members of the Sanhedrin were not present during the trial of Jesus. Also, the trials were not held in the proper location, and the Gospels do not record any witnesses for the defense (Jesus).

The hearing before Annas father-in-law to the High Priest. *John 18:13-14*

Sent handcuffed by Annas for Jewish trial before Caiaphas, the High Priest, and an illegal minority of the Sanhedrin (the high court). *John 18:24*

In the morning Jesus was sent to Pilate for trial and judgment. *Matthew 27:1-2*

In an effort to evade the issue, Pilate sent Jesus to King Herod for trial. *Luke 23:6-7*

Herod mocked Him and returned Him to Pilate for the final judgment. *Luke 23:8-11*

7. INJUSTICE AND CONDEMNATION

Trials revealed that Jesus was innocent. Pilate declared His innocence: "I have found no basis for your charges against Him." *Luke 23:13-16*

Jesus was condemned to be crucified because Pilate did not want a riot to start in crowded Jerusalem. Also, the high priests and elders threatened him. *Matthew 27:24-32 / John 19:12*

8. CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH:

Matthew 27:33-54 / Mark 15:22-39 / Luke 23:33-48 / John 19:17-37

9. JESUS' COMPASSION ON THE CROSS

Jesus Forgave a Thief: *Luke 23:39-43*

Jesus Comforted His Mother, Mary. *John 19:26-27*

10. THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Jesus was buried. *Matthew 27:57-66 / John 19:38-42*

The death of Jesus was required to fulfill the will of God. *John 3:16 / Mark 14:36*

The price of sin is death and the price has to be paid. Jesus paid that price by dying on the Cross. *1 Corinthians 15:3*

But the shame and agony of the Crucifixion was not the end! There followed an Easter morning with an empty tomb and a risen Savior! God's plan was fulfilled. His salvation was now available for all people, including you and me. *Romans 5:8*

As you have seen the love of God shown in this lesson, you may have felt a desire in your heart to respond to that love—to tell Him that you love Him.

Do that just now. Tell Him you love Him and ask Him to forgive your sins. Then share your new joy by letting us know of your decision.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NIV)

11

THE RESURRECTION & ASCENSION

Jesus died on the cross. The news, "He was dead!" was taken to Pilate, the Roman governor. His enemies had accomplished their work, and to one another they said: "He's dead!" The Roman soldier who thrust the spear into His side said: "He's dead!" And His friends who gathered at the foot of the cross said: "He's dead!" In Joseph's tomb they laid Him and went their way, but it was not God's plan that Christ should remain in the tomb.

The bonds of death could not hold the Son of God. The death and Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. There is no other hope for sinners.

1. RESURRECTION DAY APPEARANCES

Sunday morning:

Jesus rose from the dead and the angel's witness of this fact

Matthew 28:1-10 / Mark 16:1-13 / Luke 24:1-48 / John 20:1-23

The Earthquake *Matthew 28:2-4*

2. THE WOMEN COME TO THE TOMB

The women came to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. *Mark 16:1-3*

3. CHRIST WAS ALIVE

The angel told them there was no body! Christ was alive! *Matthew 28:1-7*

4. MARY MAGDALENE AT THE TOMB

Mary Magdalene lingered at the tomb, weeping, she was among the first people to see the risen Jesus. *Mark 16:9 / John 20:10-18*

Jesus also spoke to the other women who were journeying home without Mary Magdalene. *Matthew 28:8-9*

5. JESUS APPEARED TO TWO MEN ON A ROAD AND TO THE DISCIPLES

On that same day, Jesus spent some time with two disciples who were walking to the town of Emmaus. They did not recognize Jesus at first. *Luke 24:13-35*

He showed Himself to the eleven apostles eight days later in a room with the doors shut. The group of eleven included Thomas, who had doubted Jesus' resurrection a week earlier. *John 20:24-29*

6. MORE APPEARANCES OF JESUS

Jesus appeared many other times during the 40 days that followed His resurrection.

To the eleven apostles on a mountain in Galilee *Matthew 28:16-17*

To seven of the apostles by the Sea of Galilee *John 21:1-14*

During an important conversation with Simon Peter *John 21:15-19*

To a group of 500 believers *1 Corinthians 15:6*

7. JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES HOPE

The great hope of Christianity was born on Easter Day! Because He lives, we may also live. Christ remained on earth forty days, long enough to reveal and establish the truth of His resurrection. He then ascended and returned to the right hand of God. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus had demonstrated Himself to be the Savior and Redeemer of humanity.

8. THE ASCENSION

Christ commanded His apostles to carry the Gospel message to the entire world.

Matthew 28:16-20 / Mark 16:15-18 / Luke 24:46-49 / Acts 1:8

He ascended (went up into the sky, returning to heaven to be with His Father).

Mark 16:19-20 / Luke 24:50-51 / Acts 1:9

The promise of His return (often called the Second Coming)

Matthew 24:36-44 / Luke 17:22-25 / Acts 1:11

9. OUR FRIEND AND INTERCESSOR

Our Heavenly Attorney intercedes for us.

...returned to heaven so that He would also send to earth the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. *John 14:16-17, 26 / John 16:7*

...returned to heaven to prepare a place for those who love Him. *John 14:1-3*

...returned to heaven to intercede for us (to plead our case). *Romans 8:34 / Hebrews 7:25*

10. JESUS WILL COME AGAIN

Jesus will come again to take those who love him back with him to Heaven.

Acts 1:11 / 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

12

PROPHECY FULFILLED

1. GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION WAS PREDICTED AND HAPPENED

The outstanding feature of the Bible is its record of the plan of salvation. This plan is expressed from the beginning, over and over again to the end. Down through hundreds of years until Jesus was born, God's plan was and is to save humanity from sin by the death of Jesus His Son. During Jesus' thirty-three years of earthly life, things happened to Him that had been foretold by various prophets of God throughout those many hundreds of years.

Please recall from Lesson Two that:

A **prophet** is one who proclaims God's message and may possess the gift of foretelling events to come.

A **prophecy** is the message concerning an event that has not yet happened.

The **fulfillment** of a prophecy is the actual happening of the event that has been prophesied (foretold) by the prophet.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES, THEIR MESSAGE AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

Listed on the following two pages are prophecies made by some of these prophets. Some were spoken hundreds of years before Christ's birth, and others were spoken nearer to His advent (coming).

Also note that not only the location of the Old Testament prophecies is given in this lesson, but the New Testament fulfillment. Please **look up and read every Scripture given here**. Doing this will help you to complete the answer sheet for this lesson.

Please note that the numbers in the lesson notes correspond to the numbers of the questions. (For example, verses listed here under #3 would be used for #3 on your answer sheet.)

Remember—in these lesson notes, the prophecy is on the left and the fulfillment is on the right.

<u>Old Testament Prophecy</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>New Testament Fulfillment</u>
2. <i>Genesis 3:15</i>	The Savior of humanity would be the child of a woman.	<i>Galatians 4:4-5</i>
<i>Numbers 24:17</i>	A star would anticipate Christ's birth.	<i>Matthew 2:2</i>
<i>Isaiah 60: 3, 6</i>	Kings from the East would bring gifts of gold and incense.	<i>Matthew 2:1, 11</i>

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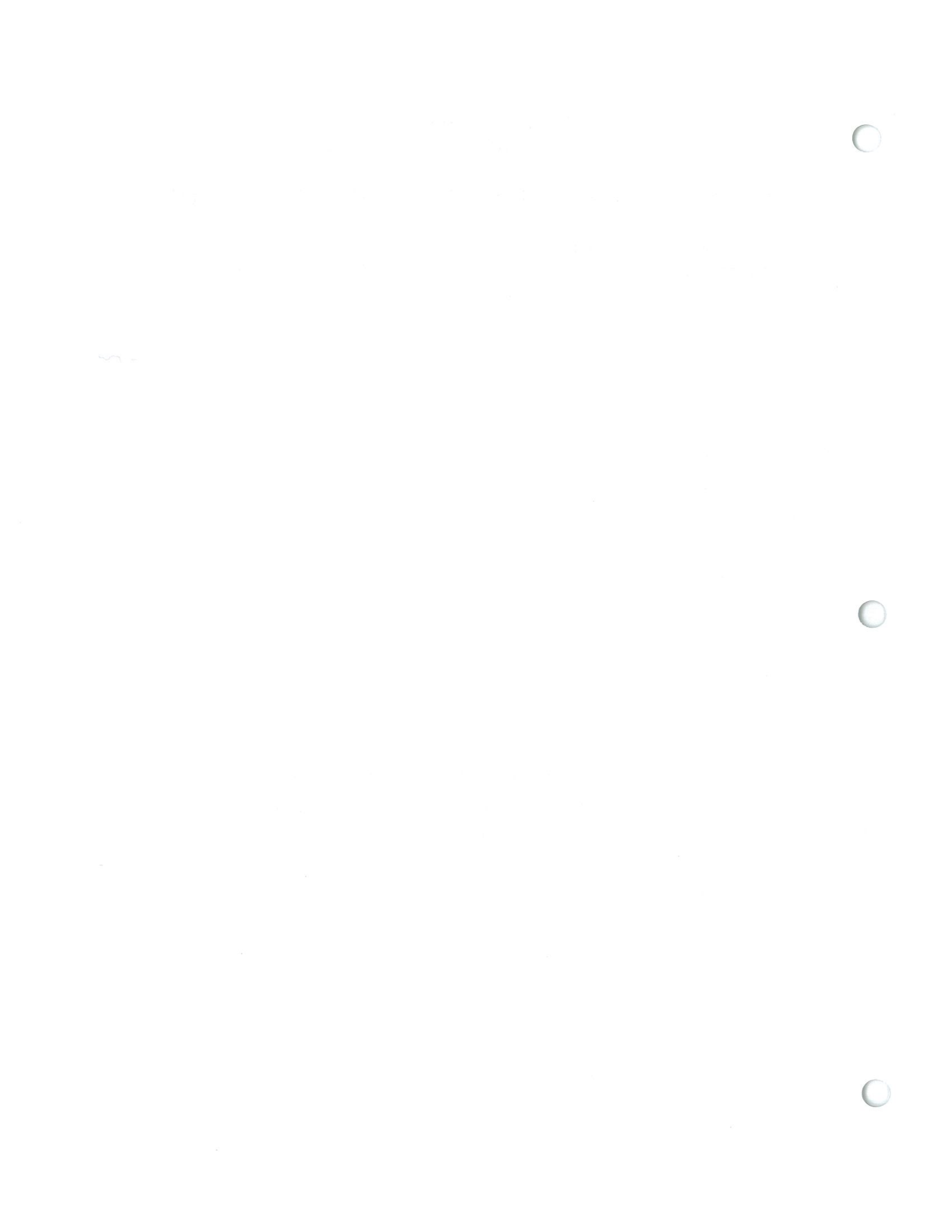
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1. What does the term “Gospel” mean? (two words) _____

2. (a) What are the seven “Wonderful Truths” that we can be assured because of the “Good News” that Jesus brought?
(b) Give a scripture reference that supports each.
 1. (a) _____
(b) Scripture reference _____
 2. (a) _____
(b) Scripture reference _____
 3. (a) _____
(b) Scripture reference _____
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(b) Scripture reference _____
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(b) Scripture reference _____
 6. (a) _____
(b) Scripture reference _____
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(b) Scripture reference _____

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3. (a) Name the four Gospels.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

(b) Fill in the blanks to tell where they are located.

They are the _____ books of the

_____.

(c) Fill in the blanks to give the story they tell.

They tell the story of _____

_____ and _____.

4. Which two of the Gospel writers were among the original disciples of Christ?

1. _____ 2. _____

5. (a) Name the two Gospel writers who were not original disciples.

(b) Where did each of these two writers obtain the facts and information about the events that they recorded?

1. (a) Writer's name: _____

(b) _____

2. (a) Writer's name: _____

(b) _____

6. Give two reasons why each of the four Gospel accounts is individual and different.

1. _____

2. _____

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7. Quote a verse of Scripture showing how Paul felt about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (To quote means to copy the whole verse word for word; remember to also write the reference).

Reference _____

8. (a) To whom was **Matthew** telling his account of the Gospel?

- (b) Tell how Matthew portrayed (pictured) Jesus.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

- (c) To whom was **Mark** telling his account of the Gospel?

- (d) Tell how Mark portrayed Jesus.

1. _____

2. _____

9. (a) To whom was **Luke** telling his account of the Gospel?

1. _____

2. _____

- (b) Tell how Luke portrayed Jesus.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

- (c) To whom was **John** telling his account of the Gospel?

- (d) Tell how John portrayed Jesus.

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10. How are the Gospels important to you?
Please be sure to answer this question and not leave it blank.

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1. Complete the following statements about John the Baptist.

- (a) He was the son of _____ and _____.
- (b) The occupation of John's father was a _____.
- (c) According to *Luke 1:8-9*, John's father was burning incense in the _____.

2. (a) How did John's father learn that John was to be born?

(b) When John's father didn't believe the message, what happened to help him believe?

3. How was John the Baptist related to Jesus?

4. Tell in your own words what happened at the time John the Baptist was named.

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5. (a) What Old Testament prophet was John the Baptist like?

(b) Zechariah calls John _____

(c) Malachi refers to John as _____

(d) How did John the Baptist describe his mission? _____

(e) John's message to the people was: _____

6. Describe the way John the Baptist lived by answering the following questions.

(a) Where? _____

(b) What did he eat? _____

(c) What did he wear? _____

7. What great testimony did John the Baptist give when he saw Jesus coming to him to be baptized? *John 1:29*

8. Tell why John the Baptist was put in prison.

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9. Why did Herod, the King, kill John on the night of the great feast? Please tell the whole story of the feast **in your own words**.

10. In what way would you like to be like John the Baptist? If you would not like to be like him, please tell why.

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1. Quote the complete answer the angel Gabriel gave Mary (also known as the Annunciation”) when she asked how it could be possible for her to bear a child without having had the necessary relationship with a man to accomplish this. *Luke 1:35*

2. From the “**Magnificat**,” what did Mary say would be said about her by others?

3. (a) Where was Jesus born? Give the name of the city and tell where He was lying on the night of His birth.

- (b) Why were Joseph and Mary in the city at that particular time instead of being at home in Nazareth?

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4. The birth of Jesus, the Savior, was first made known to the shepherds on the hillside outside the little city. Answer the following regarding how they learned of His birth.

(a) What did they see?

(b) What was the message? *Luke 2:10-12*

(c) What did they see and hear after the first message? *Luke 2:13-14*

(d) What did they do about this?

5. Why was the baby called Jesus?

6. (a) How did the Wise Men from the East know that Jesus had been born?

(b) Where did they go expecting to find Him? *Matthew 2:1-2,7-8* _____

(c) Where were they told to go to find Him? _____

(d) How did the Wise Men find the house where Jesus lived?

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(e) What three gifts did they present to Jesus?

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____

7. In a dream, what did an angel tell Joseph to do to protect Jesus?

8. (a) After Jesus was taken to another country, how did Herod show his fear and jealousy, thinking another person would take over his power and throne?

(b) When did Jesus return to His home?

9. Tell in your **own words** the story of what happened to Jesus when He was twelve years old.

10. Quote one of the prophecies from the Old Testament (see your lesson notes for examples) that came true at Jesus' birth or during the early days of His life. Be sure to give the reference (book, chapter, verse/s). See Old Testament Scripture references in lesson numbers 6-9.

Reference _____

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1. According to your lesson notes definition, what is a miracle?

2. (a) Give three reasons why Christ performed miracles.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

(b) Give six spiritual truths made known through the miracles.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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5. _____

6. _____

3. Give at least **four** facts about the miracles recorded by the Gospel writers.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4. What did people have to recognize when they saw Christ perform miracles?

5. How was the spiritual power of Christ shown in each of the following visible acts?

(a) Healing the body

(b) Feeding the hungry

(c) Raising the dead

6. What types of miracles did Christ perform?

1. _____
2. _____

3. _____

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7. (a) Fill in the blanks for the following sentence:

These miracles were performed upon the _____ of _____.

(b) What did these miracles show about Christ?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

(c) What did they reveal about Christ?

8. (a) **In your own words**, tell the story of the **healing** or **resurrection** miracle you enjoyed most.

(b) Why did you like it?

9. What do nature miracles show?

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10. (a) **In your own words**, tell the story of the **nature** miracle you enjoyed most.

(b) What spiritual lesson did you learn from this miracle?

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1. What form did Jesus use for much of His teaching? _____

2. What is a parable?

3. Name five ordinary things Christ used in telling His parables.

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____

4. Why did Jesus use parables in teaching people?

5. (a) How did Jesus choose the people He used in telling His parables?

(b) Give four examples of groups of people to whom Jesus told parables.

(c) Give the subject of a parable He told each of those four groups.

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(b) Group of People

(c) Subject of Parable

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |

6. Name three general ways to classify the parables Jesus told.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

7. What does each classification teach?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

8. Ordinarily, how many truths was Jesus trying to teach in any one parable?

9. (a) Name three parables from Luke that taught the same truth.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(b) What is the one truth taught in all three parables?

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1. What does the word 'disciple' mean? _____
2. Name six things mentioned in God's Word that we must do if we want to be a disciple of Christ.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

3. (a) What is an 'apostle'?

- (b) What is an apostle to a Christian?

4. What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

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5. What kind of men did Jesus choose to be His apostles?

6. Why did Jesus choose apostles?

7. When the seventy apostles returned:

(a) About what were they happy?

(b) About what did Jesus say they should be happy?

8. Whom did the eleven apostles choose to take the place of Judas? _____

9. Quote a verse of Scripture where Paul calls himself an apostle of Jesus.

Remember to write the reference.

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10. (a) If you could choose—would you rather be: (Please mark an X after your choice.)

- 1. A disciple only? _____
- 2. Or would you be pleased if Christ 'called' you for some Christian service? _____

(b) Please tell why you have chosen answer 1 or answer 2.

9. What did the sinful woman do to show that **she was sorry** for her sinful ways and that she loved Jesus?

10. As the Scribes and Pharisees began more and more to oppose Jesus:

(a) Whom did they say gave Jesus His power?

(b) What did Jesus answer?

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1. Why did Jesus send His twelve apostles on an evangelistic tour?

2. **Underline** one of the answers under each parable that will make a true statement.

We learn from...

- (a) ...the Good Samaritan to:
1. help only our friends.
 2. let the other fellow help the one who is down.
 3. not be prejudiced but help those who need us.
- (b) ...the Friend at Midnight to:
1. not inconvenience others.
 2. pray earnestly for an answer.
 3. give people anything to "get rid of" them.
- (c) ...the Prodigal Son to:
1. "live it up" while we are young.
 2. take care how we spend our money.
 3. know that God loves and will forgive us of our sins if we ask Him.
- (d) ...the Pharisee and the Tax Collector to:
1. face our sin and ask for forgiveness.
 2. remind God of the good we have done while admitting we have made mistakes.
 3. never ask for forgiveness unless we are in church.

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(e) ...the Workers in the Vineyard that:

1. God measures our blessing to us according to how others feel about it.
2. God deals with us personally; He sees what we really need.
3. God does not love everyone the same—He shows favoritism.

3. What did Jesus use to feed over 5,000 people?

4. What was wrong with the person in each of the following Scriptures?

Matthew 15:22-28

Mark 7:32-37

Mark 8:22-26

Luke 17:11-19

John 9: 1-41

Luke 13:10-17

Luke 14:1-6

5. What two illustrations from *Luke 14: 25-33* show that we should **count the cost** and consider **what it means** to follow Christ **before** we agree to do so.

1. _____

2. _____

6. Quote Peter's **full answer** to Jesus when Jesus asked the twelve apostles if they would like to leave Him as many of the other disciples had done.

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7. **In your own words**, tell what happened on the Mount of Transfiguration.

8. What was Jesus' response to James and John when they wanted to 'get even' with the Samaritans for their rude treatment of Jesus?

9. Tell how Jesus handled the men who brought the adulterous woman before Him for judgment.

10. In the record of the rich young ruler and Zacchaeus, both sought to see Jesus.

(a) What choice did the rich young ruler make about his money and his possessions?

(b) What choice did Zacchaeus make about his money and his possessions?



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1. What is clearly shown to us in the record of the last few days of Jesus' life on earth?

2. (a) Quote a Scripture verse that tells us Jesus gave Himself willingly to be a sacrifice for our sins. (Be sure to give the reference.)

(b) Why was He so willing to do this?

3. There are five parables listed in the text that Jesus told on Tuesday of Holy Week. What do they tell us will happen to those who neglect God or rebel against Him?

4. How much value did the Scribes and Pharisees place upon Jesus?

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5. (a) Where did Jesus pray for the disciples and us?

(b) Quote the verse that shows that Jesus prayed for us. Remember to give the reference.

Reference _____

(c) Where did Christ pray for Himself?

(d) How did He end His prayer each time? Quoting is acceptable for an answer.

(e) When He finished praying and the crowd came to arrest Him, how did the crowd know which one was Jesus?

6. Name two ways that Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin was unlawful or illegal.

1. _____

2. _____

7. What other fact made the outcome of Jesus' trials unjust?

8. Write out the testimony (witness) of the Centurion when he knew that Jesus was dead. (Give reference.)

Reference _____

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9. During the Crucifixion, Jesus comforted a sinful man and a loving woman.

(a) What did the man say to Jesus?

(b) What did Jesus say to the man?

(c) Who was the woman He comforted, and what did He say to her?

(d) What did He say to John?

10. (a) Who buried Jesus? _____

(b) Where was He buried? _____

(c) Who watched the burial? _____

(d) How did Jesus' enemies try to make sure that He would stay in the tomb?

(e) What was their reason for the double security?

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1. *In your own words*, tell what happened (as recorded in *Matthew 28:1-10*) at Jesus' tomb early on the morning of the Resurrection.

2. On that same morning, who came at sunrise to anoint Jesus' body? *Mark 16:1-3*

3. What did the angel tell them?

4. Which woman was among the first to see Jesus on the morning of the Resurrection?

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3. _____

Reference _____

10. Quote one verse of Scripture that tells us Jesus will come again. (Give reference.)

Reference _____

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6. “And asked, ‘What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?’ So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.”

(a) _____
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(b) Is it the prophecy or the fulfillment? _____

7. “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so

(a) _____
 BOOK CHAPTER VERSE(S)

(b) Is it the prophecy or the fulfillment? _____

8. “And they crucified Him. Dividing up His clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.”

(a) _____
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(b) Is it the prophecy or the fulfillment? _____

9. “The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.”

(a) _____
 BOOK CHAPTER VERSE(S)

(b) Is it the prophecy or the fulfillment? _____

10. (a) Which of the twenty-two **prophecies** listed in the Lesson Notes regarding Christ, with the fulfillment in His life, gave you the greatest sense of faith and security that the truth of God is real and can be trusted? (Please give word for word either the prophecy or the fulfillment, and the reference.)

(b) What was there about this verse that caused you to choose it?

