

### **Lesson 3: Places Christ Visited**

Silent Moment: "The Painter" and "The Human Statue of Liberty" and "Loving the Lord" and "Treasures" and "Responding to God"

Lesson Description:

Judea, Galilee and many other places were traversed by the great Master and were never the same again! Great significance can be found in the places Christ visited. We will look at some of the most prominent regions and towns Christ visited.

LIFE OF CHRIST  
SILENT MOMENT  
THE PAINTER

THERE WAS A TRADESMAN. A PAINTER CALLED WAYNE, WHO WAS VERY INTERESTED IN MAKING A PENNY WHERE HE COULD. SO HE OFTEN WOULD THIN DOWN PAINT TO MAKE IT GO A WEE BIT FURTHER.

AS IT HAPPENED, HE GOT AWAY WITH THIS FOR SOME TIME. BUT EVENTUALLY THE BIG CHURCH ON THE HILL DECIDED TO DO A BIG RESTORATION JOB ON THE PAINTING OF ONE OF THEIR BIGGEST BUILDINGS.

WAYNE PUT IN A BID, AND BECAUSE HIS PRICE WAS SO LOW, HE GOT THE JOB. AND SO HE SET TO ERECTING THE TRESTLES AND SETTING UP THE PLANKS. AND BUYING THE PAINT AND, YES, I AM SORRY TO SAY, THINNING IT DOWN WITH TURPENTINE.

WELL, WAYNE WAS UP ON THE SCAFFOLDING, PAINTING AWAY. THE JOB NEARLY COMPLETED WHEN SUDDENLY THERE WAS A HORRENDOUS CLAP OF THUNDER. AND THE SKY OPENED. THE RAIN POURED DOWN, WASHING THE THINNED PAINT FROM ALL OVER THE CHURCH AND KNOCKING WAYNE CLEAR OFF THE SCAFFOLD TO LAND ON THE LAWN AMONG THE GRAVESTONES. SURROUNDED BY TELLTALE PUDDLES OF THE THINNED AND USELESS PAINT WAYNE WAS NO FOOL. HE KNEW THIS WAS A JUDGEMENT FROM THE ALMIGHTY. SO WAYNE GOT ON HIS KNEES AND CRIED+

" O GOD FORGIVE ME."

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

GOD'S WORDS CAME LOUD AND CLEAR.

"REPAINT, REPAINT AND THIN NO MORE"



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HUMAN STATUE OF LIBERTY  
18,000 OFFICERS AND MEN  
AT  
CAMP DODGE, DES MOINES IA  
COL. W. NEWMAN, COMMANDING  
COL. RUSK S. WELLS, DIRECTING.

STANDING TALL Titled "Human Statue of Liberty," this image was taken at Camp Dodge in Iowa and used eighteen thousand men.



### "LOVING THE LORD"

I am learning to love the lord with all my heart...  
even in the shadows where we seem to part.  
then i listen for his voice while i kneel in the dark;  
knowing he can hear me while he speaks to my heart.  
the joy that i have and the peace that i found tells me  
he's close and always around.  
so trust in the lord with all your heart and i know  
he'll be faithful to speak to your heart...for there will  
come a day -- that even in the shadows you will never  
part; if you love the lord with all your heart.

## Life of Christ Treasures

Matt. 23:11 Mt:2:11: And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

### GIFTS OF THE WISE MEN

GOLD	FRANKINCENSE	MYRRH
DEITY	PRAYER	SUFFERING
KING	PRIEST	PROPHET

### PROCEDURE FOR USE

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. GOLD         | BEATEN, HAMMERED |
| 2. FRANKINCENSE | BURNED           |
| 3. MYRRH        | CRUSHED          |

### THREE TREASURES

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|---------|--------|
| 1. GOLD | FATHER |
|---------|--------|

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|-----------------|------------|
| 2. FRANKINCENSE | HOLY GHOST |
|-----------------|------------|

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| 3. MYRRH | SON |
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THREE GIFTS ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE HOLY TRINITY, AND THE  
RESURRECTION

The frankincense tree, source of the spice which the magi brought to Bethlehem resembles our Mountain Ash. It is a very large tree with the star-shaped pink flowers having yellow centers. The resin, from which comes the incense and the spice obtained by making incisions in the bark of the tree. As the sap flows out it hardens and becomes brittle. It burns freely, giving off the fragrance for which it is known. Once plentiful in the Near East it has become increasingly scarce. Num:24:17: I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.



RESPONDING TO GOD	GOD'S ACTION	MAN'S RESPONSE
MEN AND WOMEN THAT SURROUNDED THE LIFE OF JESUS IN HIS INFANCY		<i>Luke 1: 20</i>
1. Zacharias-Jehovah Is renowned. <i>Luke 1:5-23</i>	<i>Lk.</i>	<i>Luke 1: 22</i>
2. Elizabeth-Oath of God <i>Luke 1:39-44</i>		
3. Mary-Miriam Greek form Strong. Other children <i>Luke 1:26-39, Mk 6:16</i>		
4. Joseph-Adding-May he increase <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>		
5. Shepherds-Keepers of Sheep <i>Luke 2:8-18</i>		
6. Simeon-Hearing <i>Luke 2:25-35</i>		
7. Anna-Grace <i>Luke 2:36-38</i>		
8. Wise men- Magi -Star <i>Matthew 2:1-12, Nu. 24:17</i>		See attached study
9. Gifts given to the Lord at His birth <i>Matthew 2:1</i>		



LIFE OF CHRIST  
IMPORTANT NAMES OF PLACES  
IN ISRAEL

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|-----|-------------------|--|
| 1.  | BETHLEHEM         | HOUSE OF BREAD ----- BIRTHPLACE<br>OF JESUS  |
| 2.  | BETH-A- BARAH     | HOUSE OF THE FORD----- BEYOND<br>JORDAN WHERE JOHN BAPTIZED.                             |
| 3.  | BETHANY           | HOUSE OF AFFLICION,--- HOME OF<br>LAZARUS.   |
| 4.  | BETH-SAIDA        | FISH HOUSE-----HOME OF<br>ANDREW, PETER, PHILIP.   |
| 5.  | JERUSALEM         | POSSESSION OF PEACE--CAPITAL OF<br>JUDAH AND CITY OF PEACE.                              |
| 6.  | GALILEE           | CIRCLE-----PRIMARY REGION<br>OF JESUS MINISTRY   |
| 7.  | CANA OF GALILEE   | REEDS-----HOME OF<br>NATHANIEL, FIRST MIRACLE.   |
| 8.  | SEA OF GALILEE    | HARP SHAPED-----CHINNERETH,O.T.<br>GENNESARET N.T.                                       |
| 9.  | DEAD SEA          | EAST OF JORDAN-----CALLED SALT<br>SEA, OR SEA OF THE PLAIN.                              |
| 10. | MEDITERRANEAN SEA | WESTERN BORDER-----DESCRIBED SEA,<br>GREAT SEA, SEA OF THE PHILISTINES<br>UTTERMOST SEA. |
| 11. | CAPERNAUM         | CITY ALWAYS CALLED----CENTERED<br>AROUND MUCH OF JESUS' MINISTRY.                        |
| 12. | EMMAUS            | DESPISED PEOPLE-----TOWN NEAR<br>JERUSALEM. TYPOLOGY LESSON                              |

13. JERICHO HIS SWEET SMELL-----VIEWED BY MOSES.  
CITY OF PALM TREES
14. SYCHAR END-----CITY OF SAMARIA.,  
REVIVAL
15. TIBERIAS GOOD VISION-----SEA OF GALILEE
16. DECAPOLIS TEN CITIES-----JESUS PREACHED IN  
THESE CITIES.
17. JUDEA THE PRAISE OF THE LORD-APPROX 56 MILES
18. NAZARETH SANCTIFIED-*Branch* EARLY HOME OF JESUS.  
NAME OF JESUS.
19. MT HERMON DEVOTED TO DESTRUCTION-HIGHEST  
MOUNTAIN (9,166)
20. MT. GERIZIM CUTTER WASTE LAND-MOUNTAIN OF  
BLESSING IN EPHRAIM
21. MT. OLIVES OR OLIVE RISES TO 830 METERS- HIS FEET SHALL  
TOUCH, ZECH. 14:4
22. MT MORIAH BITTERNESS OF THE LORD--HILL OF  
SACRIFICE
23. TYRE ROCK-----DENOUNCED BY PROPHETS  
.JESUS VISITS.
24. SIDON HUNTING-----JUDGMENT PRONOUNCED  
UPON
25. SAMARIA WATCH MOUNTAIN--
26. NAIN BEAUTY-----JESUS RISES THE WIDOW'S  
SON.

## MOUNTAINS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

1. TEMPTATION                    MT. 4:8 AGAIN, THE DEVIL TAKETH HIM UP INTO AN EXCEEDING HIGH MOUNTAIN, AND SHEWETH HIM ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD, AND THE GLORY OF THEM;
2. SERMON                        MT. 5:1 AND SEEING THE MULTITUDES, HE WENT UP INTO A MOUNTAIN: AND WHEN HE WAS SET, HIS DISCIPLES CAME UNTO HIM:
3. PRAYER                        MT. 14:23: AND AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS TAKETH PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, AND BRINGETH THEM UP INTO AN HIGH MOUNTAIN APART,
4. TRANSFIGURATION            MT.17:1 AND AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS TAKETH PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, AND BRINGETH THEM UP INTO AN HIGH MOUNTAIN APART,
5. PROPHECY                    MT. 24:3 AND AS HE SAT UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, THE DISCIPLES CAME UNTO HIM PRIVATELY, SAYING, TELL US, WHEN SHALL THESE THINGS BE? AND WHAT SHALL BE THE SIGN OF THY COMING, AND OF THE END OF THE WORLD?
6. AGONY                        MT. 26: 30,31 AND WHEN THEY HAD SUNG A HYMN, THEY WENT OUT INTO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.  
THEN SAITH JESUS UNTO THEM, ALL YE SHALL BE OFFENDED BECAUSE OF ME THIS NIGHT: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, I WILL SMITE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK
7. ASCENSION                    LUKE 24: 50 AND HE LED THEM OUT AS FAR AS TO BETHANY, AND HE LIFTED UP HIS HANDS, AND BLESSED THEM.

Mt. 17:20    And Jesus said unto them. Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

## **Lesson 4: Christ's Birth & Early Years**

Silent Moment: "Thanksgiving Inspirational Thoughts" and "Footprints in the Sand"

Lesson Description:

The promised Messiah made his miraculous and heralded entrance! He came in humility and took upon the form of servant. The eternal God became the God-man.

## THANKSGIVING INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them,  
is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

W.T. Purkiser

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today,  
and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Melody Beattie

"Be thankful for each new challenge,  
because it will build your strength and character."

Author Unknown..

We can always find something to be thankful for, and there may be reasons why we  
ought to be thankful for even those dispensations which appear dark and frowning."

Albert Barnes

"If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got,  
he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get."

Frank A. Clark

"When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty  
my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup."

Sam Lefkowitz

"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action."

W. J. Cameron

"In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an  
encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who  
rekindle the inner spirit."

Albert Schweitzer

"Feeling grateful or appreciative of someone or something in your life actually attracts  
more of the things that you appreciate and value into your life."

Northrup Christiane

PLEASE WRITE A SHORT BLESSING TO OUR LORD FOR THANKSGIVING DAY!

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR THANKSGIVING DAY WITH A NEW AWARENESS OF HIS  
PRESENCE; ( NOVEMBER 26, 2009)

Sister Brinchman

## Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.  
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.  
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.  
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,  
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed  
that during the low periods of my life,  
when I was suffering from  
anguish, sorrow or defeat,  
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,  
“You promised me Lord,  
that if I followed you,  
you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life  
there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.  
Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?”

The Lord replied,  
“The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand,  
is when I carried you.”  
Mary Stevenson



Gen:24:58: And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

TABERNALCE

GOLDEN LAMB

GOLD 1st Treasure:

Kesitah - 125 shekels - root meaning - lamb Gen. 33:19; Job 42:11

1. Gen. 2:11,12
  - a. where there is gold (Havilah) river - Pisow - first river
  - b. gold of the land is good  
God - Good - Goodness Gal.
  - c. Near the Caspian Sea - northeast corner of Asia Minor
2. Zahab (Zaw-haub)
  - a. shimmer
  - b. gold
  - c. something colored gold (as oil)
3. Rev. 21:21 "And the street of the city was pure gold, as it was transparent glass."
4. Chiefly used for
  - a. ornaments Gen. 24:22
  - b. coined money
  - c. Egyptian tombs gold is being weighed in rings for commercial purpose
  - d. Temple furniture utensils - Ex. 36:34-38; I Kings 7:48-50
  - e. High Priests vest Ex. 28:5
  - f. crowns Ps. 21:3
  - g. chains Gen. 41:42
  - h. rods Song of Sol. 5:14
  - i. rings and coins I Chron. 21:25; Acts 3:6
  - j. Hiram brought gold to Israel for Solomon's palace I Kings 10:16-21
  - k. furnishings for temple I Kings 6:20; I Kings 10:2,10
  - l. gold was also taken as plunder in war, II Kings 24:13
5. Characteristics
  - a. soft bright yellow metal
  - b. one of the first metals known to man
  - c. this metal was extremely malleable - it could be hammered into thin strips and delicate objects. Too soft for weapons.
  - d. mentions 500 times in the Bible
  - e. precious - pure
  - f. obtained from
    1. ophis - Job 28:16
    2. pavaim - II Chron. 3:6
    3. Sheba - Raamah
  - g. never tarnishes
  - h. could be used in its pure state without melting

NOTE: Six metals known in the Bible

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| 1. Num. 3:32 | 2. Job 28:2 | 4. iron |
| 2. silver    |             | 5. tin  |
| 3. bronze    |             | 6. lead |

6. a. appearance - shining yellow (reflects light)  
b. action - hammered into beautiful shapes (melted) people desire to have in their possession  
c. affect - awesome response  
d. position - head of all metals - jewels  
e. value - most expensive of all metals - top metal

7. a. gold - first metal mentioned in the Bible  
b. reflects light - shimmering - emblem of nobility

8. God - Elohim - Adonai - El Shaddai  
Jehovah - Jireh  
Rapha  
Nissi  
Shalom  
Tsidkenu  
Raah  
Shammah  
M' Kaddesh

#### FRANKINCENSE

## SECOND TREASURE

1. Ex. 30:34 - pure frankincense several species  
Stacte - Onycha - goldbanum  
tempered together
    - a. pure
    - b. holy
  2. Lebownah - Lebonaw  
  
from its whiteness or that of its smoke  
Laban - Lawbawn Gen. 49:2 Name Hur - white
  3. Rev. 18:13  
Did the the treasures at one time?
  4. Yes -
    - a. part of the anointing oil Ex. 30:34
    - b. used in sacrificial offering Lev. 2:1; 34:36
    - c. used during animal sacrifice Ex. 30:7
    - d. bruend when dressing the lamps Ex. 30:7-9
    - e. burned when offering meal offering Rev. 2:1
    - f. pure frankincense upon each row of bread

5. Characteristics :

Called frank - because of its'

- a. freeness with which when burned it gives off an odor
- b. burns a long time with a steady flame
- c. India - Africia or Arabia probably obtained this product through foreign trade Is. 60:6
- d. bitter taste - brittle
- e. an aromatic gum obtained from the Boswellia Tree resin - 1 inch long (tear)
- f. these trees are large with small, white star shaped flowers
- g. the gum is obtained (from) by cutting into the bark and collecting the resin from the tree
- h. when substance hardens it is gathered and used as incense

6. object - plant kingdom

- 7.
- a. appearance - brittle - glittering - white
  - b. action - burns - steady - long
  - c. effect - fills the room with aroma
  - d. position - chief = specie (top)
  - e. value - expensive - most expensive - rare

8. Not mentioned many times

John 16:13 Not speak of things

9. Holy Spirit - frankincense

\*\*4. Ex. 30:34 sweet species with pure frankincense

Lev. 2:1 oil upon it and put frankincense

Lev. 2:2

2:15

2:16

Lev. 5:11 neither shall he put frankincense (not on sin offering)

Lev. 6:15 all the frankincense which is upon the meat

Lev. 24:7 Shall put pure frankincense upon each row

Num. 5:15 put frankincense

Num. 9:29 the oil and the frankincense and species

Num. 13:15 the frankincense

Num. 13:9 with the meat offer

Song of Sol. 3:6 perfumed with myrrh and frankincense

4:6 myrrh and hill of frankincense

4:14 with all trees of frankincense - myrrh

Matt. 2:11 gifts - gold - frankincense and myrrh

Rev. 18:13 frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour

MYRRH

### THIRD TREASURE

1. Gen. 37:25
    - a. bearing spices and balm and myrrh
  2. Lot - Lote
    - a. gum (1-bitter 2-distilling in drops)
    - b. drobr - liberty
  3. John 14:39
    - a mixture of myrrh and aloes
  4. Yes
    - Gen. 37:25 bearing spices and balm and myrrh
    - Ex. 30:23 pure myrrh
    - Gen. 49:11 spices - and myrrh - nuts - almonds
    - Ex. 30:23 principal spices
    - Compound often the art of apothacary - pure myrrh five hundred shekels
    - Holy anointing oil - sweet cinnamon - 250 shekels
    - sweet calamus - 250 shekels
    - cassia - 500 shekels
    - (oil of a hin)

Esther 2:12 six month with oil of myrrh

Ps. 45:8 garments smell of myrrh and aloes

Pro. 7:17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh

Song of Sol. 1:13 a bundle of myrrh is my beloved

3:6 of smoke - perfumed with myrrh

4:6 will get me to the mountain of myrrh

4:14 myrrh and aloes with all the chief

5:1 gathered my myrrh with all the ch

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5:5 my hands dropped with myrrh

5:5 my hands dropped with myrrh  
5:5 my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh

5:13 lilies dropping sweet smelling

Matt. 2:11 gold frankincense and myrrh

Matt. 2:11 gold frankincense and myrrh  
Mark 15:29 to drink wine mingled with myrrh

Mark 15:29 to drink wine mingled with myrrh; John 19:39 a mixture of aloes and myrrh.

5. a. an extract from a stiff branched tree with white flowers and plum like fruit  
Low scrubby bush like tree  
b. native to Arabian deserts and African terraces  
c. both bark and wood emit a strong odor  
d. gum exudes from stems and branches - slightly bitter taste  
e. gum first soft, clear and yellowish - but later turns to oily yellow  
brown resin which drops on the ground  
f. a fragrant perfume oil made from rock roses  
g. used as oil - cosmetic and stimulates as medicine  
h. red rose colored flowers - grown in Palestine - along the shore of  
the Mediterranean

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6. Object - plant kingdom
7. 1. appearance - white  
2. action - drops on the ground  
3. effect -  
4. position - first  
5. value - 500 shekels

8. the ususage of the myrrh

anointing oil  
perfumed brides  
embalment  
medicinal purposes

Jesus garments smell of myrrh

9. Yes - the Son of God

10. Art of Apothecary - Holy Anointing Oil

- a. myrrh - 500 shekels (*drobr*) - liberty  
1. Lev. 24:10; Jer. 34:8, Ez. 46:17
- b. cinnamon - 250 shekels  
1. aromatic
- c. Calamus - 250 shekels - branch - reed - sweet cane balance
- d. Cassia - 500 shekels - to cleave - to stoop - bow low
- e. hin of oil

**Assignment regarding Mary:**

1. Was Mary at the Cross when Jesus was crucified:?

Matt. 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? [Mark 6:3]  
John 19:25; Matt. 27:55, 56, 61; Matt. 28:1; Mark 15:40; Mark 15:47; 16:1, Luke 24:10; John 20:11, 16

2. Does the Bible give us the right to worship Mary, as the queen of Heaven Check the following verses for correct answer? Luke 11:27,28

## LIFE OF CHRIST

### MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

**MATTHEW 1:16** And Jacob heget Joseph the husband of Mary,  
of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

<b>PROPHECY CONCERNING</b>  Isaiah 7:14 14: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a [redacted] shall conceive, and [redacted], and shall call his name Immanuel.	<b>ENGAGED TO JOSEPH</b>  Luke 1:26, 27 26: And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27: To a [redacted] espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the [redacted] name was [redacted]	<b>TOLD OF A VIRGINAL CONCEPTION</b>  Luke 1:28-38 28: And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29: And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30: And the angel said unto her, Fear not, [redacted]: for thou hast found favour with God. 31: And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a [redacted], and shalt call his name [redacted] 32: He shall be great, and shall be called the [redacted] of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34: Then said [redacted] Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35: And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the [redacted] of God. 36: And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37: For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38: And [redacted] said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her Visits
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<p><b>VISITS ELIZABETH</b></p> <p>Luke 1:39-41      39: And [redacted] arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;      40: And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.      41: And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of [redacted], the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:</p>	<p><b>OFFERS PRAISE</b></p> <p>Luke 1: 46-51      46: And [redacted] said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,      47: And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.      48: For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.      49: For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.      50: And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.      51: He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.</p>	<p><b>FLEES WITH JOSEPH TO EGYPT</b></p> <p>Matthew 2:13-18      13: And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his [redacted], and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the [redacted] and his [redacted] to destroy him.      14: When he arose, he took the [redacted] and his [redacted] by night, and departed into Egypt:      15: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my [redacted].      16: Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.      17: Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,      18: In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.</p>
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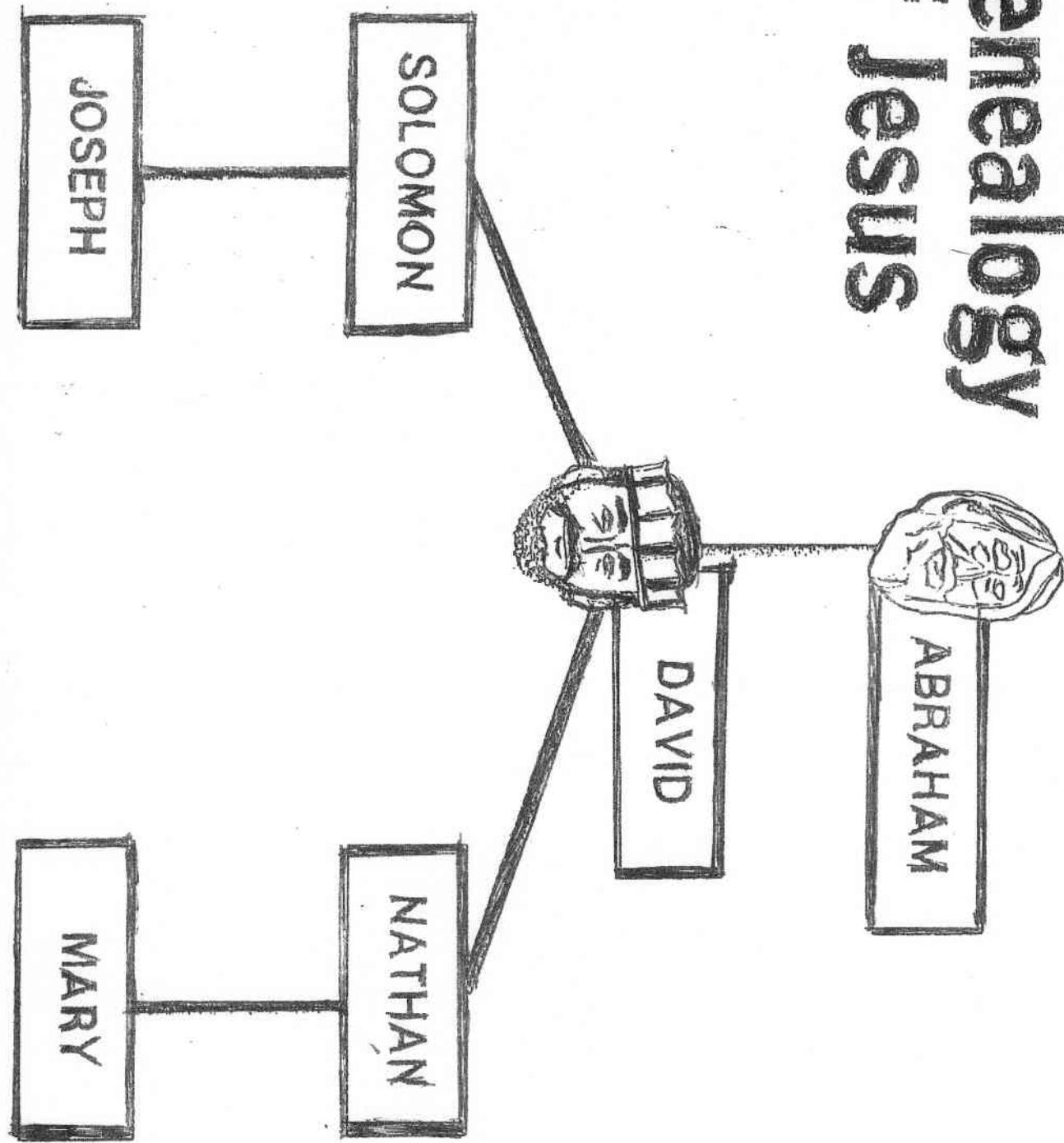
<p><b>MARY HAD OTHER CHILDREN</b></p>	<p>Mark 6:3</p>	<p>3: Is not this the carpenter, the [redacted] the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.</p>
<p><b>VISITED JERUSALEM WITH JESUS</b></p>	<p>Luke 2:41-52</p>	<p>41: Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.      42: And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.      43: And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child [redacted] tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his [redacted] knew not of it.      44: But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.      45: And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.      46: And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.      47: And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.      48: And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his [redacted] said unto him, [redacted] why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.      49: And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?      50: And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.      51: And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his [redacted] kept all these sayings in her heart.      52: And [redacted] increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.</p>

<b>AT THE WEDDING OF CANA</b>	<p>John 2: 1-5</p> <p>1: And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the [REDACTED] was there:      2: And both [REDACTED] was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.      3: And when they wanted wine, the [REDACTED] saith unto him, They have no wine.      4: Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.      5: [REDACTED] saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.</p>
<b>ENTRUSTED TO JOHN'S CARE</b>	<p>John 19:25-27</p> <p>25: Now there stood by the cross of [REDACTED], and his mother, [REDACTED], Mary the wife of Cleophas,      and Mary Magdalene.      26: When [REDACTED] therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his      mother, Woman, behold thy son!      27: Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy [REDACTED]! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his      own home.</p>
<b>RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>	<p>Acts 1:14</p> <p>14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and [REDACTED]      [REDACTED] and with his brethren.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION OF THIS MATTER</b>	<p>Luke 11:27,28</p> <p>27: AND IT CAME TO PASS, AS HE SPAKE THESE THINGS, A CERTAIN WOMAN OF      THE COMPANY LIFTED UP HER VOICE, AND SAID UNTO HIM, BLESSED IS THE      WOMB THAT BARE THEE, AND THE PAPS WHICH THOU HAST SUCKED.      28: BUT HE SAID, YEA RATHER,      BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, AND KEEP IT.</p>

LIFE OF CHRIST  
MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS  
MATTHEW 1:10

EVENTS	SCRIPTURES
PROPHECY CONCERNING	ISAIAH 7:14
ENGAGED TO JOSEPH	LUKE 1:26,27
TOLD OF VIRGINAL CONCEPTION	LUKE 1:26-38
VISITS ELIZABETH	LUKE 1:39-41
OFFERS PRAISE	LUKE 1:46-53
FLEES WITH JOSEPH TO EGYPT	MATTHEW 2:13-18
MARY HAD OTHER CHILDREN	MARK 6:3
VISITED JERUSALEM WITH JESUS	LUKE 2:41-52
THE MARRIAGE AT CANA	JOHN 2:1-5
ENTRUSTED TO JOHN'S CARE	JOHN 19:25-27
RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT	ACTS 1:14, 2:1-5
YOUR CONCLUSION OF THIS MATTER	LUKE 11:27,28

# Genealogy of Jesus



Life of Christ  
Genealogy of Christ  
Matt. 1:1-17. Luke 3:23-38

The Birth of Jesus has attracted the gaze of the whole world. Every Christmas the world looks back to a manager in the town of Bethlehem and recognized that the greatest peonage in all the earth was born that night. Even the Angles heralded the birth.

Luke 2:8-15 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

### 1. WHO IS THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

Jesus is indeed the God-man, the Creator of the Universe, the Judge of all the earth, the Messiah and the Promised Redeemer. "Redeemed how I love to proclaim it, Redeemed forever I am." You can take no middle ground on this truth. He is either the biggest fraud and perjurer that the world has ever known or He is the greatest personage of all history. He is God, Himself and we must crown Him King of Kings and Lord of all. Let's do this act now by faith. Rev. 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. Christ was God manifested in the flesh.

Heb. 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

### 2. WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH IN A HUMAN BODY? (INCARNATION)

Jesus came to earth to tell forth God. He was and is the Word that expresses God's Love. He wanted to come to earth to put THIS INCARNATION into a language that people could understand. (Love) Men were sore afraid of God. When Jehovah spoke to Moses in the Mount, there was a fearful lightning, and thundering bringing fear upon the Israelites. All the people realized that no one could see God and Live. Christ was to come down and live amongst men. John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus told Philip these words of hope and life. John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Here is a wonderful illustration: A Prince wanted to go among His subjects to see exactly what they needed. He knew if He went in His Princely robes, they would fear Him, so He dressed as they did. He spoke their language and instead of fearing Him as a Prince they loved Him, so He dressed as they did. He spoke their language and instead of fearing Him as a Prince they loved Him as a friend. Then one day He went back to the Ivory Palaces putting back on His Royal Robes, He executed the judgment and

authority that were His . He had laid down His life for us . 1 Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

11 Cor. 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the amour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, This is what Jesus did for us. Thank You Jesus. The only begotten Son of God laid aside the Royal robes of heaven and came down to earth to born of a lowly virgin to live among the people. Luke 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He was and is touched with the feelings of our infirmities. Heb. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. By His life and death He pledged His Wonderful Word Let us read this powerful scripture together John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### 3. HOW DO WE ACCOUNT FOR TWO GENEALOGIES?

We have a record of two genealogies, one found in Matthew 1:1-17 one in Luke 3:23-38. We find that the names given the same from Abraham to David but from David to Christ, they are different. At first you say, " Oh, I am not interested in a long list of faceless names". But Listen, let me tell you something, If your name was in that list, you would be very interested in it. Right! You know how interested you are in having your name and picture in your school year book. Even fond relative would buy the book also because the name of their love one was recorded there. Now thee are things of great interest in genealogies, especially in the genealogy of Jesus Christ, God Planned these two genealogies of Jesus, and it was not accident that Matthew and Luke wrote them. They are not dry and they are not contradictory. They are vital to the record that God gave of His Son.

Luke 3 we see Jesus' genealogy traced through His mother, Mary. She was the daughter of Heli, through Nathan, the son of David. The line goes back to Adam. This the genealogy of the One who was promised to Adam in Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. This was the Redeemer who was to go to the throne of David. In Matthew, Chapter one, the line is traced through Joseph, " the supposed father of Jesus." He was the legal father, through Solomon, the Son of David. In Luke Christ is presented as the Seed of the Woman.

In Matthew Christ is presented as the son of David. Gal. 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, Jesus was the son of man but not of Joseph. He was the son of a woman . Notice if He had been the son of Joseph "as was supposed" He could never be the King of Kings or the savior of mankind.

### 4. DOES THE GENEALOGY IN LUKE 3 SAY THAT JESUS WAS THE SON OF JOSEPH?

Lk:3:22: And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

23: And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

We would think that the phrase "as was supposed" meant that every one supposed in our sense of the Word meant that Jesus was the son of "Joseph according to the Law" He was not the actual son, but was the foster son of her husband Joseph. You notice that the genealogy of Matthew does not say that Jesus was the son of Joseph. It is the genealogy of Jesus, only because the mother's marriage to Joseph. This important statement in the first chapter of Matthew.

If we compare the two genealogies we find that Abraham to David names are the same. At this point they become different. In Matthew the line continues from David through Solomon. In Luke we see the line runs from David through Nathan. Jesus was born of Mary, who was in the line of David through

Nathan.

In Matthew the line takes us through Solomon and through Jechonias. (Matthew 1:11) Underline the name in your Bible. David was the greatest of the Kings but after his son Solomon his line became very degenerated until finally Jeconias, to one whose name mentioned in Joseph's genealogy brought upon himself a terrible curse from God.

Turn to Jeremiah 22:28-30 28: Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not? 29: O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

30: Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Notice that Jeconias' name is shortened to Coniah. None of his sons succeeded him to the throne. 1 Chronicles 3:17.18 : And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

17: And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son, If Jesus was born in the line of David through Jeconias, which was Joseph's line He could not sit on the throne of David. The Messiah could not be born of Jechoniah. This means that the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ was absolutely necessary because He was the Son of God. The sins of his ancestors could not taint His blood, and the curse of Coriah (Jeconiah) would not affect Him. Yet as the legal son of Joseph, He inherited the title to the throne. He was the heir of all the honors of the House of David.

##### 5. a. WHY DID NOT GOD CHOOSE SAUL TO ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE FOREVER?

##### b. WHY WAS NOT THE KINGDOM PROMISED TO SAUL AND TO HIS SEED?

Instead God choose David to be King and He promised to establish the kingdom to David and to his seed forever. As we follow the blood line of Christ, we found that He was to come from the tribe of Judah. You remember that God had said to Jacob Gen. 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. This meant that every King from Judah. Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin. No where does God promise a king would come from this tribe. God could not choose Saul as King because he was not of the tribe of Judah. The people choose Saul God. God did not choose him.

God made a covenant with Abraham promising him a land and a seed. But the Abrahamic covenant concerning the throne 11 Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. Surely this was not established in Solomon or in the line which followed. God look way beyond to David's greater son, the Lord Jesus Christ of whom the angels prophesied in Luke 1:30-33 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31: And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32: He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34: Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

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## **Jechonias**

**Also known as:**

- **Jechoniah (in New Revised Standard Version)**
- **Jeconiah (1 Chr. 3:16)**
- **Coniah (an abbreviation of Jeconiah) (Jer. 22:24)**
- **Jekonjah**
- **Jehoiachin**

**one of the Israelite kings in the legal ancestry of Jesus Christ, through his foster-father Joseph, a descendant of King David (Matt. 1:16)**

**See: Matthew 1:11-12**

"It was Jechoniah whose sins caused God to cut his seed off from ever sitting on David's throne (Jeremiah 22:24-30). ...Jechoniah's royal line of descendants is listed here [in the genealogy of Matthew 1] to show the legal right of Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, to David's throne (Matthew 1:16). Neither Joseph nor any others of Jechoniah's seed could ever have the spiritual right to the throne. That right must be carried through Mary's ancestry" (Dr. Henry M. Morris, *The Defender's Study Bible*, note for Matt. 1:11.).

**"Coniah is an abbreviation of Jeconiah (1 Chronicles 3:16), which is another form of the name Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:6). Coniah was the last king of Judah in the direct line from King David. When he was deported to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Chronicles 36:10), Coniah's uncle Zedekiah was assigned to rule Judah for a brief reign, but he also was put down, and no**

## **Women in Christ's Genealogy**

### **LIFE OF CHRIST**

Matthew included five women in his genealogy of Christ. This is notable since it was not customary for Jews to include women in their records.

Even more remarkable is the fact that Matthew included some women who had disreputable histories. The five women included were: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.

#### **TAMAR: GENESIS 38:6-30**

Tamar was the daughter-in-law of Judah. She was a childless widow, who was given to her brother-in-law after her husband's death. By this marriage, her offspring would continue the name and inheritance of the deceased. Such a union was later called a Leverite marriage (Deut 25:5-6).

Unfortunately, Tamar's brother-in-law refused to have proper intercourse with her. God killed him for this. Afterwards, Judah would not give Tamar to any of his other sons. So Tamar disguised herself as a harlot and seduced Judah. Through him, she became the mother of Perez.

#### **RAHAB: JOSHUA 2:1-24**

Rahab was a harlot who lived in Jericho. She hid the spies of Joshua. Because of this, the Israelites spared her life when they conquered Jericho. She later became the wife of Salmon, and the mother of Boaz. Rahab's faith was later commended (Heb 11:30-31).

#### **Ruth: Ruth 1:1-4:22**

Ruth was a foreigner from the land of Moab. She was the widow of a Jew. Her mother-in-law, Naomi, also lived in Moab. Naomi journeyed to Israel after her family died. Ruth's devotion was extraordinary. She left her own country to follow Naomi. While in Israel, Ruth was married to Boaz, one of Naomi's relatives. Ruth later became the mother of Obed, the grandfather of David the King.

#### **Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11:1-27**

Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah the Hittite, who was a soldier in the army of King David. She and David had an adulterous affair.

When David discovered Bathsheba was pregnant, he tried to cover it up by summoning Uriah home from war, hoping that Uriah would have intercourse with his wife. Uriah came home to Jerusalem, but refused to lay with Bathsheba as long as the armies of Israel were at war.

So, David sent Uriah back into battle, with orders that Uriah should be withdrawn from when the fighting became fierce. After Uriah was slain in this manner, David took Bathsheba as his own wife. God punished them for this by killing their first child. Bathsheba later became the mother of Solomon.

#### **Mary: Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-56**

Mary was the mother of Jesus and the wife of Joseph. She was a virgin when Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Joseph was betrothed to Mary when he discovered she was pregnant. He intended to put her away secretly because this was shameful. However, an angel told Joseph what had happened. So Joseph took Mary as his wife, and kept her as a virgin until she gave birth to Jesus.

During her pregnancy, Mary spent time with her relative Elizabeth, who was the mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-56). Mary was not a perpetual virgin, as she later became the mother of other sons and daughters (Matthew 13:55-56).

Mary was a widow at the time of Jesus' death. While on the cross, Jesus committed her to the care of John, his apostle (John 19:25-27).

## Life of Christ

### Circumcision

GEN. 17:11,12,(1450BC)

11: AND YE SHALL CIRCUMCISE THE FLESH OF YOUR FORESKIN; AND IT SHALL BE A TOKEN OF THE COVENANT BETWIXT ME AND YOU.

12: AND HE THAT IS EIGHT DAYS OLD SHALL BE CIRCUMCISED AMONG YOU, EVERY MAN CHILD IN YOUR GENERATIONS, HE THAT IS BORN IN THE HOUSE, OR BOUGHT WITH MONEY OF ANY STRANGER, WHICH IS NOT OF THY SEED.

In this scripture God Tells Abraham that eighth day is when circumcision is to be performed. This is an amazing statement especially when one considers the follow:

1. Medical doctors have found during the last half century that circumcision is valuable health practice. It reduces the occurrence of penile cancer in males and cancer of the cervix in their wives. Medical science has confirmed, after 4000 years of study, that the best method of preventing these two forms of cancer is circumcision.
2. Medical Science has recently discovered that the newborn infant is susceptible to bleeding between the second and fifth day of life. Extensive hemorrhaging could occur at this time and could cause damage to the brain and internal organs or even death.
3. The ability to clot the blood is dependent on a variety of chemical factors present in the blood. Let us consider two of these factors, Vitamin K and Prothrombin.
  - a. Vitamin K is manufactured in the human intestinal tract by bacteria. In the new born infant, this does not take place until the fifth to the seventh day when the bacterium begins to develop in sufficient numbers. Therefore, the first day one knows for sure that it is safe to perform circumcision is the eighth day. Who know about bacteria and their ability to make Vitamin K at this time?
  - b. Prothrombin is another important element necessary for the proper clotting of the blood. It has been shown that in the blood stream of the newborn infant the amount Prothrombin is less than normal. The concentration of Prothrombin is below normal and then skyrockets to a level of 10% above normal on the eighth day. It then levels off to a normal value after the eighth day.
  - c. In light of the above scientific facts the best day to perform a circumcision is the eighth day just as described in this passage of scripture. Certainly this is evidence to be considered for Biblical inerrancy.

## **Lesson 5: Baptism & Temptation of Jesus**

Silent Moment: "The Mountain Mover Bulletin" and "William Danforth at Purina"

Lesson Description:

Christ was baptized by John in the river of Jordan and this marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry. We will follow up in our study with a look at the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

# THE MOUNTAIN MOVER BULLETIN

Direct from the Throne Room

## Please Check the True or False Statements below:

1. I am a Born Again Christian Yes No
2. I am Baptized with the Holy Spirit. Yes No
3. I Believe the Bible: Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection of Jesus Christ Yes No
4. I am trusting in His Grace and Mercy and healing power. Yes No
5. Is there a Balm in Gilead? Song:1:3: Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee Yes No

6. Did Jesus heal the multitudes without question? Yes No  
Let us consider the mountain

Mt:17:20 Verily I say unto you If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

7. Do you need a ton of Faith to remove a mountain? Yes No
8. Do you speak to this mountain personally, Remove hence to yonder place? Yes No
9. Can you remove this mountain "to yonder place"? Yes No
10. Faith is the only dynamite that can remove a mountain. Yes No
11. Did Jesus say "Nothing shall be impossible unto you?" Yes No
12. Are you a Mountain Mover? Lets work together on this mountain Yes No

From the President of the Mountain movers union:  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost the Great three in ONE

*Secretary. Sister Charlotte*

Mountain

Removed by Faith

O the possibilities of Faith!

This Mountain is removed only by Faith

Grain of a Mustard Seed



## **William Danforth at Purina**

*“When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.”*

—Helen Keller

William H. Danforth was such a sickly child that a teacher once dared him to become “the healthiest boy in the class.” Danforth responded by daring himself not only to become physically fit, but also to excel in all areas of his life. He graduated from Washington University in 1892 and got a seasonal job in the brick business. Observing that “animals must eat year-round,” he and a partner began selling formula feeds for animals. Instead of packaging his feeds in plain bags like his competitors, Danforth recognized the value of a distinctive trademark. He based the distinctive red-and-white checkerboard pattern that became synonymous with his Purina company on a family in his hometown that had always dressed in checkered clothing.

Danforth devoted much of his life to the development of young people. He organized the American Youth Foundation in 1924 for the purpose of training young people in Christian leadership principles. His book, *I Dare You*, has gone through thirty printings and has been used to inspire both youngsters and business executives to lead balanced physical, mental, social, and religious lives. Danforth and his wife established the Danforth Foundation in 1927 as a national educational philanthropy. Although he died in 1955, the message of the man who led Purina for sixty years remains relevant today: “Aspire nobly, adventure daringly, serve humbly.”

**Consider This:** What we get out of life has everything to do with how we respond to the call upon ourselves to be the best that we can be, while helping others to become the best that they can . This is a wonderful opportunity to show love one toward another.

**LIFE IS FULL OF CHALLENGES.** You have been confronted with quiet a few this past year. Go forward and be a conqueror for Jesus. Rom:8:37: Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Briefly ,please give one outstanding **CHALLENGE** you have be confronted with this past year.

# Baptism of Jesus

VOICE OF  
FATHER





## **TEMPTATION OF JESUS**

**GENESIS 3:6**

**LUKE 4:1-13**

**1 JOHN**

**2:16, 17**

**TREE GOOD TURN STONES LUST OF  
FOR FOOD INTO BREAD THE FLESH**

**PLEASANT  
TO THE EYES**

**KINGDOMS OF  
WORLD**

**LUST OF  
EYES**

**DESIRE TO  
MAKE ONE  
WISE**

**CAST YOUR  
SELF DOWN**

**PRIDE OF  
LIFE**

**Heb:4:15: For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

## Temptation LIFE OF CHRIST

*"...God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13*

### I. Who or what is the source of temptation?

A God does not tempt man.

James 1:13

B. Satan is called "the tempter."

Mat 4:1, 3; Mk 1:13; 1 Corin 7:5; 1 Chron 21:1; 1 Thes 3:5

C. Temptation comes from our own lusts.

James 2:14, 15; 1 John 2:16

### II. God has put certain restrictions upon Satan's efforts.

A. God never allows us to be tempted beyond our ability to endure & triumph victoriously.

1 Corin 10:13

B. Satan is limited in his power in that he must request permission of God to come against us.

Job 1:12

### III. Why does God allow temptation?

A. The primary purpose of temptation, if overcome, is to "perfect" us, or to make us complete.

Job 23:10; Jas 1:1-4

B. We have the choice of what to do with each temptation: either to overcome it by God's grace; or, to yield to it in sin.

1. The reward for victory over temptation will be the crown of life.

Jas 1:12; Revel 3:11

2. The result of defeat under temptation is death.

Ezek 18:4; Jas 1:15

#### **IV. How can temptation be overcome?**

##### **A. By faith.**

1 Pet 5:9; 1 Jn 5:4

##### **B. By the Word of God.**

Mat 4; Luke 4 ("...it is written...")

##### **C. By prayer.**

Mat 6:13; Lu 22:40, 46

#### **V. In fighting temptation, it is important that the child of God recognize exactly what he is up against. "We are not ignorant of [Satan's] devices." 2 Corin 2:11**

**A. We do not fight "against flesh & blood" (things in the natural realm), "but against...spiritual wickedness..."**

Eph 6:12; 2 Corin 10:3-5

**B. Satan deals most successfully in the realm of deception.**

Gen 3:1; Mat 4:3; 2 Corin 11:3

**C. Satan operates in the soulish realm, too--that of the mind, will and emotions--for our thoughts have yet to be put under subjection to Christ.**

2 Corin 11:3

#### **VI. Much can be learned from the account of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.**

**A. Jesus was tempted on all three levels: 1. the lust of the flesh; 2. the lust of the eyes; and 3. the pride of life. (Mat 4; Lu 4) This was the same means by which Satan tempted Eve (Gen 3:6), and it is the same way he tries to make us fall today (1 Jn 2:15-17).**

**B. This is what God means when He says that Jesus was "in all points tempted like as we are."**

Heb 4:15

**C. However, Jesus never yielded to temptation. He never sinned.**

Jn 8:29; 14:30; 2 Corin 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26; 10:7 1 Pet 2:22; 1:19; 1 Jn 3:5

**D. Therefore, Jesus Christ is qualified to be an understanding Mediator (go-between) for man.**

Heb 2:17, 18

## Temptation of Jesus

Genesis 3:6	Luke 4:1-13	1 John 2:16
Tree Good for Food	Turn stones to bread	Lust of the Flesh
Pleasant to the Eyes	Kingdoms of the World	Lust of the Eyes
Desire to make one wise	Cast yourself down	Pride of Life

Jesus “was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

## Temptations of Christ

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the **feeling of our infirmities**; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Genesis 3:6	Mt. 4:1-11, mK. 1:11-13, Lk. 4:1-13	1Jon. 2:15-17
Tree Good:		
Pleasant to:		
Desired to:		

### Three Kinds of Temptations

Romans 6:11-14, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

	Body	Soul	Spirit
<b>1 John 2:15-17</b>	<b>Lust of the flesh</b>	<b>Lust of the Eyes</b>	<b>Pride of life</b>
<b>Genesis 3:6</b>	Good for Food	Delight to the Eyes	Make one wise
<b>Ephesians 2:3</b>	Desires of the flesh	Desires of the mind	According to the spirit of
<b>Craving or desire</b>	Food, Sex, laziness	Clothes, cars, money	Recognition, praise,
<b>Stirred by:</b>	Suggestions in movies, ads, literature, stores	Clothes, cars, money	Self esteem teaching, false praise, dialectic
<b>Fight temptation with the sword of the Spirit the Word of God.</b>	Submit your body to God. Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable	Fill your mind with God's thoughts and refuse to compromise. Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by	See yourself as God sees you, no better or worse Romans 12:3, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of

## Temptation Scriptures

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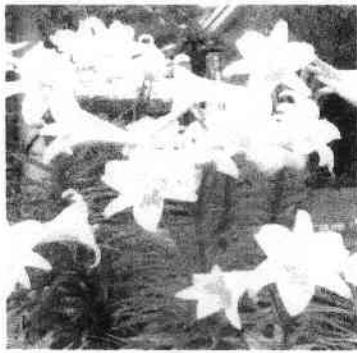
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<b>Genesis 3:6</b>			
<b>Ephesians 2:3</b>			
<b>Craving or desire for</b>			
<b>Stirred by:</b>			
<b>Fight temptation with the sword of the</b>			

## **Lesson 6: The Disciples of Christ**

Silent Moment: "The Parable of the Lilly" and "The Chief Cornerstone"

Lesson Description:

The Great Teacher hand-picked His disciples. We will take a careful look at the lives of the men that Christ called and made fishers of men.



## THE PARABLE OF THE LILY

*Luke:12:27: Consider the Lilies how they grow they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

### BROWN BULB

It must be sown in the earth and die in order for it to root and grow into a beautiful white lily.

*John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

Notice the time of year this beautiful white lily makes His appearance, Resurrection morning!

*Revelation 22:16 I, Jesus have sent mine angels to testify unto you these things in the churches. I AM THE ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID, and the bright and morning star.*

### LONG GREEN STEM

Green reminding us of Eternal life unending, world without end.

*Ephesians 3:21 and Isaiah11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:*

### GREEN LEAVES

The leaves are ever reminding us of the healing of the nations. There is healing in the leaves for whosoever believes .

*Revelation 22:2b And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

*Psalm 1:3b His leaf also shall not wither.*

Take note of the shape of the leaves. Tradition tells us these lilies grew in Gethsmene; Jesus prayer closet. What do these leaves suggest to your mind as you consider this place of prayer and the purpose of this prayer.?

### WHITE PETALS

The petals display the righteousness of Christ which He so willingly and generously imparts to His children. Wear this righteous badge with glory and honor. The white petals are the most outstanding characteristics of the lily. Notice there are six petals, every one saying I did it all for you. Jesus went to Calvary and suffered disgrace and reproach all for you . Six is the number of man. Jesus made a way where there was no way.

*Revelation 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, praise and glory.*

### GOLDEN SEEDS

Gold speaks of Christ's deity. Notice there are various seeds inside the lily revealing to us that the incorruptible seed of the Lily is waiting to be sown on good ground. . The wind influences the seed and it is blown every which way searching for good, receptive hearts "The sower went forth to sow" Notice the seed is not hid. Open view! What is my part in the work of God? Think about it seriously.

*I Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever*

## **TRUMPET SHAPE**

The Lily is shaped like a trumpet ever reminding us that even a lily has a story to proclaim The sound of a trumpet is loud and clear and it has a distinction all of its own. Proclaim the Gospel!

I hear the sound of the Gospel ringing loud and clear in the Land. The sound will be heard throughout the whole earth. How? You must become a trumpet for the Lord. What music is displayed by this magnificent flower.

"He is risen indeed." Mary was admonished to go and tell the disciples He is alive. She became a trumpet for the Lord. Will you take the challenge to be a trumpet for Christ?

**HE LIVES, HE LIVES, CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY.**

**YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES. HE LIVES WITHIN MY SOUL.**

***1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.***

**LIFE OF CHRIST 5/12/2011**  
**Silent Moment Chief Cornerstone**

**1. What has God laid in Zion?**

**2. What two tools is God using to Build His Holy Temple?**

Isaiah 28:16: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

17: Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18: And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

**3. What has the stone become which the builders refused?**

Psalms 118:22: The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

**4. Who is the chief cornerstone?**

Ephesians 2:20: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone;

**5. Describe the Living stone?**

**6. Who are the living stones?**

1 Peter 2: 4-8 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5: Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6: Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7: Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8: And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

**7 Is there any other foundation laid than Jesus Christ?**

1 Cor. 3:10 : According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

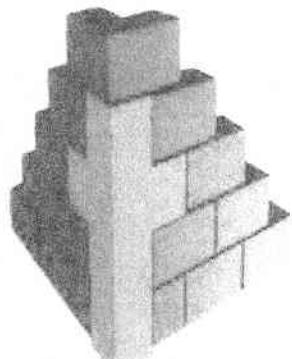
11: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**8. Are you ware that the Hebrew people had the chief corner stone with them in the wilderness? Explain your conclusion!**

1 Cor. 10:4 4: And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

**Silent Moment Questions**  
**May 12, 2011**  
**The Chief Cornerstone**

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- 6. Who are the living stones?**
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## Matthew-

A gift of God

Purpose: To Prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the Eternal King.

Author: Matthew (Levi)

To whom written: Jews

Date written: AD60-65

Setting: Matthew was a Jewish Tax collector who became one of Jesus' Disciples. This Gospel forms the connective link between the Old and New Testament because of its emphasis on the fulfillment of prophecy.

Key Verse: Matthew 5:17 " Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Key People: Jesus, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, 12 disciples, the religious leaders, Caiaphas, Pilate, Mary Magdalene.

Key Places: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Capernaum, Galilee, Judea

Special Features: Matthew is filled with Messianic language( Son of David is used throughout) Old Testament reference 53 Quotes, 76 other references.  
This gospel written as a chronological account.  
It's clear Purpose is to present the clear evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, The Savior ,The KING OF KINGS.

## **MARK- The Great Hammer**

**Purpose:** To Present the person, work and teaching of Jesus.

**Author:** He was not one of the 12 disciples but he accompanied Paul on His first missionary Journey. Acts 13:13.

**To whom written:** The Christians in Rome..

**Date written:** AD 55-65

**Settings:** The Roman Empire under Tiberius Caesar. The Empire with its common language and excellent transportation and communication systems, was ripe to hear Jesus message which spread quickly from nation to nations.

**Key Verse:** Mark 10:45: For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**Key People:** Jesus, the twelve disciples, Pilate, the Jewish religious leaders.

**Key Places:** Capernaum, Nazareth, Caesarea, Philippi, Bethany, Mount Olives, Jerusalem, Golgatha.

**Special Features:** Mark was the first Gospel written. The other Gospels quote 31 verses of Mark. Mark records more miracles than the other Gospels.

## **LUKE (A LIGHT GIVING EVANGELIST)**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>To present an accurate account of the life the Lord Jesus Christ. To present Jesus Christ as the perfect man.</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Luke was a Greek Gentile Christian plus a doctor. Col. 4:14 He is the only Gentile author in the New Testament. He was a Very dear friend of Paul. He also wrote the book of Acts and these two books seem to fit</b>
<b>TO WHOM WRITTEN</b>	<b>Theophilus (Lover of God) people everywhere.</b>
<b>DATE WRITTEN</b>	<b>A.D. 60</b>
<b>SETTING</b>	<b>Luke wrote from Caesarea or Rome.</b>
<b>KEY VERSE</b>	<b>Luke 19:9,10. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10: For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.</b>
<b>KEY PEOPLE</b>	<b>Jesus, Elizabeth, Zacharias, John the Baptist, Mary, 12 Disciples, Herod, the Great, Mary Magdalene, and Pilate.</b>
<b>KEY PLACES</b>	<b>Jordan County side, Samaria, Galilee, Bethany, Jerusalem</b>
<b>SPECIAL FEATURES</b>	<b>This is the most comprehensive Gospel. The general vocabulary and dictionary shows that the author was a very educated man. He makes frequent references to illnesses and diagnosis. Records inspired hymns of praise. Emphasizes prayer, miracles and angels. Gives a special prominent position to women.</b>

## **JOHN-- JEHOVAH FAVORED**

<b>PURPOSED</b>	<b>To prove conclusively that Jesus is the Son of God and that who soever believes in Him shall have Eternal Life. Hallelujah.</b>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>John the apostle, son of Zebedee, brother of James, called the "Son of thunder."</b>
<b>TO WHOM WRITTEN</b>	<b>Christians and search for non Christians. Will you help?</b>
<b>DATE WRITTEN</b>	<b>A.D.85-90</b>
<b>SETTING</b>	<b>Written after the destruction of Jerusalem A.D. and before John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos</b>
<b>KEY VERSES</b>	<b>John 20:30, And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.</b>
<b>KEY PEOPLE</b>	<b>Jesus, John the Baptist, the 12 Disciples, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Jesus' Mother, Pilate, Mary Magdalene.</b>
<b>KEY PLACES</b>	<b>Judean Country side, Samaria, Galilee, Bethany, Jerusalem.</b>
<b>SPECIAL FEATURES</b>	<b>Of the eight miracles recorded six are unique among the gospels. Notice the Upper Room Discourse John 14-17 Does not contain a genealogy or record of Jesus' birth or His Childhood.</b>

## THE TWELVE APOSTLES

<b>Matthew 10</b>	<b>Mark 3</b>	<b>Luke 6</b>	<b>Acts 1</b>
Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Simon Peter
Andrew	James	Andrew	John
James	John	James	James
John	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
Matthew	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James (of Alphaeus)	James (of Alphaeus)	James (of Alphaeus)	James (of Alphaeus)
Thaddaeus <sup>1</sup>	Thaddaeus	Simon (Zealotes)	Simon (Zealotes)
Simon (the Canaanite) <sup>2</sup>	Simon (the Canaanite)	Judas (of James)	Judas (of James)
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	.....

<sup>1</sup>Matthew and Mark list Thaddaeus while Luke, in his two lists, names Judas (of James). Some Bible scholars think Judas may have been his original name and that it was changed later to Thaddaeus (meaning perhaps "warm-hearted") in order to avoid the stigma attached to the name Judas Iscariot.

<sup>2</sup>"The Canaanite" is the transliteration into English of a Greek word which probably represents an Aramaic word meaning "Zealous." The Zealots in Judaism were a group who advocated revolutionary tactics to overthrow the power of Rome.

It is interesting that all four lists begin with Simon Peter and end with Judas Iscariot (except, of course, the Acts 1 list, for Judas had already killed himself). Also, the names appear to be in groups of four. Peter, Andrew, James, and John are always in the first group—though not always in that order—and Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew are in the second group in all four lists.

In all four lists, Peter's name heads the first group, Philip leads the second, and James (of Alphaeus) heads the third. A good way to memorize these names is by thinking of them in these smaller groups. Remember Peter, Philip, and James (of Alphaeus), and then the other names in each group.

## A. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE TWELVE APOSTLES

<u>APOSTLES</u>	<u>BIOGRAPHY BRIEF</u>	<u>DEATH</u>
1. PETER	A fisherman whom Jesus called the rock. First Bishop of Rome	Martyr: Crucified at Rome under Nero. Crucified up side down at his request because he did consider himself worthy to be crucified like Jesus.
2. ANDREW (brother of Peter)	Introduced Peter to Jesus Brought the lad with five loaves and fishes to Jesus	Martyr: Crucified at Patraea, Achaia (southern Greece). Hung alive on the cross two days exhorting spectators all the while.
3. JAMES	A fisherman With Jesus in Gethsamane	Killed 10 years after the first martyr, Stephen. His accuser was converted by James courage and the two were beheaded together
4. JOHN (brother of James)	Known as the "beloved disciple". James and John "sons of thunder". At the Cross with Jesus' mother.'	Natural Death: the only apostle who did not meet a martyrs death. Banished by Roman Emperor Domitian to Isle of Patmos where he received the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the last book in the Bible.
5. PHILIP	The Name Philip is a Greek name. Brought Bartholomew (Nathaniel) to Jesus.	Martyr; Crucified about 54AD. Preached the Gospel in Phrygia which was in the Roman Province of Asia near Ephesus, (Turkey)
6. BARTHOLOMEW (NATHANIEL)	Jesus saw him under a fig tree	Martyr: Crucified by Idolaters of India. Preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia (Iraq) Persia (Iran) in India.
7. THOMAS (DIDYMUS)	A fisherman on the same crew as Peter and Andrew. Called the "doubter".	Martyr: Thrust through with spear in India. Preached the Gospel in Parthia (Iran) and in Kerala, (southern India).

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE TWELVE APOSTLES

## **Lesson 7: Dialogues & Debate**

Silent Moment: "A Snowflake that Changed a Life" and "It Took a Miracle"

Lesson Description:

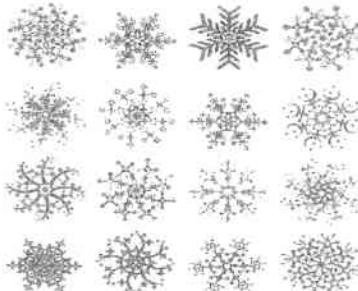
We will investigate the personal dialogues with Christ. We will also follow with healthy debate and dialogue of our own on a few key subjects important enough that Christ Himself taught on them.

### A SNOW FLAKE THAT CHANGED A LIFE!

I wondered how he could be so upbeat after such a day, especially since this man had a job That kept him on the road. He shared with the group that on the way to the post office, he went into a coffee shop to get out of the storm and cold for a while. While sitting in the coffee shop he looked around and saw that most of the people there seemed miserable with red noses, sniffling, coughing, bundled up in layers of clothes. He too was feeling quite miserable. He too was sniffling, tired and cold. Then he remembered that in the Course, it stated that you are in control of your perceptions. Right then and there, he decided to do something about his attitude.

In an instant, he decided that on the way to the post office, each and every snowflake that hit his face would bring him joy; that those snow flakes would no longer cause him grief, that they would no longer make him curse the weather, or in any way negatively affect his state of mind. So after finishing his coffee, off he went walking to the post office.

As the first snowflakes hit his face, interestingly enough he also experienced his first smirk of the day. And as the snowflakes increased in volume, so too did his smirk, which turned into a smile. Soon joy became an actual thought in his mind. He began to sing "snow flakes are falling on my head" as he walked by so many other souls who had chosen, in their own way, to see the day and their walk as a hassle, inconvenience and a hazard. At first, he sang the song in his mind, then just loud enough for himself to hear it. As the snowflakes increased, so too did his volume. There he was, singing joyfully as other pedestrians probably wondered what this poor schizophrenic person was doing out in this kind of weather. The snowflakes kept falling on his face and now that his rendition of the song was a number one single in the charts of his mind, he could sing it loud, proud and with joy.



## LIFE OF CHRIST SILENT MOMENT

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — John W. Peterson, the author of the popular Gospel song "It Took A Miracle" often sung at Billy Graham Crusades by George Beverley Shea, died Sept. 20 of cancer. He was 84.

According to the Web site dedicated to his music, John W. Peterson was born in 1921 in Lindsborg, Kansas, and began his musical career while he was still in his teens.

During World War II, he served as an Army Air Force pilot flying the famed "China Hump." Later, he attended Moody Bible Institute and served on the radio staff there for a number of years. In 1953, he graduated from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and shortly thereafter settled in Pennsylvania to continue his songwriting career.

He then moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where for more than 10 years he was president and editor-in-chief of Singspiration, a sacred music publishing company. He also served on the board of Gospel Films Inc. of Muskegon, Mich. for several years. Later he moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where he continued his writing and co-founded Good Life Productions.

A few years later, the John W. Peterson Music Company was established. During this time, he also served on the board of Family Life Radio Network in Tucson, Arizona. He had wide experience as a choral director, and throughout his career was in great demand as a guest conductor of his own works.

Peterson composed more than 1,000 individual songs, including "It Took a Miracle," "Over the Sunset Mountains," "So Send I You," "Springs of Living Water," "Heaven Came Down," "Jesus is Coming Again" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy."

In addition, he wrote 35 cantatas and musicals. Among them, "Night of Miracles," "Born a King," "No Greater Love," "Carol of Christmas," "Jesus Is Coming," "King of Kings," "Down from His Glory" and "The Last Week." About 10 million copies of these cantatas and musicals have been published and sold.

In 1967, the National Evangelical Film Foundation presented Peterson with the Sacred Music Award in recognition of his accomplishments in the field of sacred music. He also held three honorary degrees.

In 1977, his autobiography, "The Miracle Goes On," was published by Zondervan Publishing House, and a film by the same title was released by Gospel Films. In 1986, Peterson was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, and in 1996 at MusiCalifornia, he received the prestigious Ray DeVries Church Music Award.

His survivors include his wife of 62 years and three daughters. They were longtime members of Scottsdale Bible Church.

A daily e-mail resource from Bill Welte, executive director of the Keswick Convention, paid tribute to Peterson, "one of my great heroes" as a man who lived "to encourage victorious living in this crazy, ever changing world."

"Much like Martin Luther did during his lifetime, John Peterson brought music back to the church through his choruses and Christmas and Easter cantatas," Welte wrote. "John loved to get people together to sing and worship the Lord, and many of his songs have made it into our modern hymnals."

# It Took a Miracle

Words and Music by John W. Peterson

My Father is omnipotent  
And that you can't deny;  
A God of might and miracles;  
'Tis written in the sky.

## Chorus

It took a miracle to put the stars in place;  
It took a miracle to hang the world in space.  
But when He saved my soul,  
Cleansed and made me whole,  
It took a miracle of love and grace!

Though here His glory has been shown,  
We still can't fully see  
The wonders of His might, His throne;  
'Till eternity.

## Chorus

It took a miracle to put the stars in place;  
It took a miracle to hang the world in space.  
But when He saved my soul,  
Cleansed and made me whole,  
It took a miracle of love and grace!

The Bible tells us of His power  
And wisdom all way through;  
And every little bird and flower  
Are testimonies too.

## Chorus

It took a miracle to put the stars in place;  
It took a miracle to hang the world in space.  
But when He saved my soul,  
Cleansed and made me whole,  
It took a miracle of love and grace

## THE PERSONAL DIALOGUES OF THE SAVIOR

1. With Nathaniel, concerning His omniscience and ascension  
John 1:47-51
2. With his mother, concerning His life's purpose  
John 2:3,4
3. With Nicodemus, concerning His life's purpose  
John 3:1-21
4. With a Samaritan woman, concerning Living Waters  
John 4:6-25
5. With a leper, concerning his healing  
Mt. 8:2-4
6. With Centurion, concerning healing and faith  
Mt. 8:6-13, Lk. 7:4-9
7. With Simon, the Pharisee, concerning love and forgiveness  
Lk. 7:40-47
8. With Jairus, concerning his daughter  
Mk. 5:22, 23, 35, 36
9. With an impotent, concerning healing  
Jn. 5:6-8, 14
10. With a Syro-phoenician mother, concerning her daughter  
Mt. 15:21-28
11. With a blind man, concerning healing  
Mk. 8:22-26
12. With an adulterous woman, concerning her accusers  
Jn. 8:10, 11
13. With a man born blind, concerning His own Deity  
Jn. 9:7, 35-37
14. With the father of a demoniac boy  
Mk. 9:17-24
15. With a lawyer, concerning one's neighbor  
Lk. 10:25-37
16. With three would-be disciples, concerning discipleship  
Lk. 9:57-62
17. With a man in the crowd, concerning covetousness  
Lk. 12:13,14
18. With a leper, concerning gratitude  
Lk. 17:13-19
19. With a rich young ruler, concerning eternal life  
Mt. 19:16-22
20. With a blind man, concerning healing  
Lk. 18:35-42
21. With Zacchaeus, concerning Salvation  
Lk. 19:1-10
22. With blind Bartimaeus, concerning healing  
Mk. 10:46-52
23. With a scribe, concerning the greatest of the commandments  
Mk. 12:28-34
24. With Judas (not Iscariot), concerning the abiding presence of the Trinity  
Jn. 14:22,23
25. With Annas, concerning his teaching

Jn. 18:19-23

26. With Caiaphas, concerning His own Deity  
Mt. 26:62-64 *Scott, Jr.*
27. With a dying thief, concerning paradise  
Lk. 23:42,43
28. With Mary Magdalene, concerning his resurrection  
Jn. 20:14-18
29. *Sed Plus* With Cleopas, concerning his own resurrection  
Lk. 24:17-27
30. *Billy* With Peter:  
a. concerning soul-winning (Lk. 5:4-11)  
b. concerning faith (Mt. 14:26-31)  
c. concerning discipleship (Jn. 6:66-70)  
d. concerning his deity (Mt. 16:15-19)  
e. concerning his sufferings (Mt. 16:21-23)  
f. concerning the paying of tribute (Mt. 17:25-27)  
g. concerning forgiveness (Mt. 18:21-22)  
h. concerning humility (Jn. 12:6-11)  
i. concerning his first denials (Jn. 13:36-38)  
j. concerning his second denials (Mk. 14:29-31)  
k. concerning his love for Christ (Jn. 21:15-22) *Billy*
31. With Martha:  
a. concerning the most important things  
(Lk. 10:38-42)  
b. concerning the resurrection  
(Jn. 11:21-23,31,40)
32. With Judas:  
a. concerning his betrayal in the upper room  
(Mt. 26:25, Jn. 13:27)  
b. concerning his betrayal in the garden  
(Mt. 26:29,50; Lk. 22:48)
33. With Pilate:  
a. concerning His kingdom  
(Mt. 27:11-24; Mk. 15:1-5; Lk. 23:3)
34. With James and John:  
a. concerning Sectarianism (Mk. 9:38-42)  
b. concerning revenge (Lk. 9:54-56)  
c. concerning arrangements of The Kingdom (Mt. 20:2; Mk. 10:35-40)
35. With Philip  
a. concerning the feeding of 5,000 (Jn. 6:5-7)  
b. concerning the Father (Jn. 14:8,9)
36. With Thomas  
a. concerning the way of life (Jn. 14:5-6)  
b. concerning belief (Jn. 20:26-29)

**DEBATE FEBRUARY 12, 2002**  
**LIFE OF CHRIST**  
**SUBJECT MATTER**  
**class of 2004**

**1.**

- 1. Nicodemus: Fruit inspector only:  
Deduction**
  
- 2. Satan: Describe his power over Jesus:  
Deduction**
  
- 3. Marriage and Divorce Is it lawful?  
Deduction**

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**For** \_\_\_\_\_

**Against** \_\_\_\_\_

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**REMARKS WRITE BELOW**

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**LIFE OF CHRIST  
DEBATE--- FEBRUARY 2005**

**SUBJECT MATTER.**

**1. Nicodemus**

A. Was Nick born again? Yes, we can inspect Fruit?

**2. Satan**

Matt. 3:8,8: Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9: And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

A. Did Satan have the power, at this time, to relinquish everything over to Jesus when he spoke the above words in the wilderness of Judea?

**3. Marriage and Divorce**

A. One life time partner between a man and woman. Is divorce lawful?

**4. SHALL WE GET STARTED**

1. Choose two captains

One team for and one against the above subject matter

2. Name each team

3. Captains choose sides

**5. Example:**

Was Nicodemus saved or unsaved.

**USING YOUR BIBLE AS A REFERENCE Book, PLEASE FOLLOW THE LIFE OF NICODEMUS.** (Very interesting safari)

A. John 3:1-21 tells us that Nicodemus heard the gospel message in great detail from the lips of our Savior but was he fully persuaded to follow Jesus. Yes or no

B. Jn:3:4: Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

C. Jn:3:9: Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

D. Jn:7:50: Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)

E. Jn:19:39: And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

## LIFE OF CHRIST

- a. NAME OF TEAM
- b. NAME OF YOUR CAPTIAN
- c. PRO OR CON AGREE OR DISAGREE
- d. TO CONTEND IN WORDS . TO DISCUSS A QUESTION BY  
CONSIDERING OPPOSED ARGUMENTS.

### I BORN AGAIN JUST LIKE JESUS SAID

#### A. NICODEMUS John 3:1-21

Jn:3:3: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Jn:3:7: Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Ip:1:23: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

#### B. FOLLOW NICODEMUS' LIFE IN SCRIPTURE

Jn:3:1: There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

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### II. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE SCRIPTURES FOUND IN THE BIBLE

#### A. (MARRIAGE FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT)

Gen:34:9: And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

Ex:21:10: If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

Deut:7:3: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou

shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

**Josh:23:12:** Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

**PS:78:63:** the fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

#### **B. MARRIAGE FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**Mt:22:2:** The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

**Mt:22:4:** Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

**Mt:22:9:** Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

**Mt:22:30:** For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

**Mt:24:38:** For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

**Mt:25:10:** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

**Mk:12:25:** For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

**Lk:17:27:** They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

**Lk:20:34:** And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

**Lk:20:35:** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

**Jn:2:1:** And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the

mother of Jesus was there:

Jn:2:2: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

ICor:7:38: So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.

Rv:19:7: Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rv:19:9: And he saith unto me, Write. Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

### C. DIVORCE FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lev:21:14: A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

Lev:22:13: But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

Num:30:9: But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

Deut:24:1: When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

Deut:24:3: And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

Isa:50:1: Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

Jer:3:8: And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

#### D. DIVORCE FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mt:5:31: It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

Mt:5:32: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Mt:19:7: They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

Mk:10:4: And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

#### IV. DID SATAN HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE JESUS THE WORLD AND THE GLORY THERE OF AT THE TIME OF TEMPTATION ? Yes or No

##### A. SATAN FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1Chron:21:1: And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

Job:1:6: Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job:1:7: And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job:1:8: And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Job:1:9: Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

Job:1:12: And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job:2:1: Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job:2:2: And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and

from walking up and down in it.

Job:2:3: And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Job:2:4: And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

Job:2:6: And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

Job:2:7: So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

Ps:109:6: Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

Zech:3:1: And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

Zech:3:2: And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan: even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

**B. SATAN FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT** Mt:4:10: Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Mt:12:26: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

Mt:16:23: But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Mk:1:13: And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Mk:3:23: And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

Mk:3:26: And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

Mk:4:15: And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but

when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Mk:8:33: But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Lk:4:8: And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Lk:10:18: And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Lk:11:18: If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.

Lk:13:16: And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Lk:22:3: Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Lk:22:31: And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

Jn:13:27: And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Acts:5:3: But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Acts:26:18: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Rom:16:20: And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

ICor:5:5: To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

ICor:7:5: Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

2Cor:2:11: Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant

of his devices.

**2Cor:11:14:** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

**2Cor:12:7:** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

**1Thes:2:18:** Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

**2Thes:2:9:** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

**1Tm:1:20:** Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

**1Tm:5:15:** For some are already turned aside after Satan.

**Rv:2:9:** I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty. (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

**Rv:2:13:** I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

**Rv:2:24:** But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

**Rv:3:9:** Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

**Rv:12:9:** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

**Rv:20:2:** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

**Rv:20:7:** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

## **Life of Christ**

### **Questions found in the Gospels**

**Questions lay at the very heart of the teaching methods of Jesus.**  
**The four Gospels record over one hundred questions asked by Jesus.**  
**Note: Jesus questions were not merely to obtain information for they served a variety of purposes.**

#### **1. Some questions {STIMULATE INTEREST} and form a point of contact.**

Matthew 16:13 ,When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14: And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15: He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?.

16: And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

#### **2. Some questions helped His pupils {CLARIFY THEIR THINKING.}**

Mark 10:3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

#### **3. Some questions (EXPRESSED AN EMOTION) such disgust and amazement.**

Matthew 12:34 : O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

#### **4. Some questions {INTRODUCE AN ILLUSTRATION}**

Luke 11:5-6: And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6: For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

#### **5. Some Questions were used to {EMPHASIZE A TRUTH.}**

Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

#### **6. Some questions help pupils { APPLY THE TRUTH.}**

Luke 10:36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

#### **7. Some questions were to {PROVIDE INFORMATION} for Himself**

Matthew 15:34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many leaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

#### **8. Some questions help {ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP} between the pupil and his teacher.**

Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

## **9. Some questions were asked to {REBUKE OR SILENCE HIS OPPOSES}**

Matt. 21:25-27 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

26: But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

27: And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things

## **10. Some questions were {RHETORICAL}-the art of speaking or writing effectively. A RHETORICAL question is a question asked merely for an effect with no answer expected.**

Matt. 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26: Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

## **11. Some questions were asked to {BRING CONVICTION.}**

Mark 2:25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungered, he, and they that were with him?

## **12. Some questions were { EXAMINATIONS.}**

John 21:15, 16,17 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16: He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17: He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep

Note: Jesus was and is indeed the Master Teacher in His use of Questions. Stimulating thought, guiding learning, and challenging pupils to accept the new teaching because they saw it rightness for themselves. Memorize this Scripture Verbatim ( Word for Word) Got it??

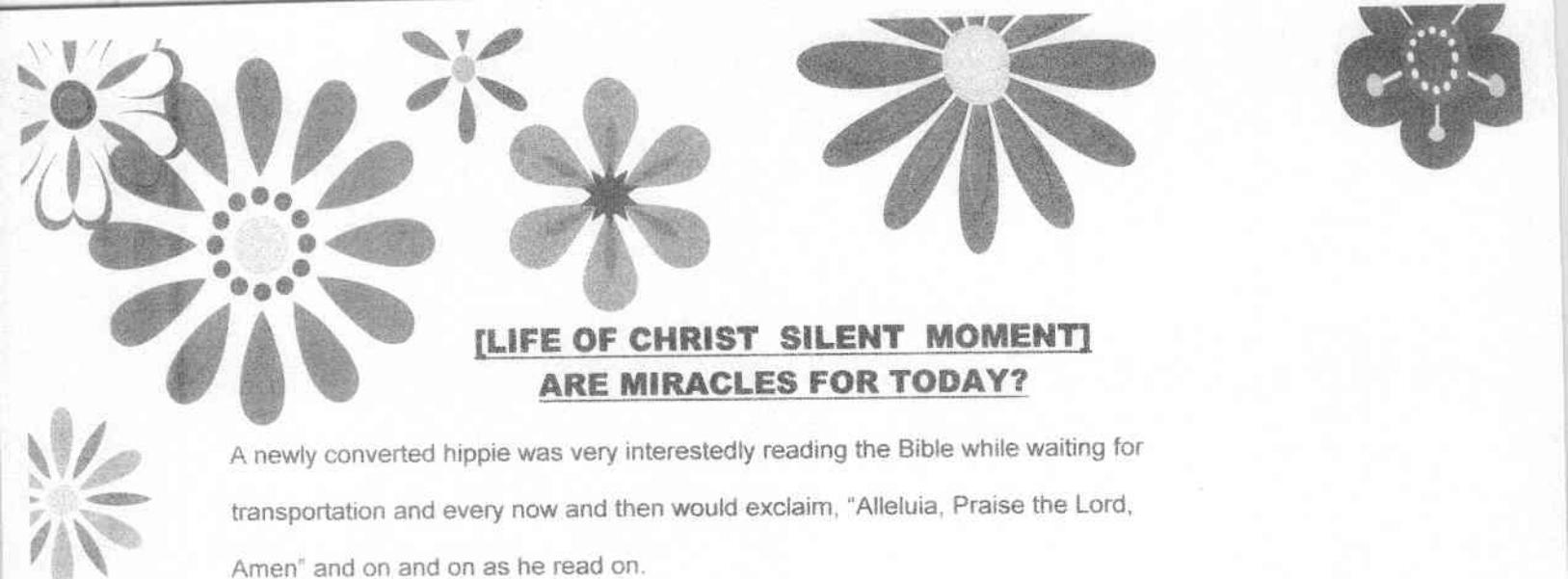
**Proverbs 25:2: It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.**

## **Lesson 8: Miracles of Christ, Part 1**

Silent Moment: "Are Miracles for Today?" and "God Loves You"

Lesson Description:

We will begin a two part study of the miracles of Jesus. We will learn that Christ was a teacher of power and not word only.



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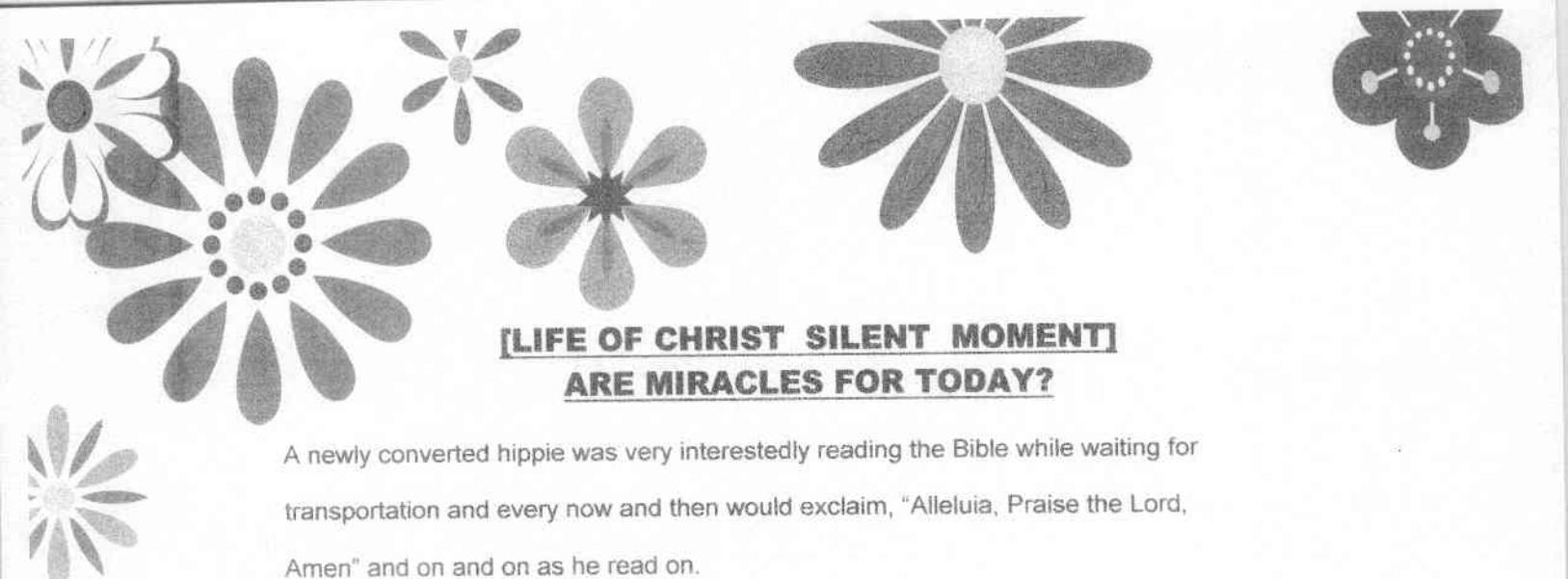
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# **God Loves You!**

The Bible says, "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"

*The problem is that . . .*

**2 All of us have done, said or thought things that are wrong. This is called sin, and our sins have separated us from God.**

The Bible says "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." God is perfect and holy, and our sins separate us from God forever. The Bible says "The wages of sin is death."

*The good news is that, about 2,000 years ago,*

**3 God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins.**

Jesus is the Son of God. He lived a sinless life and then died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. "God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Jesus rose from the dead and now He lives in heaven with God His Father. He offers us the gift of eternal life -- of living forever with Him in heaven if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me."

God reaches out in love to you and wants you to be His child. "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe on His name." You can choose to ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and come in to your life as your Lord and Savior.

**4 If you want to accept Christ as your Savior and turn from your sins, you can ask Him to be your Savior and Lord by praying a prayer like this:**

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you in to my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always."

**Did you pray this prayer? Please check! Thank You!**

**YES      NO**

Here is a good plan for you to be successful in the Harvest field!

Prov:11:30: The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;  
and he that winneth souls is wise.

A SKILLFUL REPORTER WILL USE THESE SIX WORDS TO  
DEVELOP THE GOOD NEWS REPORT  
WHAT, WHO, WHEN, WHERE, WHY AND HOW  
OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES THREE FOUND 1 KINGS 17<sup>th</sup> chapter  
1 KINGS 17:1-7  
1<sup>st</sup> miracle

**1:** And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

**2:** And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

**3:** Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan

**4:** And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

**5:** So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan

**6:** And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

**7:** And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

When writing about an important story a news caster answers the following questions to develop his report. Use the six questions to make your report on the miracles which you have chosen. You are responsible for two miracles.

- 1.     WHAT?**
- 2.     WHO?**
- 3.     WHEN?**
- 4.     WHERE?**
- 5.     Why?**
- 6.     How?**

Ps:68:11: The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

1Kings 17:8-16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Old Testament

**8: And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,**

**9: Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.**

**10: So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.**

**11: And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.**

**12: And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.**

**13: And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.**

**14: For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.**

**15: And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.**

**16: And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.**

Use the six words to develop your Bible Miracle, as a news caster does.

- 1.     What**
- 2.     WHO?**
- 3.     WHEN?**
- 4.     WHERE?**
- 5.     WHY?**
- 6.     How?**

Ps:68:11: The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it

1 Kings 17:17-24

3<sup>rd</sup> Miracle

17: And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18: And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19: And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20: And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21: And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

22: And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23: And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

24: And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the lord in thy mouth is truth.

Use the six following words to develop your report on a Bible miracle.

1. **What?**
2. **Who?**
3. **When?**
4. **Where?**
5. **Why?**
6. **How?**

Ps:68:11: The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Matthew 9:1-8.

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2: And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3: And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

4: And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Therefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5: For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6: But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7: And he arose, and departed to his house.

8: But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Mark 2:1-12.

1: And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2: And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door; and he preached the word unto them.

3: And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4: And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5: When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6: But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7: Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

8: And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9: Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10: But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11: I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12: And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Luke 6:7-26

17: And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18: And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19: And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20: And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21: And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22: But when Jesus perceived their thoughts,

he answering said unto them, What reason

ye in your hearts?

23: Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24: But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25: And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26: And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

## **Lesson 9: Miracles of Christ, Part 2**

Silent Moment: "His Mercy Endureth Forever" and "Delight Thyself Also in the Lord"

### **Lesson Description:**

We will complete our two part study of the miracles of Christ. We will emphasize some of the most prominent miraculous works of Christ.



## St. Peter's Fish

Fish were a popular food item throughout The Bible. They were taken from the Sea of Galilee, the Nile River when the Israelites were living in the Goshen area of Egypt, the Jordan River, and the Mediterranean Sea. As its name indicates, the Dead Sea, also called the Salt Sea, did not provide a living habitat for fish.

The photo shows 2 tilapia, also popularly known as "St. Peter's fish," taken from the Sea of Galilee. Along with them are 5 loaves of bread - similar to what Jesus Christ used to miraculously feed the 5,000 (Matthew 14:15-21).

He later fed 4,000 from "a few small fish" and seven loaves of bread (Matthew 15:32-38) (see also The Miracles Of Jesus Christ)

Fishing became a major industry for Israel. Jerusalem apparently had a fish market from the time of the Old Testament (2 Chronicles 33:14, Nehemiah 3:3), with the Fish Gate the likely entrance to it.

It was from the ranks of fishermen that Jesus Christ called His first Apostles (Mark 1:16-20), including Peter and John. Fish and fishing were often associated with His ministry, and later were actually used as a symbol of it.

Jesus miraculously calmed the storm from a fishing boat (Matthew 8:23-26)

Jesus spoke many of His Parables to the crowds while He stood in a fishing boat (Matthew 13:1-58)

Jesus once miraculously paid His and Peter's taxes with a coin taken from inside a fish (Matthew 17:27)

Jesus miraculously had the disciples make a huge catch of fish, so great that their nets were filled to overflowing (John 21:1-14)

Jesus ate a piece of broiled fish with his disciples after His resurrection from The Tomb (Luke 24:42-43).

One of The Lord's most direct *encouragements* to those who accept and obey Him, and *dire warnings* to those who choose to reject His offer of eternal life, used fishing as an analogy:

" (Matthew 13:47-50)    READ

Fact Finder: Did Jesus Christ say that His disciples would become "fishers of men"?  
Matthew 4:19

# The Miracles of Jesus Christ

<b>Nature Miracles</b>	<b>Matt</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
1. Stilling the Storm	8:23	4:35	8:22	.
2. Feeding the 5000	14:13	6:30	9:10	6:1
3. Walking on the Water	14:25	6:48	.	6:19
4. Feeding the 4000	15:32	8:1	.	.
5. Temple Tax in the Fish's Mouth	17:24	.	.	.
6. Withering the Fig Tree	21:18	11:12	.	.
7. Draught of Fish	.	.	5:1	.
8. Turning Water into Wine	.	.	.	2:1
9. Second Draught of Fish	.	.	.	21:1
<b>Healing Miracles</b>	<b>Matt</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>General Healings</b>				
1. Cleansing of a Leper	8:2	1:40	5:12	.
2. Healing a Centurion's Servant	8:5	.	7:1	.
3. Healing Peter's Mother-in-law	8:14	1:30	4:38	.
4. Healing the Sick at evening	8:16	1:32	4:40	.
5. Healing a paralytic	9:2	2:3	5:18	.
6. Healing the Hemorrhaging woman	9:20	5:25	8:43	.
7. Healing Two Blind Men	9:27	.	.	.
8. Healing a Man's Withered Hand	12:9	3:1	6:6	.
9. Healing the Gentile Woman's Daughter	15:21	7:24	.	.
10. Healing the Epileptic Boy	17:14	9:17	9:38	.
11. Healing a Blind Men	20:30	10:46	18:35	.
12. Healing a Deaf Mute	.	7:31	.	.
13. Healing a Blind Man at Bethsaida	.	8:22	.	.
14. Healing the Infirm, Bent Woman	.	.	13:11	.
15. Healing the Man with Dropsy	.	.	14:1	.
16. Cleansing the Ten Lepers	.	.	17:11	.
17. Restoring a Servant's Ear	.	.	22:51	.
18. Healing the Nobleman's Son (of fever)	.	.	.	4:46
19. Healing an Infir Man at Bethesda	.	.	.	5:1
20. Healing the Man born blind	.	.	.	9:1
<b>Resurrections</b>				
1. Raising the Ruler's Daughter	9:18,23	5:22,35	8:40,49	.
2. Raising of a Widow's Son at Nain	.	.	7:11	.
3. Raising of Lazarus	.	.	.	11:43
<b>Casting out Demons</b>				
1. Demons entering a herd of swine	8:28	5:1	8:26	.
2. Curing a Demon-possessed Mute	9:32	.	.	.
3. Casting Out an Unclean Spirit	.	1:23	4:33	.
4. Curing a Demon-possessed, Blind and Mute man	12:22	.	11:14	.

## Miracles of Jesus

There were many miracles associated with Jesus, including his virgin birth and resurrection. Below is a partial list of 34 miracles that Jesus performed during his ministry, as recorded in the New Testament.

### **1 CHANGING WATER INTO WINE**

See John 2:1-11)

The first miracle of Jesus took place in the village of Cana, in Galilee. Jesus, His Mother Mary, and His disciples were guests at a wedding. The wine supply ran out, and through the urging of His Mother, Jesus had six water pots filled to the brim with water. He then had the master of ceremonies taste the water that was now wine. The master of ceremonies then called the bridegroom over and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now".

### **2 HEALING OF THE ROYAL OFFICIAL'S SON**

See John 4:46-54) A royal official who had a sick son in Capernaum, came to Cana when he heard Jesus was there, and begged Him to come down and heal his son, who was at the point of death. After a brief conversation, Jesus told the man "Go your son will live". The man believed Jesus and started on his way. On his way to Capernaum he was met by his servants who told him his child was alive. So he asked the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at 1:00 in the afternoon the fever left him". The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him "Your son will live".

### **3. Healing of the possessed man in Capernaum**

See Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:33-37)

As Jesus was preaching in a synagogue in Capernaum, a man possessed by a demon was present and began shouting "Why are You bothering us, Jesus of Nazareth - have You come to destroy us demons? I know who You are - the Holy Son of God!" Jesus commanded the demon to say no more and to come out of the man. The evil spirit screamed and convulsed the man violently and left him. The news of this miracle spread quickly through the entire area of Galilee.

### **4 Healing of Peter's mother-in-law**

See Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39)

After Jesus healed the possessed man in the synagogue in Capernaum, He and His disciples went over to Simon and Andrews home, where they found Simons mother-in-law sick in bed with a high fever. Jesus took her by the hand and helped her sit up, the fever suddenly left, and she got up and prepared dinner for them.

### **5 Catching a large number of fish**

See Luke 5:3-10)

Stepping in Simons boat, Jesus asked Simon to push out a little into the water, so that He could sit in the boat and speak to the crowd on shore. When He finished speaking He told Simon to go out in the deeper water and let down his nets. Simon replied "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if You say so, we will try again". And this time the nets were so full, they began to tear. A shout for help brought in another boat and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. It was during this miracle Jesus told Simon "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be fishing

for the souls of men.

### **6 Healing a leper**

See Matthew 8:1-3; Mark 1:40-42)

After preaching the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt 5-7), Jesus came down the hillside followed by a large crowd. A leper approached Him, knelt before Him worshiping, and pleaded, "if You want to, You can heal me". Jesus touched the man, and said to him "I want to, be healed". And instantly the leper was healed.

### **7 Healing a centurion's servant**

See Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10)

In Capernaum, a Centurion came to Jesus asking to have his servant, who was close to death, healed. When Jesus said He would come and cure the servant, the Centurion answered that he was not worthy to have Jesus come under his roof, but to only speak the word, and his servant will be healed. Jesus was amazed at this and told His followers, that not even in Israel had He found such faith. Jesus then told the Centurion "Go, let it be done for you according to your faith". And the servant was healed in that hour.

### **8 Healing a paralytic**

See Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:18-26)

There was a large crowd around the house Jesus was staying, in Capernaum. With no room left in or outside the house, four men dug through the roof and lowered a paralyzed man on a mat, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw how strongly they believed that He would help, Jesus said to the sick man "Son your sins are forgiven!" Some of the Jewish leaders thought this was blasphemy, for only God can forgive sins. Jesus let them know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins, and said to the paralytic "I say to you stand up, take your mat and go home". The man stood up took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and Glorified god, saying, "We have never seen anything like this".

### **9 Healing a withered hand**

See Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6)

In a synagogue Jesus entered, a man was there with a withered hand. Being it was unlawful to work on the Sabbath, they watched to see if Jesus would cure him. Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to them "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" He then told the man to stretch out his hand, and as he did so, his hand was restored. The Pharisees then left and conspired against Him.

### **10 Raising a widow's son**

See Luke 7:11-17)

Approaching the town of Nain, the dead and only son of a widow, was being carried out. When Jesus saw this He had compassion for the widow and told her not to weep. He then touched the bier and said "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. The people seeing this, glorified God, and the word about Him spread throughout Judea, and all the surrounding country.

### **11 Calming the stormy sea**

See Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)

Jesus got into a boat with His disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee. A great windstorm arose, causing

high waves. The waves beat into the boat so that the boat was being swamped. Jesus was sleeping on a cushion in the stern, when His disciples, fearing they will die, woke Jesus. He rebuked the wind and said to the sea "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased and there was a dead calm. Jesus said to them "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" The disciples were filled with great awe and said to one another "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

### **12 Healing the Gerasene demoniac**

See Matthew 8:28-32; Mark 5:1-13; Luke 8:26-33)

After Jesus calmed the wind and sea, He and His disciples landed in the country of Gerasenes. A man full of demons, who lived among the tombs met them. He bowed before Jesus and shouted "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me". Jesus asked the demon what was his name. The demon answered "My name is Legion for we are many". He begged Jesus not to send them back to the abyss, but into a herd of swine that was nearby. Jesus told the demons to leave the man and gave them permission to enter the swine. The unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about 2000 rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

### **13 Healing a woman with internal bleeding**

See Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48)

A woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years, and had spent all that she had on many physicians, and was no better, but rather grew worse, had heard about Jesus, and came up behind Him in a crowd and touched His cloak. For she said "If I but touch His clothes, I will be made well". Immediately her hemorrhage stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Jesus was aware that power had gone forth from Him, turned around and asked "Who touched My clothes?" The woman knowing what happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth. Jesus said to her "Daughter, your faith has made you well, go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

### **14 Raising Jairus' daughter**

See Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; Luke 8:41-42, 49-56)

A leader of the synagogue named Jairus came to Jesus, and begged Him to come and lay hands on his little daughter who was near death. As Jesus went, the crowds pressed in on Him and He felt power had gone forth from Him. It was at this point He healed the woman who had been hemorrhaging for twelve years (see miracle 13). While He was still speaking to the woman, someone came from Jairus' house and told him his daughter had died. When Jesus heard about this He replied "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." Jesus entered the house with Peter, John, James, and the child's father and mother. The people in the house were all weeping and wailing for her, but Jesus said "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." He then took her by the hand and called out "Child get up." Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then He directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded, but He ordered them to tell no one what happened.

### **15 Healing two blind men**

See Matthew 9:27-31)

Two blind men followed Jesus, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" Jesus said to them "Do you believe I am able to do this?" They said to Him "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes and said "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them "See that no one knows of this." But they went away and spread the news about Him throughout that district.

## **16 Healing a mute demoniac**

(See Matthew 9:32-33)

After the two healed blind men in miracle 15 left, a demoniac who was mute was brought to Jesus. And when Jesus cast the demon out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed and said they had never seen anything like this in Israel

(See John 5:17)

Jesus saw a man who had been ill for 38 years, laying by the pool of Bethesda. Jesus knew the man had been ill for a long time and asked him if he wanted to made well. The sick man answered Him that he had no one to put him in the pool when the water is stirred up, and while he is making his way, someone else steps down ahead of him. Jesus told the man "Stand up, take your mat and walk." The man was made well at once, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Note: Crowds of sick people lay on the platforms by the pool, waiting for a certain movement of the water, for an Angel of the Lord came from time to time and disturbed the water, and the first person to step down into it afterwards was healed. The Jewish leaders started persecuting Jesus for He worked on the Sabbath in doing this miracle, and telling the man to carry his mat. Jesus replied "My Father is still working, and I also am working."

## **18 Feeding 5000 men and their families**

(See Matthew 14:16-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:5-14)

A large crowd gathered around Jesus at a deserted place on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was late and the people had no food. Jesus told His disciples to give them something to eat. They replied there is nothing here but five barely loaves and two fish that was carried by a boy. Jesus had the food brought to Him, and ordered the crowds to sit on the grass. Then He took the five loaves and two fish, and looked up into Heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before the people, and He divided the two fish among them all. The food was multiplied, and all 5000 men and their families ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. This miracle is recorded in all four Gospels.

## **19 Walking on water**

(See Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21)

After feeding the 5000, Jesus made His disciples get into a boat and go ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. He then dismissed the crowds and went up the mountain by Himself to pray. By this time the boat was far from land, and was being battered by wind and waves. Early in the morning He came walking towards His disciples on the sea. When His disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying "It's a ghost." But Jesus spoke to them "Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid." Peter answered Him "Lord if its You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus told Him to come, and Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened and beginning to sink he cried out to Jesus to save him. Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying "Truly You are the Son of God."

## **20 Healing a demoniac girl**

(See Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30)

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. A woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit

heard about Jesus and she came and bowed down at His feet. The woman was a Gentile of Syrophenician origin. She begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter. Jesus replied "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." But she again asked for help and Jesus replied "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." The woman answered "Yes Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters table." Then Jesus answered "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done as you wish." She went home, found her the child laying on the bed, and the demon gone.

#### **21 Healing a deaf man with a speech impediment**

See Mark 7:31-37)

Jesus left Tyre, and in the region of Decapolis, a deaf man who had a speech impediment was brought to Him. He took the man aside away from the crowd, put His fingers into the mans ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to Heaven, He sighed and said to him "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened." Immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but they were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well, He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

#### **22 Feeding the 4000 men and their families**

See Matthew 15:29-39; Mark 8:1-10)

Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, and went up into the mountain, where He sat down. Great crowds came to Him, bringing their sick, and He cured them. The crowd was with Jesus for three days and had nothing to eat. Feeling compassion for the crowd, He asked His disciples if they had any loaves. They came up with seven loaves and a few small fish. Then ordering the crowd to sit down, He took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks, He broke them and gave them to His disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled, and the scraps were picked up, filling seven baskets. Those who had eaten were 4000 men, besides women and children.

#### **23 Healing a blind man**

See Mark 8:22-26)

In Bethsaida some people brought a blind man to Him and begged Him to touch him. Jesus took the blind man out of the village, and when He had put saliva on his eyes and laid His hands on him, He asked the man if he could see. The man answered he could see people but they looked like trees walking. Then Jesus laid His hands on his eyes again, and the mans sight was restored, he saw everything clearly.

#### **24 Healing a man born blind**

See John 9:1-41)

Jesus saw a man who was blind from birth. He then spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the mans eyes, saying to him "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." When the man done this he came back able to see. The people who had known the man were so astounded, they brought the Pharisees to him. After many questions, which also included the mans parents, the Pharisees could not accept the fact that Jesus cured a man who was born blind. Jesus made the statement "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

#### **25 Healing a demoniac boy**

See Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:17-29; Luke 9:37-43)

After the Transfiguration in which Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus on a mountain, Jesus, Peter, James and John came down from the mountain and were met by a man who pleaded with Jesus to remove the demon from his son. The disciples at the base of the mountain had tried to cast out the demon, but could not. Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. When His disciples asked Him why they could not cast out the demon, He said to them "This kind can come out only through prayer."

### **26 Catching a fish with a coin in its mouth**

See Matthew 17:24-27)

When they reached Capernaum the tax collectors came to Peter and asked "Does your teacher not pay the Temple tax?" Peter said "Yes He does." And when he came home, Jesus spoke of the tax first and told Peter to "Go to the sea and cast a hook, take the first fish that comes up, and when you open his mouth, you will find a coin, take that and give it to them for you and Me."

### **27 Healing a blind and mute demoniac**

See Matthew 12:22; Luke 11:14)

A demoniac was brought to Jesus who was blind and mute. Jesus cured him so that the man could speak and see. The crowds were amazed and said "Can this be the Son of David?"

### **28 Healing a woman with an 18 year infirmity**

See Luke 13:10-13)

Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath. A woman appeared with a spirit that crippled her for 18 years. She was bent over and unable to stand upright. When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free of your ailment." When He laid hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

### **29 Healing a man with dropsy**

(See Luke 14:1-6)

Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath. Just then, in front of Him there was a man who had dropsy. Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath, or not?" Everybody was silent. So Jesus healed him and sent him away. Then He said to them "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?" And they could not reply to this.

### **30 Healing 10 lepers**

See Luke 17:11-19)

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus entered a village and was approached by 10 lepers. Keeping their distance, they called out to Jesus for mercy. When He saw them, He said to them "Go and show yourselves to the Priests." And as they went they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself and thanked Jesus. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked "Were not 10 made clean? But where are the other 9. Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except for this foreigner?" Then He said to him "Get up and go on your way, your faith has made you well."

### **31 Raising of Lazarus**

See John 11:1-44)

Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus of Bethany, sent Jesus a message that His friend Lazarus was

ill. Jesus stayed two days longer in the place He was, before setting out for Bethany. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Martha told Jesus that if He had been here, her brother would not have died, but Jesus said to her "Your brother will rise again." Jesus asked where Lazarus was laid out. Jesus began to weep as they walked to the tomb. The tomb was a cave with a stone laying against it. He asked to have the stone removed. Martha said to Him "Lord already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus answered "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the Glory of God?" When the stone was removed, Jesus looked upward and prayed to the Father. He then cried out in a loud voice "Lazarus come out." The dead man came out with his hands feet and face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them "Unbind him, and let him go."

### **32 Healing Bartimaeus of blindness**

(See Mark 10:46-52)

As Jesus and a large crowd was leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth passing by, he shouted to Jesus to have mercy on him. Although he was told to keep quiet by many, he shouted louder. Jesus stood still and called Bartimaeus to Him. Throwing off his cloak the man sprang up and came to Jesus, asking Jesus to let him see again. Jesus said to him "Go your faith has made you well." Immediately Bartimaeus regained his sight and followed Him on the way.

### **33 Restoring a severed ear**

(See Luke 22:45-54)

Jesus and His disciples were on the Mount of Olives after the Passover dinner. After He prayed a short distance from His disciples, He came to them and found them sleeping. While He was awakening them, a crowd came led by Judas. Judas approached Jesus to kiss Him. Jesus said to him "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those around Jesus saw what was coming they asked "Lord should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the servant of the High Priest and cut off his ear. But Jesus said "No more of this!" And He touched his ear and healed him. They then seized Jesus and led Him away, bringing Him to the house of the High Priest.

### **34 Catching a great number of fish**

(See John 21:4-11)

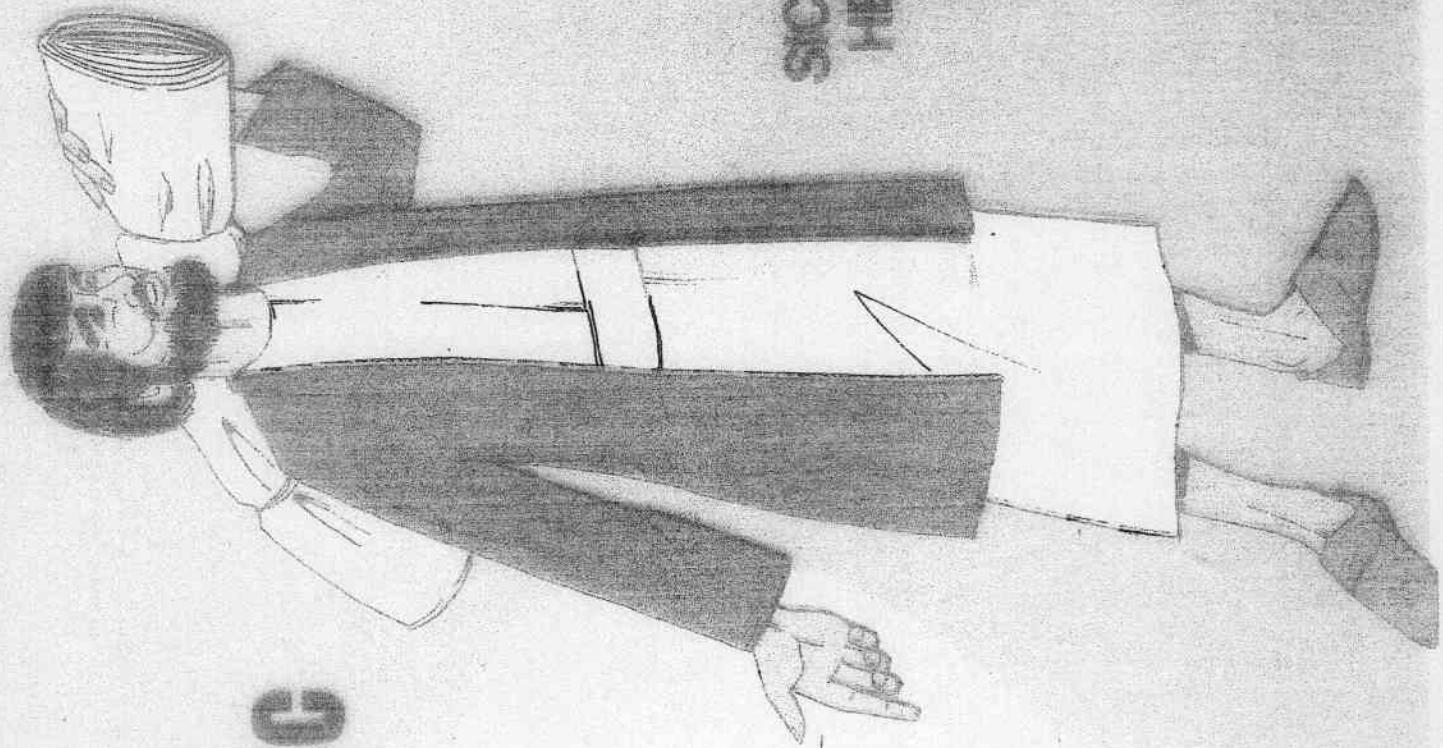
After the Resurrection, Jesus stood on the beach of the Sea of Galilee while several of His disciple were fishing, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. He called out to them and asked if they caught any fish. They answered "No." He then told them to cast the net on the right side of the boat, and they will find some. So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. Realizing the Man on the shore was Jesus, the disciples brought the boat to shore with the net full of fish. There was 153 large fish in the net, and though there was so many, the net was not torn.

**You will be responsible for reporting on two miracles using good journalists six tools. See attached paper**

**JESUS HEALS  
THE PARALYTIC**

**SINS  
FORGIVEN**

**SICKNESS  
HEALED**



## THE MAJESTIC RULER (PLUMB-LINE)

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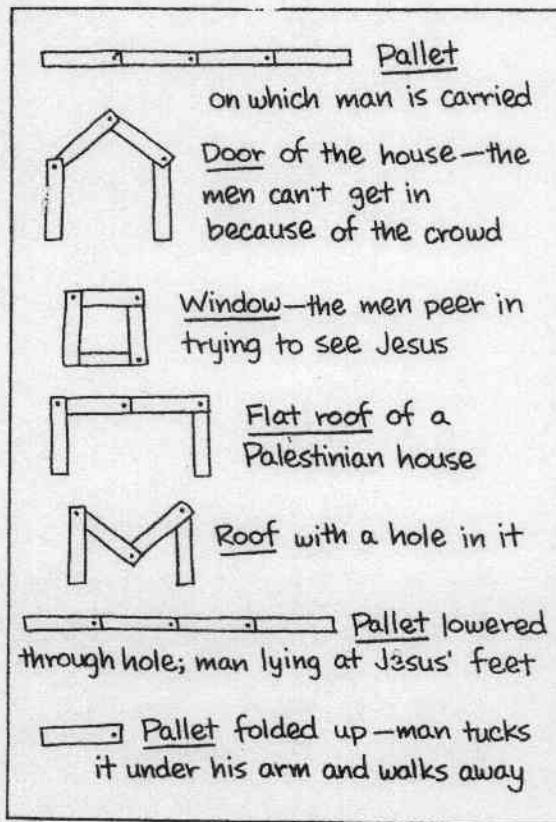
Luke 5:17-26 Face of a man White

John Eagle Blue

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Read all scriptures

**NOTE:** Children are an intricate part of God's Eternal Plan. There are numerous ways to teach them to be a productive asset in God's Kingdom. Here is one affective tool for their instruction. The following Object Lesson will be explored in the classroom

### THE MAJESTIC RULER (OBJECT LESSON) WITH INSTRUCTION.



YOU ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE MAJESTIC RULER TO TEACH A CHILD AND THAN REPORT BACK TO THE CLASS WITH RESULTS.

## THE MAJESTIC RULER [PLUMB-LINE]

### Scripture readings

Mark 2:1-12	Servant	Scarlet
Luke 5:17-26	<b>Face of a man</b>	<b>White</b>
John	Eagle	Blue

Children are an intricate part of God's Eternal Kingdom. There are numerous tools to teach them many truths. One great affective tool is by an object lesson. The following object lesson will be explored today for your future use to instruct children in the miracle process.

INSTRUCTIONS-DRAW UNDER EACH HEADING using the pallet as an instrument to guide (7)

- I. **PALLET**- on which the crippled man is carried.  
Journey of faith.
- II. **DOOR OF THE HOUSE**- the men of faith can not get in because of the crowd.
- III. **WINDOW**- The men peek in trying to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Who wouldn't?
- IV. **FLAT ROOF**- of the Palestinian house, very common in that day.
- V. **THE ROOF**- with a hole in it. Be persistent.
- VI. **PALLET**- lowered through the roof and placed the crippled man at Jesus' feet. Faith!
- VII. **PALLET**- folded up-man tucks it under his arm and walks away rejoicing loud and clear. Shall we shout with him today? Faith works.

## **Lesson 10: Some Teachings of Christ**

Silent Moment: "Judas Iscariot" and "Mighty Men"

Lesson Description:

Not even the Scripture contains all the sermons Christ preached. Time does not allow us even careful investigation of the sermons included in the N.T. We will choose just a few of the teachings of Christ and expound on them.

## SILENT MOMENT--- LIFE OF CHRIST

King James Version

Song of Solomon 3:7 Lo, his couch, that [is] Solomon's, Sixty mighty ones [are] around it, Of the mighty of Israel,  
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NIV

Song of Solomon 3:7,8

7. Look! It is Solomon's carriage,  
escorted by sixty warriors,  
the noblest of Israel,  
8 all of them wearing the sword,  
all experienced in battle,  
each with his sword at his side,  
prepared for the terrors of the night

Young's Literal translation

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YOU ARE BEING TRAINED TO BE VALIANT MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS GREAT ARMY OF THE LORD. Ephesians 6:10-19. Here is your Armor , Soldiers of the CROSS.

1. 60 MIGHTY MEN
2. THE NOBLEST OF ISRAEL
3. ALL OF THEM WEARING SWORDS
3. TAUGHT OF BATTLE
4. EACH SWORD BY HIS THIGH
5. PREPARED FOR THE TERRORS OF NIGHT



...IN THE ARMY OF GOD.  
THE LORD JESUS IS MY  
COMMANDING OFFICER.  
THE HOLY BIBLE IS MY  
CODE OF CONDUCT.  
PRAYER AND THE  
WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD  
ARE MY WEAPONS OF  
WARFARE I HAVE BEEN  
TAUGHT BY THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, TRAINED BY  
EXPERIENCE TRIED BY  
ADVERSITY, AND  
TESTED BY FIRE

**SILENT MOMENT APRIL 19, 2011**  
**JUDAS ISCARIOT**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES:**

- a. Psalms 109:8
  - b. Psalms 69:25
  - c. Zechariah 11:12
- Treasurer John 13:29

**CHARACTERISTIC OF JUDAS:**

**1. AVARICIOUSNESS (greedy of gain : excessively acquisitive especially in seeking to hoard riches)**

Matthew 26:14,15 ,16

- 14: Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,
- 15: And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.
- 16: And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

**2. HYPOCRISY (the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion )**

John 12:5,6

- 5: Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?
- 6: This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

**3. TREACHERY (violation of allegiance or of faith and confidence : treason)**

Mark 14:10,11

- 10: And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.
- 11: And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

**4. DISHONESTY (lack of honesty or integrity : disposition to defraud or deceive )**

John 12:4,5,6

- 4: Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,
- 5: Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?
- 6: This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.
- 7: Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

**5. REMORSE (a gnawing distress arising from a sense of guilt for past wrongs : self-reproach)**

Acts 1:16-21

- 16: Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
- 17: For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.
- 18: Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.
- 19: And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.
- 20: For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no threnman dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.
- 21: Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us

## **Life of Christ**

### **The study of parables**

NOTE; The parables found in the Scriptures are time capsules. They are explosive. They are rich in meaning. Jesus was a master of telling stories. His parables are magnificent in constructions of wisdom and truth wrapped in the cultured of time and countries, To

unwrap them you need to know a little culture. They are open doors to the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God. Check in the Bible "Mystery" secret . ( musterion-- moos-tay-reo-on)

Notice the word Scribe found in Matthew 13:52: Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

A scribe is an expert in legal matters. A scribe's knife -to sharpen reed pens.

Our word Parable is related to the Greek word parbole (para-bow-lay) which means to throw or place along side. Thus a parable is something placed alongside something else for the purpose of comparison. As defined by Vine's Expository Dictionary of N. T. Words. It signifies a placing of one thing beside another with a view to comparison. The typical parable uses a common event of natural life to emphasize or clarify an important spiritual truth. The Greek word (parbole) is used occurs nearly 50 times in the synoptic gospels in connection with His ministry.

A. This frequent usage suggests Scriptures reveal two basic purposes of the parables:

1. One is to reveal truth to believers. (Matt 13:9-1 16-18) (Marl 4:11)
2. Second on is to conceal truth from those who were closed and hard hearted. (Matt:13-13)

B. Every parable is designed to conceal and reveal scripture.

a. Jesus began speaking in parables because of the hardness of many peoples's hearts  
Jesus took His parables from two major sources.

1. The realm of creation using symbols as seed, wheat, and tares fish, leaven, pearls, sheep ect
2. The realm of human relationships, using such relationships as father and son. servant and master, bride and bridegroom

## MYSTERIES ARE SO AVAILABLE TO ALL

Mk:4:11: And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Rom:11:25: For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom:16:25: Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

1Cor:2:7: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Cor:15:51: Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Eph:1:9: Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph:3:3: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Eph:3:4: Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Eph:3:9: And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Eph:5:32: This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Eph:6:19: And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Col:1:26: Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col:1:27: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Col:2:2: That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Col:4:3: Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

2Thes:2:7: For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

1Tm:3:9: Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

1Tm:3:16: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Rv:1:20: The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Rv:10:7: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Rv:17:7: And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PARABLES  
FOUND IN THE GOSPELS.**

- 1. How did Jesus teach many things unto the multitudes? Matt. 13:10** *2-3*
- 2. Did the disciples ask Jesus about the Parables? Give the Question!  
Matt. 13:10**
- 3. Give Jesus reply to this question and His reason? Matt. 13:11**
- 4. Jesus spoke the Mysteries of the Kingdom in Parabolic language. Why?  
Matt. 13:12-6**
- 5. Did Jesus use wisdom in His teaching of the parables? Matt. 13:34,35**
- 6. When Jesus was alone with His disciples what was his subject matter?  
Ps. 78:2-4**
- 7. How many parables found in Mt. 13? List!**
- 8. Proverbs 25:2 Commit to memory and I am not kidding.  
*Prov:25:2: It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*  
This assignment is not optional .**
- 9. Check Parabolic words found in the Sermon on the Mt, such as salt,  
light, candle, bushel. Do you see the wonderful hidden truths?**

**10 STEPS TO HELP UNLOCK THE  
MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
MATTHEW 13 WILL BE OUR FOCUS  
(WHICH IS THE LARGEST COLLECTION  
OF KINGDOM PARABLES)**

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A list of parables will follow this formula. Choose one parable you would like to be responsible for, Thank You for your cooperation!

# Parables

	Matthew	Mark	Luke
1	<u>Lamp Under a Basket</u>	<u>5:14-16</u>	<u>8:16,17</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>11:33-36</u>
2	<u>A Wise Man Builds on Rock and a Fool on Sand</u>	<u>7:24-27</u>	<u>6:47-49</u>
3	<u>New Cloth on and Old Garment</u>	<u>9:16</u>	<u>5:36</u>
4	<u>New Wine in Old Wineskins</u>	<u>9:17</u>	<u>5:37,38</u>
5	<u>The Sower</u>	<u>13:3-23</u>	<u>8:4-15</u>
6	<u>The Tares (Weeds)</u>	<u>13:24-30</u>	<u>-</u>
7	<u>The Mustard Seed</u>	<u>13:31,32</u>	<u>13:18,19</u>
8	<u>The Leaven</u>	<u>13:33</u>	<u>13:20,21</u>
9	<u>The Hidden Treasure</u>	<u>13:44</u>	<u>-</u>
10	<u>The Pearl of Great Price</u>	<u>13:45,46</u>	<u>-</u>
11	<u>The Dragnet</u>	<u>13:47-50</u>	<u>-</u>
12	<u>The Householder</u>	<u>13:52</u>	<u>-</u>
13	<u>The Lost Sheep</u>	<u>18:12-14</u>	<u>15:3-7</u>
14	<u>The Unforgiving Servant</u>	<u>18:23-35</u>	<u>-</u>
15	<u>The Workers in the Vineyard</u>	<u>20:1-16</u>	<u>-</u>
16	<u>The Two Sons</u>	<u>21:28-32</u>	<u>-</u>
17	<u>The Wicked Tenants</u>	<u>21:33-45</u>	<u>12:1-12</u>
18	<u>The Wedding Feast</u>	<u>22:2-14</u>	<u>14:16-24</u>
19	<u>The Fig Tree</u>	<u>24:32-44</u>	<u>13:28-32</u>
20	<u>The Ten Virgins</u>	<u>25:1-13</u>	<u>21:29-33</u>
21	<u>The Talents</u>	<u>25:14-30</u>	<u>-</u>
22	<u>The Growing Seed</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4:26-29</u>
23	<u>The Watchful Porter</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13:33-37</u>
24	<u>The Creditor and Two Debtors</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7:41-43</u>
25	<u>The Good Samaritan</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10:30-37</u>
26	<u>A Friend in Need</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11:5-13</u>
27	<u>The Rich Fool</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12:16-21</u>
28	<u>The Faithful and Wise Servant</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12:35-40</u>
29	<u>Faithful and Wicked Steward</u>	<u>24:45-51</u>	<u>12:42-48</u>
30	<u>The Barren Fig Tree</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13:6-9</u>
31	<u>The Lowest Seat</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14:7-11</u>
32	<u>Building a Tower and Making War</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14:25-35</u>
33	<u>The Lost Coin</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15:8-10</u>
34	<u>The Lost Son</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15:11-32</u>
35	<u>The Shrewd Manager</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16:1-13</u>
36	<u>The Rich Man and Lazarus</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16:19-31</u>
37	<u>Unprofitable Servants</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17:7-10</u>
38	<u>The Persistent Widow</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18:1-8</u>
39	<u>The Pharisee and the Tax Collector</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18:9-14</u>
40	<u>The Minas (Pounds)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19:11-27</u>

**Matthew 13:45,46 The Pearl of Great Price**

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## THE HOUSE HOLDER

DO YOU THINK THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES DEAL WITH A PARABLE?

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52: Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.  
53: And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

A. SCRIBE

An expert in Legal matters. Jeremiah 36:4,32 (Baruch)

4: Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book  
32: Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

B. INSTRUCTED

One who has been taught and is knowledgeable to instruct others.

C. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

One can not see or know anything about the Kingdom of God except you are born again.  
John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

D. MAN

Chosen -

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you

E. HOUSEHOLDER

Head of family, Master of the house

F. TREASURE

Wealth, Storehouse, something of great value.

G. OLD

Ancient, having many years, mature.

H. NEW

Something recently come into existence.

## Worthy sermons

Sermon	Where Preached	Purpose	Scripture
1) Taken From Isaiah 61	Nazareth	To identify himself as the Messiah	Lk. 4:16-20
2) Sermon on the Mount	Mt. Tabor (?)	To review what believers should do today to preview what believers will do in the Millennium	Mt. 5-7
3) On judgment & resurrection	In the Jerusalem Temple	To equate himself with the father as the source of life	Jn. 5:19-47
4) On the bread of life	By the Sea of Galilee	The Father of the Brad of Life	Jn. 6:22-71
5) Feast of Tabernacles Sermon	Outside the Jerusalem Temple	To invite people to the Living water	Jn. 7:1-53
6) Temple Treasury Sermon	In the Jerusalem Temple	To identify himself as the light and the life of the world	Jn. 8:12-59
7) Good Shepherd Sermon	In Jerusalem	To fulfill Psalm 23 and Ezekiel 34	Jn. 10:1-28
8) Mt. Olives discourse	On the Mount of Olives	To act as a survival Guid to believing Jews during the tribulation	Mt. 24-25
9) Sermon on the Father's House	In the upper room	To prepare Apostles for the crucifixion & Pentecost	Jn. 14
10) Sermons on the Holy Spirit and	En route to Gethsemane	To prepare believer for Christian Service	Jn. 15-16

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Life of Christ---Worthy Sermons

# **THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT"**

## **Expository Outlines On Matthew 5-7**

Introduction To The Sermon On The Mount

The Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-12)

Salt And Light (Mt 5:13-16)

Jesus And The Law (Mt 5:17-19)

Righteousness Of The Scribes & Pharisees (Mt 5:20)

Murder And Anger (Mt 5:21-26)

Concerning Adultery (Mt 5:27-30)

The Effects Of Divorce (Mt 5:31-32)

The Swearing Of Oaths (Mt 5:33-37)

Taking Revenge (Mt 5:38-42)

Treatment Of Enemies (Mt 5:43-48)

Charitable Deeds (Mt 6:1-4)

Prayer (Mt 6:5-15)

Fasting (Mt 6:16-18)

Materialism (Mt 6:19-24)

Anxiety (Mt 6:25-34)

Judging Others (Mt 7:1-6)

Asking, Seeking, Knocking (Mt 7:7-11)

The Golden Rule (Mt 7:12)

Exhortations In Entering The Kingdom (Mt 7:13-27)

**LIFE OF CHRIST  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT-CHART**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>INFORMATION:</b>
The Beatitudes	Mt. 5:3-12	Blessed are we if we follow the 8 steps to the Highway of Holiness


**The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7) (Luke 6:20-49)**

BEUTITUDE (happy)	EXEMPLIFIED BY CHRIST	EXEMPLIFIED BY OTHERS	REWARD
THOSE POOR IN SPIRIT (Mt 5:3)	1Peter 2:22	The New Testament Joseph (Mt.1:18-20)	The Kingdom of Heaven
THOSE THAT MOURN (Mt.5:4),	Mt.26:37,38	Job	To be comforted
THE MEET (MT. 5-5)	Mt.11:28-30 Jn13:4,5	Moses Num 12:3	To inherit the earth
THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE (MT. 5:6)	John 4:34	Paul (Phil 1:21;3:7-14)	To be filled
THE MERCIFUL (MT. 5:7)	Luke 23-43 Hebrew 2:17	David	To obtain mercy
THE PURE IN HEART(MT.5:8)	Luke 2:40,52	Old Testament Joseph	To see God
THE PEACEMAKERS	Eph.2:14-17	Barnabas	To be called the sons of God
THOSE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE (MT. 5:10)	Acts 13:28	Daniel	The Kingdom of Heaven



## Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-8

### God's Highway to success

**"Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Poor in spirit" means to be humble. Humility is the realization that all your gifts and blessings come from the grace of God. To have poverty of spirit means to be completely empty and open to the Word of God. When we are an empty cup and devoid of pride, we are humble. Humility brings an openness and an inner peace, allowing one to do the will of God.

It is pride, the opposite of humility, that brings misery. For pride brings anger and the seeking of revenge, especially when one is offended. If every man were humble and poor in spirit, there would be no war!

**"Blessed** are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Gregory of Nyssa taught that the Beatitudes built one upon another. Thus if we are humble and appreciate that all of our gifts and blessings come from God, we grow in love and gratitude for Jesus Christ our Savior. But this can only produce mourning and regret over our own sins and the sins of this world, for we have hurt the one who has been so good to us.

**"Blessed** are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

A person who is meek is gentle and kind, and exhibits a docility of spirit. Obedience and submission to the will of God are certainly not in vogue these days, but they will bring one peace in this world and in the next.

**"Blessed** are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

A continuous desire for justice and moral perfection will lead one to a fulfillment of that desire - a transition and conversion to holiness.

**"Blessed** are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Love, compassion, and forgiveness towards one's neighbor will bring peace in your relationships. And your Heavenly Father will be merciful with you!

Jesus reminds us that whatever "you did to the least of my brethren, you did it to me [Matthew 25:31-46]." Here are the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy:

### **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- 1 Feed the Hungry
- 2 Give drink to the thirsty
- 3 Clothe the naked
- 4 Shelter the homeless
- 5 Comfort the imprisoned
- 6 Visit the sick
- 7 Bury the dead

### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- 1 Admonish sinners
- 2 Instruct the uninformed
- 3 Counsel the doubtful
- 4 Comfort the sorrowful
- 5 Be patient with those in error
- 6 Forgive offenses

7 Pray for the living, sinners and the church

**"Blessed** are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."

To be pure of heart means to be free of all selfish intentions and self-seeking desires. What a beautiful goal! How many times have any of us performed an act perfectly free of any personal gain? But an act of pure and selfless giving brings happiness to all.

**"Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

Peacemakers not only live peaceful lives but also try to bring peace and friendship to others, and to preserve peace between God and man. Gregory of Nyssa pointed out that by imitating God's love of man, the peacemakers become children of God.

**"Blessed** are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Jesus said many times that those who follow Him will be persecuted. "If they persecute me, they will persecute you [John 15:20-21]." But the Lord promises his disciples that their reward will be the Kingdom of Heaven!

## **The Sermon on the Mount**

**Matthew 5,6,7**

### **Rules for the redeemed**

#### **THE WORRY RULE**

**Matt. 6:31-33**

#### **THE MONEY RULE**

**Matt. 6:19,20**

#### **THE GOLDEN RULE**

**Matt. 7:12**

#### **THE JUDGMENT RULE**

**Matt. 7:1**

### **THE PRAYER RULE**

**Matt. 7:7,8**

### **DUETS**

#### **Two Metaphors**

**Matt. 5:13**

**Matt. 5:14**

#### **Two Gates**

**Matt. 7:13**

**Matt. 7:14**

#### **Two Trees**

**Matt. 7:15-23**

#### **Two Builders**

**Matt. 7:24-27**

This is not an optional assignment

Can you create a chart that can be useable to teach Rules and Duets  
found in the Sermon on the Mount.

Would you like to try? Be creative like our Father who is the Creator of all  
things.

# The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5, 6, and 7

## Rules for the Redeemed

### The Money Rule

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal" (Mt. 6:19, 20).

### The Golden Rule

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Mt. 7:12).

### The Judgment Rule

"Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Mt. 7:1).

### The Worry Rule

"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:31-33).

### The Prayer Rule

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Mt. 7:7, 8).

## Duets

Two Metaphors  
5:13, 14

YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH  
(5:13).

YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
(5:14).

Two Gates  
7:13, 14

THE WIDE GATE  
LEADS TO DESTRUCTION  
MANY TAKE THIS WAY

THE NARROW GATE  
LEADS TO SALVATION  
FEW TAKE THIS WAY

Two Trees  
7:15-23

THE GOOD TREE . . . MUCH FRUIT  
A type of the true teacher  
PROFESSING AND POSSESSING

THE BAD TREE . . . NO FRUIT  
A type of the false teacher  
PROFESSING ONLY

Two Builders  
7:24-27

THE WISE BUILDER  
BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON A ROCK  
SURVIVED THE STORM

THE FOOLISH BUILDER  
BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE SAND  
WAS DESTROYED BY THE STORM

## **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW"** **Introduction To The Sermon On The Mount (5:1-2)**



- 1. In Matthew 5-7, we have recorded the most famous sermon that has ever been preached...**
  - a. Commonly referred to as "The Sermon On The Mount"**
  - b. It has touched more hearts, and in turn has sparked more sermons than any other**
  
- 2. In Mt 5:1-2, the setting for the sermon is given...**
  - a. He saw the multitudes that were following Him - Mt 4:25**
  - b. He therefore ascended a mountain**
    - 1) Many believe this refers to a natural amphitheater between the "Horns of Hattin", on a slope that arises above Capernaum (Believers' Study Bible)**
    - 2) This may be the same occasion as "The Sermon On The Plain"**  
- cf. Lk 6:17-49
  - c. When His disciples came to Him, He sat down and began to speak**
    - 1) It was common to speak while sitting, rather than standing as we do today**
    - 2) Cf. Mt 13:1-2; Jn 8:2**
  
- 3. What is Jesus talking about in this sermon?**
  - a. What is the main "THEME?"**
  - b. What is the "CONTENT" of this sermon?**

[In this study we shall introduce "The Sermon On The Mount" by seeking to answer these two questions. To begin, let's determine...]

### **I. THE "THEME" OF THE SERMON**

- A. NOTE THE "SETTING" LEADING UP TO THE SERMON...**
- 1. In Mt 3:1-3, we read of the preaching of John the Baptist**
    - a. Who was sent to prepare the way of the Lord**
    - b. The theme of his preaching concerned "the kingdom of heaven"**
  - 2. In Mt 4, we read of the beginning of Jesus' ministry**
    - a. After His temptation, Jesus preaches a message similar to John's - Mt 4:17**
    - b. His preaching in Galilee pertained to the "gospel of the kingdom" - Mt 4:23**  
- Could Jesus' theme be "the kingdom of heaven"?

7. "But seek first the kingdom of God" - Mt 6:33
  8. ". . . shall enter the kingdom of heaven" - Mt 7:21
- Isn't Jesus talking about "the kingdom of heaven"?

[Both the setting and His repeated use of a particular phrase should lead us to conclude that the "theme" of Jesus' sermon on the mount is:

### **"THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"**

With this in mind, let's briefly consider the "content" of the sermon as I offer the following outline...]

## **II. THE "CONTENT" OF THE SERMON**

### **A. THE "CITIZENS" OF THE KINGDOM...**

1. Their character and blessedness - Mt 5:3-12
  - a. Qualities to be found in those who will be citizens of this kingdom
  - b. The blessings enjoyed by these citizens
2. Their relation to the world - Mt 5:13-16
  - a. They are the salt of the earth
  - b. They are the light of the world

### **B. THE "RIGHTEOUSNESS" OF THE KINGDOM...**

1. In contrast to the "traditional interpretations and applications" of the Law - Mt 5:17-48
  - a. Jesus has not come to destroy or show disrespect to the Law
    - 1) It will not pass away until it is fulfilled
    - 2) Those who violate it teach contrary to it (while it exists) will be least in the kingdom
  - b. Jesus does require that the righteousness of those in the kingdom exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees
  - c. He illustrates by a series of contrasts concerning:
    - 1) Murder and anger
    - 2) Adultery
    - 3) Divorce
    - 4) The swearing of oaths
    - 5) The taking of revenge
    - 6) The treatment of enemies
      - In each case His teaching is consistent with the Law, but not the traditional interpretations and applications of the Law
2. With respect to man's relation to God - Mt 6:1-33
  - a. Charitable deeds
  - b. Prayer
  - c. Fasting
  - d. Materialism
  - e. Anxiety
3. With respect to man's relation to man - Mt 7:1-12
  - a. Judging others
  - b. Asking, seeking, knocking
  - c. The golden rule

### **C. THE "EXHORTATION TO ENTER" THE KINGDOM...**

1. The "beginning" of the way - Mt 7:13-14

- a. It will be narrow and difficult
  - b. Not many will find it
2. The "progress" along the way - Mt 7:15-20
    - a. Beware of false prophets who are wolves in sheep's clothing
    - b. You will know them by their fruits
  3. The "end" of the way - Mt 7:21-27
    - a. In which "sayers" will be contrasted with "doers"
    - b. In which "hearers" will be contrasted with "doers"

**CONCLUSION1.** In view of its content, we can appreciate why this sermon has been called...

- a. The Magna Carta of His Kingdom
- b. The Manifesto of the King

**Have you responded to the exhortation to enter the kingdom? Remember the words of our Lord to Nicodemus...**

**Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

**Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (Jn 3:3-5  
Have you been born again of water and the Spirit? - Mk 16:16;  
Acts 2:38**

**LIFE OF CHRIST**  
**OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew6:5-15 Luke 1:13

Matt. 6: 5: And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6: But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7: But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8: Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11: Give us this day our daily bread.

12: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2: And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3: Give us day by day our daily bread.

4: And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5: And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6: For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7: And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8: I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9: And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11: If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

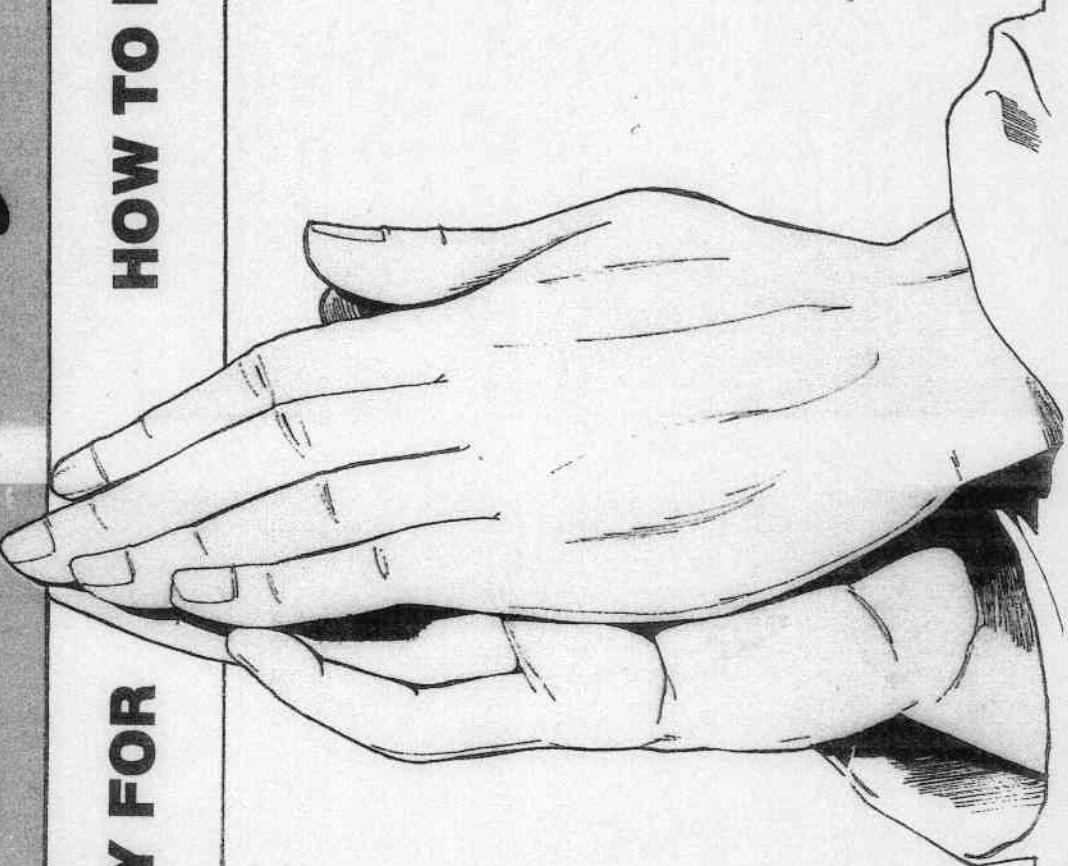
12: Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

# **Jesus Teaches About Prayer**

**WHAT TO PRAY FOR**

**HOW TO PRAY**



LIFE OF CHRIST-MODEL PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13 + Luke 11:1-4

TEACHING LANGUAGE

LAW OF LOVE	
1. Our Father	A Personal revelation with God and Believers
2. Which art in heaven	Faith
3. Hallowed be thy same	Worship
4. Thy kingdom come	Expectation
5. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven	Submission
6. Give us this day our daily bread	Petition
7. And forgive us our debts	Confession
8. As we forgive our debtors	Compassion
9. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil	Dependence
10. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the Glory forever	Acknowledge

**Life of Christ**  
**Quiz Model prayer:**

1. Our Father	Acknowledge
2. Which art in heaven	A personal revelation with God and believers
3. Hallowed be thy name	Compassion
4. Thy kingdom come	Confession
6. Give us this day our daily bread	Dependence
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LIFE OF CHRIST-MODEL PRAYER  
Matthew 6:9-13—Luke 11:1-4

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4. Thy kingdom come
5. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
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8. As we forgive our debtors
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10. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever

## **Lesson 11: Christ's Final Days as a Man**

Silent Moment: "At the Gate of the New Year"

### **Lesson Description:**

The most emotional and powerful period of Christ earthly journey was the period around his death. It was not by accident and was not an inconvenience to God. Calvary was God's plan before the foundations of the world. We will take careful survey of Betrayal, Crucifixion, Resurrection and finally the Ascension of Christ.

### **At The Gate of the New Year**

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year  
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown  
And he replied,  
Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God  
I went forth and finding the Hand of God  
Trod gladly into the night  
He led me towards the hills  
And the breaking of day in the lone east.  
So heart be still!  
What need our human life to know  
If God hath comprehension?  
In all the dizzy strife of things  
Both high and low, God hideth his intention."

by Minnie Louise Harkins 1875-1957

### **King George VI**

One of the best known yet least known poems was published 100 years ago. It is the poem quoted by King George VI in his Christmas Day broadcast in 1939. It came at the end of the nine-minute broadcast:

I feel that we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines which, in my closing words, I would like to say to you:

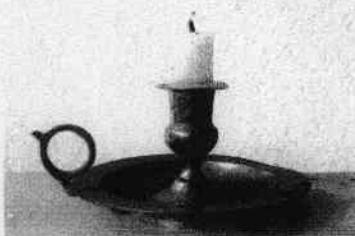
I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the New Year, (2011)

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God"

**GEN. 1:3: AND GOD SAID, LET THERE BE LIGHT: AND THERE WAS LIGHT.**

**HERE IS A LIGHT FOR YOU.**



# **Christ's Final Days as a Man**

## **I. Tuesday: The Beginning of the End**

### **A. Christ's Five Confrontations with the Pharisees and the Sadducees**

1. Questioning His authority. (Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:3-8)
2. Paying tribute to Caesar. (Matthew 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:19-25)
3. The doctrine of the Resurrection. (Matthew 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40)
4. The greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34)
5. The Messiah. (Matthew 22:4-6; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44)

### **B. Christ's condemnation of the Pharisees.**

Matthew 23:1-36; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47.

### **C. The widow's mite.**

Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4.

### **D. Christ weeps over Jerusalem on two occasions.**

1. First Occasion: Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 13:34,35.
2. Second Occasion: Luke 19:41-44.

### **E. Christ preaches the Sermon on the Mount.**

Matthew Chapters 24-25.

### **F. Christ predicts his betrayal and crucifixion.**

Matthew 26:1,2.

### **G. The plot by the Pharisees.**

Matthew 26: 3-5; Mark 14:1,2; Luke 22:1,2.

## **II. Wednesday: Judas agrees to betray Jesus**

Matthew 26:14,15; Mark 14:10,11; Luke 22:3-5.

## **III. Thursday: Preparations for the Passover**

Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 21:7-13.

### **A. In the Upper Room**

Matthew 26:17-29; Mark 14:12-15; Luke 22:7-30; John Chapters 13-14.

### **B. The Singing of a hymn.**

Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26.

### **C. Christ preaches His Thursday night Passover sermon.**

John Chapters 15-16.

#### **IV. Friday: Christ's Prophecies, Trials and Death**

##### **A. Christ's Final Predictions of His Death and Resurrection & Gethsemane**

1. Christ's Death. (Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27)
2. Christ's Resurrection (Matthew 26:32; Mark 14:28)
3. Christ's Great High Priest Prayer. (John 17:1-26)
4. En route to Gethsemane. (Luke 22:35-38)
5. In Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-52; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-12)

##### **B. Christ's Unfair Trials.**

1. Jewish/Religious Trials
  - a. A Three-Fold Perversion During These Trials
    - 1) Christ stands before Annas. (John 18:13,14,19-23)
    - 2) Christ stands before Caiaphas. (Matthew 26:57,59-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54,63-65; John 18:24.)
    - 3) Christ stands before the entire Sanhedrin. (Matthew 27:1; Mark 15:1)
  - b. The Two-Fold Tragedy During Those Trials.
    - 4) The Denial by Peter. (Matthew 26:33-35,69-73,75; Mark 14:29-31,54,66-70,72; Luke 22:31-34,54-59,61,62; John 13:36-38; 18:15-17,25-27)
    - 5) The Death of Judas. (Matthew 27:3-10)
2. Roman/Political Trials
  - a. Christ stands before Pilate for the first time. (Matthew 27:2,11,12-14; Mark 15:25)
  - b. Christ stands before Herod Antipas. (Luke 23:6-12)
  - c. Christ stands before Pilate the second time. (Matthew 27:15-26; Luke 15:6-15; 23:13-24; John 18:40; 19:1,4,5,7-15)
3. Military/Mockery Trial  
Christ stands before the soldiers—the Platorium. (Matthew 27:27-31; Mark 15:16-18; John 19:2,3)

##### **C. The Events Preceding Calvary**

1. The Man of Cyrene, lifting up the cross. (Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26)
2. The maidens of Jerusalem lamenting over the cross. (Luke 23:27-31)

## D. The Crucifixion of Christ

### 1. Present at the Cross

Both faith and unbelief were present at Calvary. In Luke 23:35-56, we have a partial record of the people and events at Calvary. We will examine each person or group at the cross to see: 1) Why were they there? 2) What did they do? 3) How did they respond to Jesus?

#### a. Two Criminals

- 1) Were Crucified with Jesus. One on the left and the other on the right. Luke 23:33
- 2) Both hurled abuse at Jesus. (Luke 23:39; Matthew 27:44)
- 3) Eventually one repented and trusted the Savior. (Luke 23:40-43)

#### b. Soldiers

- 1) Gambling and guarding. (Matthew 27:35-37; Luke 23:44)
- 2) Mocking Jesus. (Matthew 23:36,37)

#### c. Crowds

- 1) Hurling Abuse. (Matthew 27:39,40)
- 2) Looking on. (Luke 23: 35)
- 3) Frightened. (Luke 23:48)

#### d. Jesus' Enemies

- 1) Rulers, Chief Priest, Elders and Scribes
- 2) Sneering at Him (Matthew 27:41-43; Luke 23:35)

#### e. Centurion

- 1) Matthew 27:54 ...Truly this was the Son of God.
- 2) Mark 15:29 ...Truly this **man** was the Son of God.
- 3) Luke 23:47 ...he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a **righteous** man.

#### f. Jesus' Followers

- 1) The family and friends of Jesus
- 2) The showed great devotion, faith and courage (Luke 23:49-56; John 19:38-42)

Where do you see yourself in this picture? Jesus Enemies? We were all once the enemies of God before knowing Christ as Savior (Romans 5:10). One of the criminals? One was bitter and rejecting and other repentant and receptive. One in the crowd? Not wanting to get too involved. Not committed to anything entirely. Just a follower of whatever is leading. A soldier? Disinterested in the person of Christ and just doing their job. The Centurion? Suddenly found new insight and responded to God. One of Jesus' followers? Faithful, courageous and devoted to the end.

**The crucifixion of Christ (Matthew 27:32-50; Mark 15:20-37; Luke 23:32-46; John 19:16-30)**

**I. THE FIRST THREE HOURS (9:00 AM TILL NOON)**

- A. First words from the cross: "FATHER , FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO."**  
(Luke 23:34)
- B. Second statement from the cross: "VERILY I SAY UNTO THEE, TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE"** (Luke 23:43)
- C. Third statement from the cross: "WOMAN , BEHOLD THEY SON, BEHOLD THY MOTHER"**  
(John 19:26,27)

**II. THE FINAL THREE HOURS (NOON TILL 3:00PM)**

- A. Fourth statement from the cross 'MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?'**  
(Matthew 27:46)
- B. Fifth statement from the cross: "I THIRST" (John 19:28)**
- C. Sixth statement from the cross: " IT IS FINISHED." (John 19:30)**
- D. Seventh statement from the cross: "FATHER INTO THY HANDS I COMMENT MY SPIRIT."**  
( Luke 23:46)

**The Events Following Calvary:**

**1. At 3:00 PM**

**A. The Heavenly action**

- 1. Regarding the temple (Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45)**
- 2. Regarding the terrain (Matthew 27:51)**
- 3. Regarding some tombs (Matthew 27:52,53)**

**B. The Human reaction**

- 1. The confession of the centurion (Matthew 27:54; Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47)**
- 2. The confusion of the crowd (Luke 23:48)**

**II From 3:00 PM to 6:00PM**

- A. The piercing of Christ's lifeless body (John 19:31-37)**

B. The preparing of Christ's lifeless body (Matthew 27:55-57, 61; Mark 15:40, 45,47; Luke 23:49-52, 55,56; John 19:38,39)

C. The placing of Christ lifeless body (Matthew 28:8; Mark 16:17; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:9,10)

**SATURDAY:** The sealing of the Tomb (Matthew 27:62:66)

**SUNDAY:** The Resurrection of Christ

I. Indications of the resurrection

An empty sepulcher! (Matthew 28:8; Mark 16:17; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10)

II. Validations of the resurrection: A risen Savior

Note :Christ would make ten, recorded , separate appearances during the 40 days from His resurrection to the ascension. Five occurred on that first Resurrection Sunday, while the final five transpired during the remaining 39 days.

A. First resurrection appearance: To Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9,10; John 20:11-13,15-18)

B. Second resurrection appearance: To some women (Matthew 28:5-15)

C. Third resurrection appearance: To the Emmaus disciples (Mark 16:12,13; Luke 24:13-35)

D. Fourth resurrection appearance: To Simon Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5)

E. Fifth resurrection appearance: To the ten apostles in the Upper Room (Mark 16:14  
Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23)

F. Sixth resurrection appearance: To the eleven apostles in the Upper room ( with Thomas being present)  
(John 20:24-30)

G. Seventh resurrection appearance: To seven apostles by the Galilean Sea (John 21:1-14)

H. Eighth resurrection appearance: To the eleven apostles plus 500 disciples on a Galilean mountain  
(Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:6,7)

I. Ninth resurrection appearance: To James, half-brother of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:7)

J. Tenth resurrection appearance: To the eleven apostles on Mount Olivet (Luke 24:36-50)

K. The Ascension of Christ (Mark 16:19,20; Luke 24:51-53)

The harmony of the gospels eloquently present the important events in Christ's life. Documentation has shown the major events from His pre-betrayal time on earth until His resurrection and ascension. Scriptural support from all of the gospels reveals how they coincide; they tell a complete story from four unique points of view.

# Evidences of the Resurrection

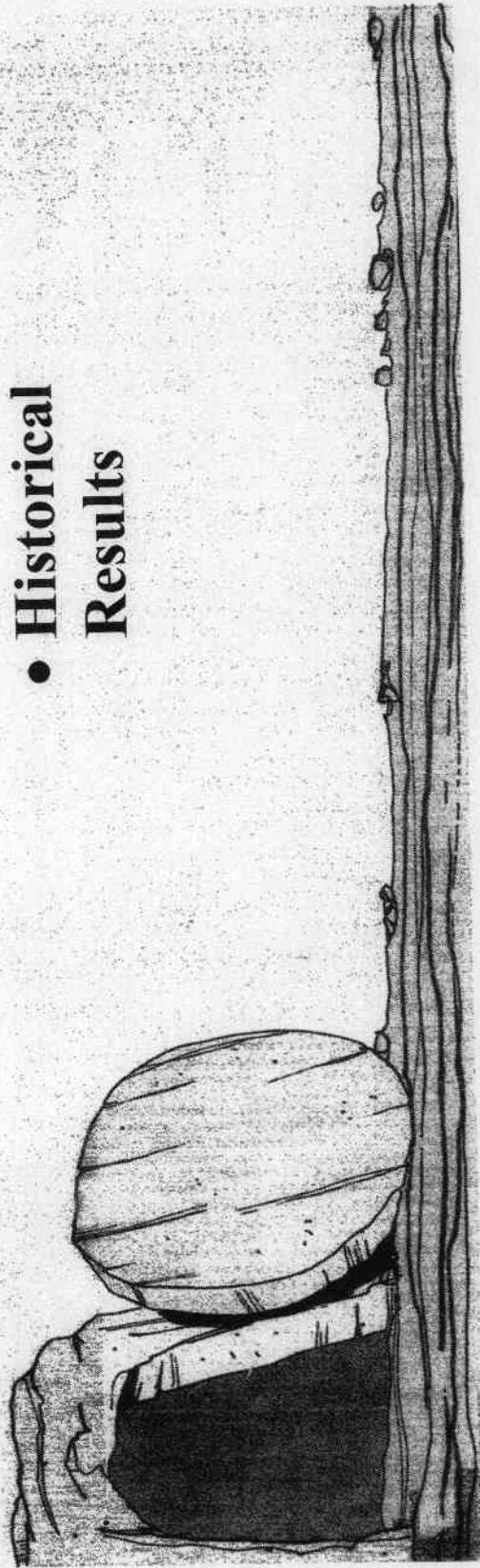
- **Appearances  
of Christ**

Appeared at least 10 times  
after his resurrection showing  
Himself alive.

- **Material Evidence**

- The Stone removed. (Matt. 28:2; Mark 16:3-4)
- The guards “overpowered” (Matt. 28:4)
- The empty tomb (Matt. 28:13)
- The undisturbed grave clothes (John 20:5-8)

- **Historical  
Results**



LIFE OF CHRIST  
QUESTIONS COVERING EVENTS  
TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY  
OF THE LIFE OF OUR DEAR SAVIOR, JESUS

1. There are five confrontation in which the Pharisees and Sadducees confronted Jesus. Which one do you want to exam?
2. Jesus wept over Jerusalem two time proving His humanity. Give the scripture references.
3. Did Jesus predict His betrayal and crucifixion on Tuesday? Matthew 26:3-5?
4. What event happened on Wednesday? (Mark 14:10,11)
5. Thursday was the last Passover for the Disciples in the Upper Room. Please give a short rendition of the activities in the Upper Room.
6. On Friday we find that Jesus had seven trials. List them.
7. Seven seems to be one of the outstanding number found in the Bible. Make a list of the Seven last statements Jesus gave to the onlookers as He hung upon the Cross.  
The Biblical Number seven carries this meaning: Symbol of completeness. "It is finished"
8. The events following calvary deals with the Heavenly action and the Human reaction. Touch on this with your reaction.
9. Give Three thoughts telling what happened to the lifeless body of Jesus from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
10. The Sealing of Jesus tomb takes place on what day.
11. Sunday deals entirely with the Resurrection.  
There are ten appearances of Christ after He came out of the tomb. List
12. Twelve is also a majestic number mentioned in the Bible. The Symbol of Divine Government.  
May you find your place working in God's government promoting His Kingdom.

Isaiah 9:6,7

6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7: Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jn:3:3: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**LIFE OF CHRIST**  
**Christ's betrayal through His resurrection**  
**Answer QUESTIONS**  
**class discussion**

- 1.** **Tuesday** gives us five great confrontations Christ had with the Pharisees and Sadducees..Briefly share some thoughts.
- 2.** **Wednesday** is the day that Judas agreed to betray Christ. Give a Biblical rendition.
- 3.** **Thursday** brings us into preparations for the Passover what are the next three steps.
- 4.** **Friday** gives us Christ's final prediction of His Death and resurrection. Give five scriptural thoughts.
- 5.** Jesus had seven trials. Can you give each one briefly?
- 6.** Jesus spoke seven utterances while on the cross. Give them in order
- 7.** The events following calvary are startling but we need to know what happened to our Master after 3:00PM.. Give short Biblical account, such as The Heavenly action, the Human reaction. 3:00PM 3:00,PM to 6:00 PM.
- 8.** **Saturday** The sealing of the tomb. What does the scripture offer us of this truth?
- 9.** **Sunday:** Please Notice the Indication of the resurrection--an empty sepulcher. The validations of the resurrection-- a risen Savior. There are Ten appearances of Christ after His triumphant Resurrection. He arose! Give the Biblical accounts of His viewing after His Resurrection. The Biblical number ten depicts God's perfect divine order in everything pertaining to His Being.

# The Seven Words that Jesus Spoke on the Cross

## I. THE FIRST WORD "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Luke 23:34. Jesus is looking down from the cross just after he was crucified between two criminals. He sees the soldiers who have mocked him, scourged him and tortured him, and who have just nailed him to the cross. He probably remembers those who have sentenced him - Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin, Pontius Pilate, and Herod. But is he not also thinking of his Apostles and companions who have deserted him, to Peter who has denied him three times, to the fickle crowd, who only days before praised him on his entrance to Jerusalem, and then days later chose him over Barabbas to be crucified? Is he also thinking of us, who daily forget him in our lives?

Does he react angrily? No! At the height of his physical suffering, his love prevails and He asks His Father to forgive them!

Right up to his final hours on earth, Jesus preaches forgiveness. He teaches forgiveness in the Lord's prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6:12). When asked by Peter, how many times should we forgive someone, Jesus answers seventy times seven (Matthew 18:21-22). At the Last Supper, Jesus explains his crucifixion to his Apostles when he tells them to drink of the cup: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:27-28). He forgives the paralytic at Capernaum (Mark 2:5), and the adulteress caught in the act and about to be stoned (John 8:1-11). And even following his Resurrection, his first act is to commission his disciples to forgive: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

## II. THE SECOND WORD "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23:43. Now it is not just the religious leaders or the soldiers that mock Jesus, but even one of the criminals, a downward progression of mockery. But the criminal on the right speaks up for Jesus, explaining the two criminals are receiving their just due, whereas "this man has done nothing wrong." Then, turning to Jesus, he asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). What wonderful faith this repentant sinner has in Jesus - far more than the doubting Thomas, one of his own Apostles. Ignoring his own suffering, Jesus mercifully responds with His second word.

## III. THE THIRD WORD "Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son".

John 19:26-27. Jesus and Mary are together again, at the beginning of his ministry in Cana and now at the end of his public ministry at the foot of the Cross. What sorrow must fill her heart, to see her Son mocked, tortured, and crucified. Once again, a sword pierces Mary's soul: we are reminded of the prediction of Simeon at the Temple (Luke 2:35) . There are four at the foot of the cross, Mary his Mother, John, the disciple whom he loved, Mary of Cleopas, his mother's sister, and Mary Magdalene. He addresses his third word to Mary and John, the only eye-witness of the Gospel writers.

But again Jesus rises above the occasion, and his concerns are for the ones that love him. The good son that He is, Jesus is concerned about taking care of his mother.

#### **IV. THE FOURTH WORD "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34. This was the only expression of Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. Both Gospels related that it was in the ninth hour, after 3 hours of darkness that Jesus cried out this fourth word. The ninth hour was 3 pm. After the fourth Word, Mark related with a horrible sense of finality, "And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last" (Mark 15:37).

His fourth Word is the opening line of Psalm 22, and thus his cry from the Cross recalls the cry of Israel, and of all innocent persons who suffer. Psalm 22 of David makes a striking prophecy of the crucifixion of the Messiah at a time when crucifixion was not known to exist: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones" (22:16-17). The Psalm continues: "they divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots" (22:18).

#### **V. THE FIFTH WORD "I thirst"**

John 19:28. The fifth word of Jesus is His only human expression of His physical suffering. Jesus is now in shock. The wounds inflicted upon him in the scourging, the crowning with thorns, and the nailing upon the cross are now taking their toll, especially after losing blood on the three-hour walk through the city of Jerusalem to Golgotha on the Way of the Cross. (I Peter 2:24).

#### **VI. THE SIXTH WORD "It is Finished"**

John 19:30. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. The sixth word is Jesus' recognition that his suffering is over and his task is completed. Jesus is obedient to the Father and gives his love for mankind by redeeming us with His death on the Cross.

What is the darkest day of mankind becomes the brightest day for mankind.

#### **VII. THE SEVENTH WORD "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"**

Luke 23:46. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit".

The seventh word of Jesus is from the Gospel of Luke, and is directed to the Father in heaven, just before He dies. Jesus recalls Psalm 31:5 - "Into thy hands I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God."

John's Gospel related that it was the Day of Preparation, the day before the actual Passover (Pesach in Hebrew, Pascha in Greek and Latin), that Jesus was sentenced to death (19:14) and sacrificed on the Cross (19:31). He died at the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon), about the same time as the Passover lambs were slaughtered in the Temple. Christ became the Paschal or Passover Lamb, as noted by St. Paul: "For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). The innocent Lamb was slain for our sins, so that we might be forgiven.

Jesus fulfilled His mission: " Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" (Romans 3:24-25). The relationship of Jesus to the Father is revealed in the Gospel of John, for He remarked, "The Father and I are one" (10:30), and again, at the Last Supper: "Do you not believe I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works" (14:10).

Jesus practiced what He preached: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

## THE SEVEN UTTERANCES OF JESUS AS HE HUNG UPON THE CROSS OF CALVARY

SCRIPTURE

THE WORD OF

YOUR COMMENT

## **Lesson 12: The Christ of Today**

Silent Moment: "Two Mothers" and "Pine Tree Crosses Easter Story" and "The Candy Cane"

Lesson Description:

He is the Christ of yesterday, today, forever and He is mine! Jesus Christ is the same yesterday , today and forever! He no longer walks with men clothed in flesh yet He is just as present today as he ever ways. He is present to save, heal, and deliver. We will study today on theme of "The Christ of Today."

## “Two Mothers”

Author Unknown

Long time ago, so I have been told,  
Two angels once met on streets paved with gold.  
“By the stars in your crown,” said the one to the other  
“I see that on earth, you too, were a mother.

And by, the blue-tinted halo you wear  
“You, too, have known sorrow and deepest despair...”  
“Ah yes,” she replied, “I once had a son,  
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun.”

“But tell of your child.” “Oh, I knew I was blessed  
From the moment I first held him close to my breast,  
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day.”  
“Ah, yes,” said the other, “I felt the same way.”

The former continued: “The first steps he took-  
So eager and breathless; the sweet startled look  
Which came over his face – he trusted me so.”  
“Ah, yes,” said the other, “How well do I know”

“But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy,  
So stalwart and kind – and it gave me so much joy  
To have him just walk down the street by my side”  
“Ah yes,” said the other mother,  
“I felt the same pride.”

“How often I shielded and spared him from pain  
And when he for others was so cruelly slain.  
When they crucified him – and they spat in his face  
How gladly would I have hung there in his place!”

A moment of silence - “Oh then you are she -  
The mother of Christ”; and she fell on one knee.  
But the Blessed one raised her up, drawing her near,  
And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.

“Tell me the name of the son you love so,  
That I may share with your grief and your woe.  
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,  
“He was Judas Iscariot: I am his mother.”

## "Pine Tree Easter Story"

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Last April on a Sunday, we took one of our "nowhere" drives. My husband was quietly driving a back road and I was occupied in the front passenger seat watching the scenery.

I noticed out of the corner of my eye that my husband was straining to look out my window. This startled me, since his eyes should be on the road in front of him. I asked him what he was looking at out the windows, and he quietly replied, "Nothing." His eyes went back to the road in front of him.

After a few minutes, I looked over at my husband and noticed a tear running down his cheek. I asked him what was wrong. This time he told me, "I was just thinking about Pop and a story he had once told me." Of course, because it had to do with his Pop, I wanted to know the story, so I asked him to share it with me.

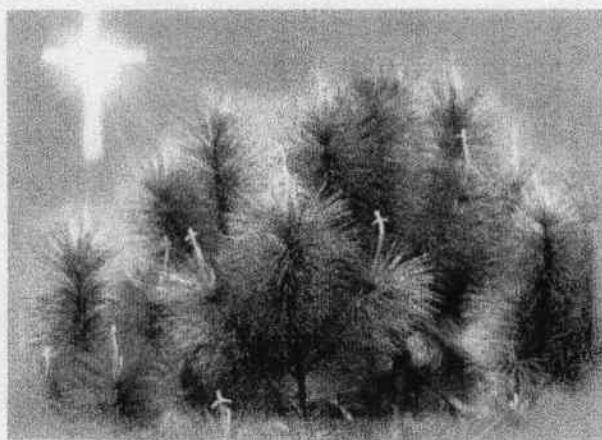
He said, "When I was about 8 years old, Pop and I were out fishing and that's when he told me that the Pine trees know when it is Easter."

I had no idea what he meant by that, so I pressed him for more information.

He continued on... "The Pine trees start their new growth in the weeks before Easter... If you look at the tops of the Pine trees two weeks before, you will see the yellow shoots. As the days get closer to Easter Sunday, the tallest shoot will branch off and form a cross. By the time Easter Sunday comes around, you will see that most of the Pine trees will have small yellow crosses on all of the tallest shoots."

I turned to look out the window and I couldn't believe my eyes. It was a week before Easter, and you could see all of the trees with the tall yellow shoots stretching to Heaven.

The tallest ones shone in the sunlight like rows of tiny golden crosses.





## The LEGEND of the Candy Cane

A Candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would help us remember who Christmas is really about. So he made a Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus. Hard candy to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus. It also represented the staff of the "Good Shepherd".

The candymaker then included red stripes. He used three small stripes and a large red stripe to represent the suffering Christ endured at the end of his life.

The candy became known as a Candy Cane - a decoration seen at Christmas time. The meaning has faded, but still gives joy to children young and old, whom Jesus loves and treasures.



## Redemptive Names of Christ

Jehovah-Jireh	The Lord will Provide	Genesis 22:13
Jehovah-Nissi	The Lord, my Banner	Exodus 17:15
Jehovah-Shalom	The Lord is Peace	Judges 6:24
Jehovah-Sabaoth	The Lord of Hosts	I Samuel 1:3; Isaiah 6:1-3
Jehovah-Maccaddeshoem	The Lord thy Sanctifier	Exodus 31:13
Jehovah-Rohi	The Lord my Shepherd	Psalm 23:1
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	The Lord our Righteousness	Jeremiah 23:6
Jehovah-Shammah	The Lord Who is Present	Ezekiel 48:35
Jehovah-Rapha	The Lord our Healer	Exodus 15:26

**LIFE OF CHRIST**  
**SILENT MOMENT EXAM { 5/24/2011}**  
**READ-RE-ACT- RESPOND-REPEAT**

**THAN RUN WITH THE MESSAGE OF HOPE TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD!**

Ps 45:1 "My heart is inditing a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made touching the kind; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer."

Hab 2:2 "And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."

**USING YOUR FOUR SILENT MOMENT SKILLS**

**1.READ- 2. RE-ACT- 3. RESPOND 4. REPEAT**

**CHOOSE 10 SILENT MOMENTS TO ANALIZE !**

**1. BIRTH OF JESUS (LK 1:26-35)**

About 2000 years ago God sent an angel to Israel to a virgin, named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph, a carpenter. The angel told Mary by God's divine power she would conceive and bear a son, whose name Joseph learned when she found out that she was pregnant, and an angle told him to marry her. (Divine guidance) Joseph eventually was to be to Jesus. Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem to register for a census and while there Mary gave birth to Jesus. She laid him in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes because there was no room for him in the inn. The shepherds were the first ones to visited him at the manger. Why? Latter wise men brought gifts to Jesus. They told Herod the Great, a wicked King, that Jesus would rule Israel. So Herod sent soldiers to kill the children two years and under in Bethlehem. Warned by an angel Joseph took his family to Egypt. After Herod died, they returned to Israel, and raised Jesus in a town called Nazareth.

**2. JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS WHO LOVED HIM DEARLY**

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were greatly loved by Jesus. He often went to their home and had fellowship with them. Mary the sister of Lazarus is brought to our notice in connection with the visits of our Lord to Bethany. She is contrasted with her sister Martha, who was "cumbered about many things" while Jesus was their guest, while Mary had chosen "the good part." Her character also appears in connection with the death of her brother (John 11:20, 31, 33). On the occasion of our Lord's last visit to Bethany, Mary brought "a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus" as he reclined at the table in the house of one Simon who had been a leper (Matthew 26:6; Mark 14:3; John 12:2, 3). This was an evidence of her overflowing love to the Lord. Nothing is known of her subsequent history. It would appear from this act of Mary's, and from the circumstance that they possessed a family vault (11:38), and that a large number of Jews from Jerusalem came to condole with them on the death of Lazarus (11:1+, that this family at Bethany belonged to the wealthier class of the people.

Martha, bitterness, the sister of Lazarus and Mary, and probably the eldest of the family, who all resided at Bethany (Luke 10:38, 40, 41; John 11:1-39). From the residence being called "her house," some have supposed that she was a widow, and that her brother and sister lodged with her. She seems to have been of an anxious, bustling spirit, anxious to be helpful in providing the best things for the Master's use, in contrast to the quiet earnestness of Mary, who was more concerned to avail herself of the opportunity of sitting at his feet and learning of him. Afterwards at the supper given to Christ and his disciples in her house "Martha served." Nothing further is known of her.

Lazarus, an abbreviation of Eleazar, whom God helps, was the brother of Mary and Martha of Bethany. He was raised from the dead after he had lain four days in the tomb (John 11:1-44). This miracle so excited the wrath of the Jews that they sought to put both Jesus and Lazarus to death.

**3. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

John lived in the wilderness of Judea, near the Jordan river. Many people came to hear him preach about the subject of repentance and a holy walk before God. John baptized people in the river Jordan after they repented of their sins. What a revival!

Although Jesus never sinned, he was the Spotless Lamb of God, John baptized him. When Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John the Baptist, rebuked Herod Antias for his evil deeds, and for marrying his brother's wife. Herod imprisoned John for this and later had him executed, by decapitating his head. What a martyr!

#### 4. THE DISCIPLES

Disciple-a scholar, sometimes applied to the followers of John the Baptist (Matt. 9:14) and of the Pharisees (22:16), but principally to the followers of Christ. A disciple of Christ is one who (1) believes his doctrine, (2) rests on his sacrifice, (3) imbibes his spirit, and (4) imitates his example (Matt. 10:24, Luke 14:26, 27, 33, John 6:69)

The disciples were men Jesus selected as companions. They had different backgrounds. Jesus chose fishermen, a tax collector, a twin, a physician, and many others. They traveled with Jesus as he preached the word of God, healed the sick, and raised the dead. Jesus was preparing them to do likewise after he had been crucified and was resurrected from the dead. He came forth out of the tomb by an angel's hand.

The twelve disciples were as following, Mt 10:1-4. "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him."

#### 5. TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Jesus used various teaching methods to present the Word of God. Special literary methods were similes, metaphors, proverbs, parables, and allegories, types, (questions and answers), and prophecy. We have touched on some of his above techniques in teaching. Did any style particularly impress you? If so write your opinion.

#### 6. SERMON ON THE MOUNT

After spending a night in solemn meditation and prayer in the lonely mountain range to the west of the Lake of Galilee (Luke 6:12), on the following morning our Lord called to him his disciples, and from among them chose twelve, who were to be henceforth trained to be his apostles (Mark 3:14-15). After this solemn consecration of the twelve, he descended from the mountain –peak to a more level spot (Luke 6:17), and there he sat down and delivered the "sermon on the mount" (Matt. 5-7, Luke 6:20-49)

to the assembled multitude. The mountain here spoken of was probably that known by the name of the "Horns of Hattin" (Kurun Hattin), a ridge running east and west, not far from Capernaum. It was afterwards called the "Mount of Beatitudes."

Jesus delivered his most famous sermon on a mountain. In this sermon Jesus taught his listeners to: love our enemies, do not judge, trust God, don't be anxious about tomorrow, and do unto others as you would have them do unto you (the Golden rule).

#### 7. MIRACLES OF JESUS

Jesus did many miracles to show to others that He was God's Son. God gave Jesus power over nature, power over disease, and even power over death.

In the New Testament these four Greek words are principally used to designate miracles:

- 1) Semeion, a "sign" i.e., an evidence of a divine commission; an attestation of a divine message (Mt. 12:38, 39; 16:1, 4; Mark 8:112; Luke 11:16; 23:8; John 21:11, 18, 23; Acts 6:8, ext.); a token of the presence and working of God; the seal of a higher power.
- 2) Terata, "wonders"; wonder causing events; portents; producing astonishment in the beholder (Acts 2:19)
- 3) Dunameis. "mighty works;" works of superhuman power (Acts 2:22; Rom. 15:19;
- 2 Thess. 2:19) of a new and higher power.
- 4) Erga, "works;" the works of him who is "wonderful in working" (John 5:20, 36)

Miracles are seals of divine mission. The sacred writers appealed to them as proofs that they were messengers of

God. Our Lord also appealed to miracles as a conclusive proof of his divine mission (John 5:20, 36; 10:25, 38). Thus, being out of the common course of nature and beyond the power of man, they are fitted to convey the impression of the presence and power of God. Where miracles are there certainly God is. The man, therefore, who works a miracle affords thereby clear proof that he comes with the authority of God;

they are his credentials that he is God's messenger. The teacher pints to these credentials and they are a proof that he speaks with the authority of God. He boldly says, "God bears me witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles." Don't ever forget for one moment you are God's reporter. (Report on one miracle)

#### 8. POWER OVER NATURE

Jesus and his disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee in a mall boat one evening. While Jesus was sleeping in the hinder part of the boat, a fierce storm came, and began to sink the boat. The disciples woke him. Jesus arose and rebuked the storm saying, "Peace be still." It became calm and Jesus said to them, "Where is your faith?" The disciples were afraid saying "Who is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?" (Mark 4:35-41)

One day a large crowd was following Jesus on a road near Jericho, place of fragrance, a fenced city in the midst of a vast grove of palm trees, in the plain of Jordan, over against the place where that river was crossed by the Israelites (Josh. 3:16). It's site was near the 'Ain es-Sultan, Elisha's fountain

(2 Kings 2:19-22), about 5 miles west of Jordan. It was the most important city in the Jordan valley (Num. 22:1; 34:15), and the strongest fortress in all the land of Canaan.

It was the key to Western Palestine.

Hearing a crowd that Jesus was passing by, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth, passing by, he began to cry out, and said,

"Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Jesus stopped and asked what he wanted.

"What wilt though that I should do unto thee?" The blind man said unto him "Lord, that I might receive my sight" and Jesus said unto him, "Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. The crowd began to glorify God. Mk 10:46-52

#### 9. POWER OVER DEATH

Death may be simply defined as the termination of life. It is represented under a variety of aspects in Scripture;

- 1) "The dust shall return to the earth as it was" (Eccl. 12:7).
  - 2) "Thou takest away their breath, they die." Ps. (104:29).
  - 3) It is the dissolution of "our earthly house of this tabernacle" (2 Cor. 5:1; the "putting off this tabernacle" (2 Pet. 1:13, 14).
  - 4) Being "unclothed" (2 Cor. 5:3, 4).
  - 5) "Falling on sleep" (Ps. 76:5; Jer. 51:39; Acts 13:36; 2 Pet. 3:9).
  - 6) "I go whence I shall not return' (Job 10:21; "Make me to known mine end" (Ps. 39:4); "to depart" (Phil. 1:23). The grave is represented as "the gates of death" (Job 38:17; Ps. 9:13; 107:18). The gloomy silence of the grave is spoken of under the figure of the "shadow of death" (Jer. 2:6).
- Death is the effect of sin (Heb. 2:14), and not a "debt of nature." It is but once (Heb. 9:27), Universal (Gen. 3:19, necessary (Luke 2:28-30. Jesus has by his own death taken away it sting for all his followers (1 Cor. 15:55-57).

#### 10. PARABLES

(Gr. Parabole), a placing beside; a comparison' equivalent of the Heb. mashal, a similitude. In the Old Testament this is used to denote 91) a proverb (1 Sam. 10:12; 24:13; 2 Chr. 7:20), (2) a prophetic utterance (Num. 23:7; Ezek. 20:49), 93) an enigmatic saying (Ps. 78:2; Prov. 1:6). In the New Testament, (1) a proverb (Mark 7:17; Luke 4:23), (2) a typical emblem (Heb. 9:9; 11:19), (3) a similitude or allegory (Matt. 15:16; 24:32; Mark 3:23; Luke 5:36; 14:7); (4) ordinarily, in a more restricted sense, a comparison of earthly with heavenly things, "an earthly story with a

heavenly meaning," as in the parables of our Lord.

Instruction by parables has been in use from the earliest times. A large portion of our Lords' public teachings consisted of parables. He himself explains his reasons for this in his answer to the inquiry of the disciples, "Why speakest thou to them in parables?" Matt. 13:13-15; Mark 4:11, 12; Luke 8:9, 10)

He followed in so doing the rule of the divine procedures, as recorded in Matt. 13:13.

The parables uttered by our Lord are all recorded in the synoptically (i.e., the first three) Gospels. The fourth Gospel contains no parable properly so called although the illustration of the good shepherd (John 10:1-1+) has all the essential features of a parable.

## 11. THE SEVEN TRAILS OF JESUS

1. From Gethsemane to Annas' House.
  - a. Jn. 18:12, 14, 19-23
2. From Annas' House to Caiaphas' place
  - a. Lk. 22:54-63
- 3) From Caiaphas' place to the Sanhedrin
  - a. Lk 22:67-71
- 4) From the Sanhedrin to Pilate's palace
  - a. Lk 23:1-7
- 5) From Pilate's palace to Herod
  - a. Lk 23:8-12
- 6) Herod's place to Pilate palace
  - a. Lk 23:13-25
- 7) Pilate's Hall to the Platorium
  - a. Mt. 27:27-31

## 12. DEATH

Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion. He was beaten by Roman Soldiers, scourged, stripped, and nailed to the cross. He was crucified between two robbers and died.

## 13. SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS UPON THE CROSS

- 1) Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.
- 2) Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.
- 3) John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!
- 4) Matt. 27:46, Mark 15:34 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
- 5) John 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.
- 6) John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.
- 7) Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

## 14. BURIAL

His body was placed in a tomb of a rich man named Joseph Arimathea. He was a native of Arimathea probably the Ramah of the Old Testament (1 Sam. 1:19), a man of wealth, and a member of the Sanhedrim (Matt. 27:57; Luke 23:50), an "honorable counselor, who waited for the kingdom of God." As soon as he heard the tidings of Christ's death, he "went in boldly" (lit. "Having summoned courage, he went") "unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus." Pilate have ascertained from the centurion that the death had really taken place, granted Joseph's request, who immediately, having purchased fine linen by Nicodemus, he took down the body from the cross. There, assisted the myrrh and aloes which Nicodemus had brought (John 19:39), and then conveyed the body to the

new presence of Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, and other women, and rolled a great stone to the entrance, and departed (Luke 23:53, 55). This was done in haste "for the Sabbath was drawing on" (comp. Isa. 53:9). Jesus promised his disciples he would come back after he died. His enemies knew this, so to prevent anyone from stealing the body, they had soldiers guard the tomb of Jesus.

### 15. RESURRECTION

This is one of the cardinal facts and doctrines of the gospel. If Christ be not risen, our faith is in vain (1 Cor. 15:14). The whole of the New Testament revelation rests on this as an historical fact. On the day of Pentecost Peter argued the necessity of Christ's resurrection from the prediction in Ps. 16 (Acts 2:24-28). In his own discourses, also, our Lord clearly intimates his resurrection. (Matt. 20:19; Mark 9:9; 14:28; Luke 18:33; John 2:19-22)

### 16. THE TEN APPEARANCES OF JESUS AFTER THE RESURRECTION

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| 1. To Mary Magdalene                       | John 20:11-20                |
| 2. To Certain Women                        | Matt. 28:1-10                |
| 3. Simon Peter alone                       | Luke 24:34                   |
| 4. Two disciples on the way to Emmaus      | Luke 24: 13-34               |
| 5. Ten disciples, Thomas absent            | John 20:19-24                |
| 6. Ten disciples, Thomas present           | Mark 16:14-18, John 20:26-28 |
| 7. Disciples fishing at Sea of Galilee     | John 21:1-23                 |
| 8. To the eleven and 500 brethren          | 1 Cor. 15:6                  |
| 9. James                                   | 1 Cor. 15:7                  |
| 10. Disciples immediately before ascension | Luke 24:5-52, Acts 1:9       |

### 17. GIVE DEFINITION OF THE FOLLOWING BIBLE VERSE. [PROVERBS 25:2]

Does this verse relate to relate to hidden mysterious found in the Parables of the Kingdom of God?

Prov. 25:2 "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."

### 18. IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHAT IMPRESSED YOU THE MOST ABOUT JESUS' LIFE UPON THIS EARTH! GIVE IT IN THE FORM OF A SILENT MOMENT! AT LEAST 20 WORDS FROM YOUR OWN BRAIN.

Mt:7:7: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Mt:7:8: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened

Seek and ye shall find!

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