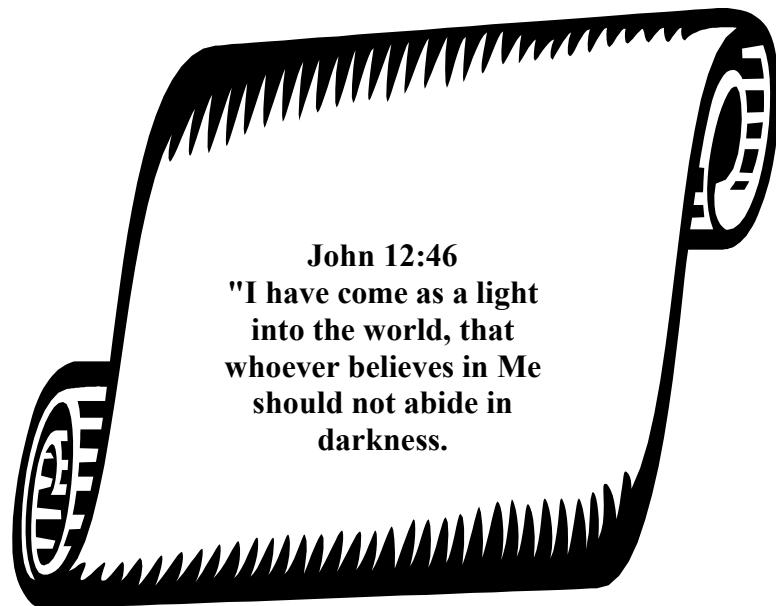


# The Life of Christ



**John 12:46**

**"I have come as a light  
into the world, that  
whoever believes in Me  
should not abide in  
darkness.**

## Part 2

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## Lesson 1

LESSON TEXT: John 7; 8: 2 -11

### VOCABULARY

**Murmur** – Grumbling; muttering; being secretly displeased about something.

**Seize** – To arrest; capture; to take hold of.

**Pharisees** - A group (or sect) of the Jews. These Jews had many traditions and prided themselves on good works. Unfortunately the Pharisees tried to force people to keep their traditions as if they were God's law. Watch this group of Jews as we study the life of Christ. They will play a big part in His death.

**Adultery** – This is a sin that one does when one lives with a man or woman as if married to them, but they are NOT! This is very wrong and can cause one to lose his soul. God wants men and women to get married before they live together.

**Scribe** – A man who knew the Law of Moses very well and taught it as well as copying it down in writing.

In this book we will be studying the rest of the life of Christ. Jesus will continue telling people that He is Christ, the Son of God. He will fulfill all the Old Testament prophecies about Him. And, He will finally do what He has been planning since eternity: He will establish His spiritual kingdom and be Saviour of the world. We need to learn about this because Jesus came to earth to save US!

### Can You Find These Places on Your Map?

**Galilee**

**Mount of Olives**

**Judea**

**Jerusalem**

### JESUS GOES TO JERUSALEM

Jesus was in Galilee. He didn't want to go to Judea because the Jews wanted to kill Him.

It was time for the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus' disciples wanted Him to go with them to Judea. They wanted other followers of Christ to see the miracles that He could do.

But, Jesus knew that some of the people did not believe in Him. He knew that His own brothers did not believe in him, so He said, "The right time for Me has not yet come. You go on to the Feast of Tabernacles."

Jesus stayed in Galilee while his disciples went to the feast. But after they had gone, He went to the feast secretly.

There were people at the feast who wondered where Jesus was. They were asking, "Where is He?" Many of them murmured about Jesus. Some people said, "He is a good man." Some said, "No, He deceives people."

The feast lasted seven days. When half of the feast was over, Jesus went to the temple and began to teach. The Jews who heard Him were amazed. They said, "How did this man get such learning without having studied?"

Jesus told the people that His teaching belonged to the One who sent Him. He told them that if they wanted to do God's will they would find out that His teaching came from God, not from Himself. He also told them that they were not keeping the law of Moses, and that some of them wanted to kill Him.

Jesus told them about a miracle they had seen Him do, and asked them why they were angry at Him for healing a man on the Sabbath. He asked them, "If you can circumcise your children on the Sabbath to keep the Law, why are you angry at Me for healing a man and making him well?"

Some of the Jews in Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man that the Jewish officials want to kill? He is speaking boldly and no one is saying anything to Him. Do the rulers know whether this is the Christ? We know where this man comes from, but when Christ comes no one will know where He comes from."

Jesus was still teaching while the people were saying these things and He cried out to them, "Yes, you know Me and where I am from. I am not here on My own, but the One who sent me is true and you don't know Him. I know Him because He sent Me."

Some of the people did not like Jesus saying this, so they tried to seize Him, but the time for Him to be taken had not come yet, so no one took Him.

Many people believed Jesus that day, but they still did not understand fully who He was because they asked, "When Christ comes, will He do more miracles than this man has done?"

The **Pharisees** heard what the people **murmured** about Jesus, so they sent some officials to arrest Him.

Jesus told them, "I'm only going to be with you a little while, and then I'll go to the one who sent Me. You'll look for Me and not find Me. You cannot come where I am."

The Jews began to ask one another, "Where is He going that we cannot find Him? What did He mean by what He said?"

On the last day of the feast Jesus spoke to the people. He said, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

Some of the people who heard Jesus speak that day said, "He is a Prophet." Some said, "This man is the Christ." Still others said, "How can Christ come from Galilee? The scripture says that he will come from Bethlehem."

Some of the people wanted to seize Jesus, but no one did. The Pharisees asked the officers, "Why didn't you bring Him in?"

The officers said, "Never man spake like this man."

The **Pharisees** replied, "You mean He has deceived you too?"

Jesus left and went to the Mount of Olives.

## THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY

Early in the morning, Jesus went to the temple. The people gathered around Him as He spoke. While He was teaching, the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Him that had been caught in **adultery**. They said, "Master, this woman was caught in the act of **adultery**. The law of Moses commands us to stone such a woman. What do you say?"

The Scribes and Pharisees asked this question as a trap so they could accuse Jesus of doing something wrong.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground as if He had not heard them. They continued to question Him so He stood up and said, "If any of you is without sin, let him be the first one to throw a stone at her." Then He stooped down and began to write on the ground again.

Those who heard Jesus say this began to go away one at a time. When Jesus got up, only the woman whom they accused was left. He asked her, "Woman, where are the ones who accuse you? Has no one condemned you?"

She said, "No one Lord."

Jesus said, "Then neither do I. Go and do not sin anymore."

## Memory Work

John 15:7

**"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

## True or False

- 1. Jesus wanted to go to Judea.
- 2. The Passover feast was going on in Jerusalem.
- 3. The Jews were watching for Jesus at the feast.
- 4. Everyone believed that Jesus was the Christ.
- 5. No one was able to lay his hands on Jesus and seize Him.
- 6. Some of the Jews thought Jesus was a prophet.
- 7. The scribes and Pharisees brought Jesus a woman who had stolen something.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Scribes and Pharisees questioned Jesus about the woman as a trap.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Jesus told the Pharisees that the first one without sin should throw the first stone at the woman.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Jesus condemned the woman taken in adultery.

## MATCH

**Jesus**

Jesus told them to go to the Feast of Tabernacles.

He didn't want to go to Judea because Jews wanted to kill Him.

**Jews**

The Jews brought this woman to Jesus.

They said, "Never man spake like this man."

**Woman taken in adultery**

They murmured about Jesus.

He asked the Jews why they were angry at him for healing a man on the Sabbath.

**Jesus' disciples**

He said, "I am only going to be with you for a little while, and then I'll go to the one who sent Me."

**Officers**

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 2

LESSON TEXT: John 8: 12 – 59 ; John 9

### VOCABULARY

**Witness:** One who has seen, heard, or experienced something and tells others about it.

**Testimony; to testify:** To give a report or tell about what one has witnessed or seen.

**Disciple:** A learner or pupil. A disciple of Christ is one who has learned from and followed Him.

**Sabbath:** The seventh day of the week; Saturday. This was the day that the Lord gave His people under the Old Law as a day of rest. The Jews were not to work on the Sabbath.

### **Jesus claims to know the Father.**

Jesus spoke to the people at the temple and told them that He is the light of the world. He said, “ If you follow Me you will never walk in darkness and you will have the light of life.”

The Pharisees didn't like what Jesus said. They told Him, “ You are being a **witness** of Yourself, and Your **testimony** is not true.”

Then Jesus told them that the things He told them were true because the Father told these things to Him. The Pharisees didn't understand that Jesus was talking about His Father up in heaven, but some of the Jews believed Him. To them Jesus said, “ If you will follow Me, you will be my disciples. You will know the truth and the truth will set you free. If you don't hear Me you do not belong to God.”

The Jews didn't like what Jesus said and they began to say, “This man is possessed with a devil.”

But Jesus told them, “ I don't have a devil. I honor My Father. The honor I get is not for Me, but is for My Father. If you follow Me you will not die.”

When Jesus said this, the Jews began to say, “Now we know you have a devil. Abraham and the prophets have already died. Are you greater than they were?”

Jesus replied, “ The Father glorifies Me. I know the Father, and even Abraham knew that one day I would come to earth, and he was happy about it.”

The Jews couldn't believe this. They said, “ You are not even fifty years old. How could you have known Abraham?”

Jesus replied, " Before Abraham was even born, I AM."

At this, the Jews became so angry that they picked up stones to stone Jesus with, but He hid Himself and left the temple grounds.

### **Jesus Heals a Blind Man**

Jesus was walking along and He saw a man that had been blind all of his life. The man had been born blind. When Jesus' **disciples** saw the man, they asked Jesus, "Why was this man born blind? Is he blind because he sinned, or because his parents sinned?"

"Neither one is the reason he is blind." Said Jesus. "This man is blind so that the works of God can be shown to others in his life. I am here to do the work of the One who sent me here to earth. While I am here I am the light of the world."

After Jesus said this He spit on the ground and made some mud. Then He put the mud on the blind man's eyes and told him, " Go to the pool of Siloam and wash."

The blind man did what Jesus told him to do, and when he went home he could see!

The blind man's neighbors and other people who knew him as a blind beggar were asking each other, " Isn't this the blind man who used to sit and beg?"

Some of the people were saying, " Yes, it is him."

But others were saying, "No it is not him, it only looks like him."

The blind man, however, kept insisting to the people, "I am the man!"

The people asked the man, " How were you made to see?"

The man who had been blind replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. I did what he said, and now I can see!"

"Where is this man?" asked the people.

"I don't know." He replied.

So the people took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees because Jesus had healed him on the **Sabbath**.

The Pharisees asked the man, "How did you receive your sight?"

The man replied, " He put mud on my eyes, I washed them, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees began to say, " This man that healed him is not from God because he did not obey the rules for the Sabbath."

But some of them disagreed with this and they said, " But how can a man who is a sinner do miracles?"

The Pharisees then turned to the man who had been healed and said, " What do you have to say about Jesus? He opened your eyes."

The man replied, " He is a prophet."

Many of the Jews still did not believe the man, so they called his parents. They said to his parents, " Is this your son who was born blind? How is he able to see now?"

The man's parents said, "We know this is our son, and that he was born blind, but we don't know how he is able to see now or who opened his eyes. He is old enough to tell you, ask him."

(The man's parents were afraid because the Jews had said that anyone who confessed Christ would be thrown out of the synagogue.)

The Jews called the man who had been healed before them again. They said, "You need to give God the glory for this man who healed you is a sinner."

The man who had been healed said, "I don't know if the man is a sinner or not, but one thing I do know – I was blind and now I can see!"

The Pharisees asked the man again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

The man answered them, "I have already told you this and you did not want to listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples?" Then they began to insult the healed man and said to him, "You are a disciple of that man, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke for Moses, but we don't even know where this man came from."

The healed man said, "Why this is surprising. You don't know where he came from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but He will hear the man that does His will. No one has ever heard of a man born blind being healed. If this man was not from God He could do nothing."

The Jews did not like this and they began to say, "You were born sinful and you are trying to teach us?"

Then they threw the man out.

Jesus heard what had happened to the man that he had healed, so he searched for him and found him. When he had found him he asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

The man replied, "Who is he Lord, so that I may believe in Him?"

"You have seen him," replied the Lord. "It is I."

"Lord, I believe!" said the man, and he worshipped Him.

Jesus said, "I have come into the world so that the blind will see, and those who can see will become blind."

Some of the Pharisees heard Jesus say this and they asked him, "Are we blind too?"

Jesus replied, "If you were blind you would have no sin; but you claim to see, so your sin remains."

(Jesus meant by this that if they truly believed in Him they would not need to ask Him if they were blind.)



## **Memory Work**

**John 15:7**

**"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

## **QUESTIONS**

1. Who did Jesus claim to know? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did the Pharisees understand that Jesus was talking to them about God the Father? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When Jesus told the Pharisees that He was before Abraham, what did the Pharisees try to do to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was wrong with the man that Jesus saw as he was walking?  
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5. How long had the man been blind? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Jesus put on the man's eyes? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did the man have to do before he could see?  
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8. Did the blind man's neighbors know who he was after he had been healed?  
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9. What day of the week had Jesus healed the blind man on?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Did the blind man's parents want to answer the questions of the Pharisees? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Did the Pharisees want the blind man to tell them that Jesus had come from God? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What did the healed blind man do when Jesus told him that He was the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lesson 3

LESSON TEXT: John 10 ; Luke 10

### VOCABULARY

**Abundant** – Beyond measure; more than is necessary; much more than all; more excellent.

**Parable** - An earthly story with a spiritual meaning.

**Perish** – To destroy; to die; to be put to death.

**Subject** - To be under obedience ; to yeild to what another person wants.

As we begin this lesson, Jesus is making a speech...

### **The Good Shepherd.**

Jesus spoke a parable to the people. In this parable He said, “ I am telling you the truth, if a man does not go in the gate of the sheepfold, but he goes in another way, that man is a robber and a thief. The man who goes in at the gate is the shepherd. The shepherd calls the sheep by their names and the sheep know his voice. The sheep will not follow a stranger because they do not know his voice.”

When Jesus finished this parable, the people did not understand it. So Jesus explained it to them. He said, “ I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters by Me will be saved. A thief comes in to steal and destroy, but I have come so that they will have life and have it **abundantly**. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd will lay down his life for the sheep.”

“A person who is paid to keep the sheep will not care about them because he doesn’t own them. A paid person will leave the sheep when he sees the wolf come because he doesn’t care for them.”

“I have other sheep that I am going to bring into My fold. They will listen to My voice. There will be one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves Me because I lay down My life so that I can take it up again. No one will take My life because I have the power to lay down My own life and take it up again.”

The people listening to Jesus say these things said, “He has a demon and is mad; why listen to Him?”

Other people said, “These are not the words of a man with a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind like this man has done?”

The people did not understand the things that Jesus told them. Jesus was telling them that He is the way to come to the Father. He is like a shepherd because He will take care of all who follow Him. He was also telling them that

no man can have the power to kill Him before He is ready to be killed. After Jesus died, He would return to the Father in Heaven, who sent Him here to do His work.

Later, Jesus told the people that the miracles He did are in the Father's name. He told them that they did not believe in Him because they were not His sheep. His sheep would listen to His voice. He also told them that He and the Father were one.

This really angered the Jews and they wanted to kill him. However, they did not because as Jesus had already told them, "No man will take My life because I have the power to lay down My own life and take it up again."

### **Jesus appoints 70 disciples.**

Jesus picked out seventy disciples and sent them out two by two to the places that He planned to go. Jesus told the seventy disciples before they left, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Pray to the Lord to send workers to save others. When you go, you will be like lambs among wolves. Don't carry money, bag, or sandals with you. Don't greet anyone on the road. When you go into a house, say, 'Peace to this house.' Eat and drink whatever they give you. Heal the sick and tell them that the kingdom of God is near."

"If you go into a city that doesn't welcome you, go in the streets and tell them that you will wipe the dust off your feet against them."

Jesus told the disciples that He would not be merciful to the cities that did not receive them. He said, "The city that rejects you also rejects Me."

The disciples went out to do what Jesus said. When they returned they said to Him, "Lord, even the demons are **subject** to us in Your name."

Jesus replied, "I have given you the power to walk on snakes and scorpions, and overcome all power of the enemy so that nothing will hurt you. But don't rejoice because the demons are **subject** to you. Rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

### **The good Samaritan.**

One day an expert in the law of Moses stood up to ask Jesus a question that would test Him. He asked, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

The man answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might; and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus replied, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

But the man, wanting to show that he was righteous, asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply, Jesus told this story: "A man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and left him half dead on the road."

"A priest happened to be going down the same road, but when he saw the man he passed by on the other side."

"A Levite passed by him also, but he too passed by on the other side."

"But a Samaritan was journeying on the same road. When he saw the man he took pity on him and went to him, bandaging his wounds and pouring on oil and wine. He put the man on his donkey and carried him to an inn. He took care of the man. The next day, he took out two coins and gave them to the innkeeper saying, 'Look after him and when I return I will pay any extra expense it has taken to care for him.'

When Jesus finished this story, he asked the man, "Which of these men was a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?"

The man replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus said, " Go and do the same."

### **The one important thing.**

Jesus and His disciples went on their way. As they came to a certain village, a woman named Martha welcomed them into her home.

Martha had a sister named Mary, and Mary sat at Jesus feet and listened to Him.

While Mary listened to Jesus, Martha was busy with all the preparations that had to be made for their guests. She came to Jesus and said, " Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work myself? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus replied, " Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. But one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part and it will not be taken away from her."

## **Memory Work**

### **John 15:7-8**

**7    "If you abide in Me,  
and My words abide in  
you, you will ask what you  
desire, and it shall be done  
for you.**

**8    "By this My Father is  
glorified, that you bear  
much fruit; so you will be  
My disciples.  
(NKJ)**

### **What did we learn?...**

In this lesson we learned that Jesus is like a good shepherd. He will take care of us if we will follow Him and do His will.

We saw that He took care of His seventy disciples. They could walk on snakes and cast out demons because of the care that Jesus had for them. But He wanted them to know that all those things were not important. The important thing was that their names were written in Heaven.

The expert in the Law of Moses learned that we are to love God and our neighbors. One way we do this is by showing mercy to those who need our help. That was important.

Mary knew what was important to Jesus. She sat at His feet to listen to His word. Martha had to be told what was important, because she let other things prevent her from doing the one important thing.

THESE LESSONS ARE FOR US TOO! WE NEED TO DO THE IMPORTANT THINGS.

**USE YOUR MAP:  
Find Jericho & Jerusalem**

# MATCH

**Jesus**

**He passed by the wounded man on the other side of the road.**

**Good Shepherd**

**He asked Jesus, " And who is my neighbor?"**

**Thieves & robbers**

**The sheep listen to him and follow him.**

**70 disciples**

**He took pity on the wounded man and cared for him.**

**Expert in the Law of Moses**

**He said, "I am the Good Shepherd."**

**Priest**

**He fell into the hands of robbers and thieves who beat him.**

**Levite**

**Jesus sent them to the places He planned to go.**

**Samaritan**

**He passed by the wounded man on the other side of the road.**

**Man going to Jericho**

**They beat the man on the road to Jericho.**

USE YOUR BIBLE  
FILL IN THE BLANKS

John 10:11 I am the good \_\_\_\_\_: the good \_\_\_\_\_ giveth his life for the sheep. (KJV)

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather \_\_\_\_\_, because your names are written in \_\_\_\_\_. (KJV)

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord thy God with \_\_\_\_\_ thy heart, and with \_\_\_\_\_ thy soul, and with \_\_\_\_\_ thy strength, and with \_\_\_\_\_ thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. (KJV)

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## Lesson 4

LESSON TEXT: Luke 11 ; 12

### VOCABULARY

**Hallowed** - Holy; free from sin.

**Mute** - Unable to speak.

**Beelzebub** - Another name for Satan, or the devil.

**Son of Man** - Another name for Jesus.

**Woe** - An exclamation of grief over something.

**Fool** - Stupid; unbelieving; unwise.

### **Jesus taught His disciples to pray.**

One day Jesus was praying. When He finished His prayer, one of His disciples said to Him, " Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Jesus replied by saying this prayer:

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed is Your name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we forgive all those who sin against us. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

When Jesus finished this prayer, he continued to teach His disciples. He told them that when they prayed they should ask for what they need and God would give it to them. Jesus said to them, " If your son asked you for a fish, would you give him a snake? If he asked for an egg, would you give him a scorpion? If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much better gifts will the Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?"

Jesus was teaching His disciples that God is ready and willing to answer our prayers and bless us with good gifts.

[Did you notice? When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, He told them to pray, "Thy kingdom come." When Jesus taught this lesson His kingdom had not been established yet. We cannot pray, "Thy kingdom come", because Christ's kingdom has already come! There are other things we can pray about His kingdom though --- we can pray that His kingdom grows, that it becomes strong, as well as other things about it.]

### **Jesus is accused.**

There was a man who was possessed with a demon. The demon caused the man to be **mute**.

Jesus cast the demon out of the man, and the crowd of people were amazed by this. But some of the people began to say, " Jesus is casting out demons by **Beelzebub**, the prince of demons."

Some other people wanted to test Jesus, so they asked Him for a sign from heaven. Jesus knew what they were thinking . He told them, “ If I am casting out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers cast out demons? If I am casting out demons by the finger of God, then you will know that the kingdom of God has come to you.”

“Those who are not with Me are against Me.”

As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd spoke up and said, “The woman who gave birth to you and nursed you is blessed.”

Jesus replied, “ It is more blessed to hear the word of God and obey it.”

As Jesus talked, the crowd became larger and larger. Jesus said to them, “This generation of people is wicked. They ask for a miraculous sign, but the only sign they will receive is the sign of Jonah. Jonah preached to the people of Ninevah. Long ago, a queen came to hear Solomon’s wisdom, but one greater than Solomon is here. The men at Ninevah repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.”

“No one will light a lamp and then put it under a basket. No, he will put it on a candlestick so that everyone can see the light from it. The lamp of your body is your eye. When your eyes are good, your body is full of light. But when your eyes are bad, your body is full of darkness. Be careful that the light in you is not darkness. If you are full of light (or good), you will be just like the light of a candle.”

Jesus wanted the people to be careful how they looked at His words. If they saw His words as truth, then others would see that they believed His word and they would believe also.

### **Jesus eats with a Pharisee.**

When Jesus finished speaking, a Pharisee asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus went with him and sat down as his table.

The Pharisee noticed that Jesus did not wash before the meal and was surprised. But Jesus said to him, “ You Pharisees wash the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You are foolish people. You need to give things that you have to the poor and then all things will be clean to you.”

Then Jesus pronounced many ‘**woes**’ on the Pharisees. He told them that they gave a tenth of their herbs to God, but then they forgot about important things like justice and the love of God. He told them they must do those things also.

Jesus also told them that they loved to be seen as important, but they were really like graves that no one knows about and walks over.

The experts in the law of Moses did not like what Jesus said, so one of them said , “Teacher, you insult us when you say these things to us.”

Jesus replied, “ Woe to you experts in the law. You built tombs for the prophets, but it was your own fathers that killed them. Then the things that you

do show that you approve of your fathers, because you have built tombs for your fathers."

"God in His wisdom said that He would send prophets and apostles that you would kill and persecute. Therefore, this generation of people will be held responsible for killing all the prophets, from Abel to Zechariah."

"Woe to you for keeping knowledge away from those who want knowledge."

The scribes and Pharisees did not like what Jesus said, so they began to say things against Him and ask Him questions because they wanted to be able to accuse Jesus of something wrong.

### **Jesus teaches the multitude.**

A large crowd of people gathered. So many had come that they were trampling one another.

Jesus began talking to His disciples and He told them to be careful about being influenced by the Pharisees. He told them, "Don't be afraid of those who can kill your body, but fear the one who has the power to throw you into hell. Fear Him!"

"God hasn't forgotten something as small as five small sparrows that have been sold for two copper coins. He even knows how many hairs are on your head. Don't be afraid. You are worth far more than many sparrows. The person that confesses Me before men, is the person that the Son of Man will confess before the angels of God."

"But, the man that denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God."

"When someone brings you before synagogues, rulers or authorities, don't worry about what you need to say because the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say."

Then, someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Be careful not to have greed. A man's life is not about the many things that he has."

Then Jesus told a parable. He said, "There was a rich man whose land produced a good crop. The man thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I don't have anywhere to store my crops.'

Then the man said, 'I'm going to do this. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger barns. That is where I'll store my crops. Then I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things stored for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry.'

But God said to the man, 'You **fool!** This night your soul will be demanded of you. Then who will get what you have stored up for yourself?'

'This is how things are for those who store treasures for themselves, but are not rich toward God.'"

Jesus said, "Don't worry about your life, about what you will eat, or what you will wear. Life is more than food and the body is more than clothes. Think about the ravens. They don't sow or reap, yet God feeds them. Aren't you more valuable than the birds?"

"If you worry, can you become taller?"

"Think about the lilies and how they grow. They don't labor or spin, but even king Solomon was not dressed like one of these. If God clothes the grass of the field which is here today and tomorrow is destroyed, don't you think He will clothe you? O you of little faith!"

"Don't worry about what you will eat and drink. The Father knows that you need these things."

"Put your treasure in heaven where it cannot be destroyed. No thief can steal it and rust cannot destroy it. For wherever your treasure is there is where your heart will be."

Then Jesus told His disciples that if they followed Him it might bring division in their own families because some people in their families would not want to serve Him.

## Memory Work

**John 15:7-8**

**7    "If you abide in Me,  
and My words abide in  
you, you will ask what you  
desire, and it shall be  
done for you.**

**8    "By this My Father is  
glorified, that you bear  
much fruit; so you will be  
My disciples.  
(NKJ)**

### Use Your Bible – Fill-in-the-blanks

Luke 12:17-19

17    "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall \_\_\_ do, since \_\_\_ have no room to store \_\_\_ crops?'

18    "So he said, '\_\_\_ will do this: \_\_\_ will pull down \_\_\_ barns and build greater, and there \_\_\_ will store all \_\_\_ crops and \_\_\_ goods.'

19    'And \_\_\_ will say to \_\_\_ soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." (NKJ)  
Did the rich man think about God when he was making his plans? \_\_\_\_\_

### TRUE OR FALSE

1. \_\_\_ Jesus' disciples wanted to learn how to pray.
2. \_\_\_ Jesus said that a good father would give his son a snake if he wanted a fish.
3. \_\_\_ God wants to bless us with good gifts, just like a good father would.
4. \_\_\_ Jesus was casting out demons by Beelzebub.
5. \_\_\_ Jesus told the Pharisees that one greater than Jonah was there with them.
6. \_\_\_ Jesus said that the lamp of your body is the foot.
7. \_\_\_ Jesus told the Pharisees that they were full of greed and wickedness on the inside.
8. \_\_\_ Jesus pronounced many 'woes' on the Pharisees.
9. \_\_\_ The scribes and Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of something wrong.
10. \_\_\_ If a person will confess Jesus before men, He will confess them before the angels in heaven.
11. \_\_\_ Jesus said that a man's life is about the things he has.
12. \_\_\_ Jesus wants us to worry about what we are going to eat and wear.
13. \_\_\_ We are to put our treasure in a treasure chest.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 5

LESSON TEXT: Luke 13: 1-35 ; Luke 14: 1 – 24

### VOCABULARY

**Galilean** - A person who lived in the area of Galilee.

**Perish** - To be lost; to be destroyed.

**Synagogue** - A place where the Jews would assemble to pray, listen to the scriptures read, and worship.

**Infirmity** - Sickness; disease; weakness or lack of strength.

**Leaven** - An ingredient used in bread to make it rise, such as yeast.

**Dropsy** - A disease that would cause swelling, probably because of the abnormal buildup of fluid in one's body.

**Exalt** - To lift up; raise up with dignity, honor and happiness.

**Humble** - To make low; to rank below others who are honored; to bring down one's pride.

### **Everyone must repent.**

Jesus was with some people who told Him about some **Galileans**. A man named Pilate had taken the **Galilean's** blood and mixed it with their sacrifices.

When Jesus heard this He told them that just because these **Galileans** had suffered in this way did not mean that they were worse sinners than other **Galileans**. They would have to repent or they would **perish** too. Jesus said, “ Unless you repent you will all **perish!**”

Then Jesus told the people a parable about a man and his fig tree. One day the man looked at the fig tree and it did not have any fruit on it. The man said to his servant who kept his vineyard, “I've been coming to this fig tree for three years and have not found any fruit on it. Cut down the fig tree. Why should it use up the soil?”

The servant said, “ Lord, leave the fig tree alone for one more year and during that year I will dig around it and fertilize it. Then if it does not bear any fruit next year I'll cut it down.”

{In this parable Jesus is warning the Jews that He will send judgment on them if they do not repent and turn to Him.}

### **Jesus heals a crippled woman.**

Jesus was teaching in the **synagogue** on the Sabbath day. While He was there, a woman came who had been crippled for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten herself up. When Jesus saw her he said, “ Woman, you are set free from your **infirmity**.”

Jesus laid His hands on her and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

However, the ruler of the **synagogue** was very unhappy about what Jesus had done. The ruler of the synagogue said to the people there, “ There are six days of the

week that men need to work on. If a person needs to be healed, he should come on one of those days, not on the Sabbath!"

When Jesus heard this He said, "You hypocrites! Don't you untie your donkey or ox and give it water on the Sabbath? If you can do this, why shouldn't this woman who is a Jew and has been crippled for eighteen years be set free on the Sabbath?"

When Jesus said this, all those who were against Him were ashamed. All the people rejoiced for all the wonderful things that Jesus had done.

Then Jesus said, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in his garden. It grew so large that it became a tree that the birds would come and nest in."

Then Jesus asked again, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like some **leaven** that a woman took and put in a large amount of flour, until all the flour was **leavened**."

### **Herod wants to kill Jesus.**

As Jesus was traveling through the different towns and villages He made His way to Jerusalem. On the way, someone asked Jesus, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

Jesus told him that many people would try to enter His kingdom but everyone would not be able to. He said, "One day the Master will close the door and there will be those who will stand and knock and plead saying, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us.' But the Master will say, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'"

"Then you will say, 'Lord, we ate and drank with You. You taught us in our streets.' But the Master will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Get away from Me you evildoers. You are going to be thrown out where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. You will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God. People from the east, west, north and south will sit down in My kingdom."

{Jesus is telling the Jews that even though He has come to them first, many of them will not be in His kingdom because they did not listen to Him while He was on earth teaching them. Because of this, Jesus would eventually take His word to the Gentiles.}

That same day, some Pharisees came to Jesus saying, "Leave this place because Herod wants to kill you."

Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will drive out demons, heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will accomplish My goal. I must stay on My journey today, tomorrow, and the next day because a prophet cannot die outside of Jerusalem."

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those sent to you. Many times I have wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look! Your house is left lonely and you will not see Me again until the time that you will say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

{Can you see that Jesus is grieved and sorry because Jerusalem has not listened to Him? Jesus knows that Jerusalem is going to be destroyed and He wished that He could protect them from that destruction just as a hen protects her baby chicks.}

Jesus is in control of what happens to Himself. No one is able to imprison or kill Him before He decides that it is time for that.}

## **Jesus eats with a ruler of the Pharisees.**

One Sabbath day, Jesus went to eat at the house of one of the chief Pharisees. The Pharisees began to watch Jesus closely when a certain man came to Him that had **dropsy**.

Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees saying, " Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?"

The lawyers and Pharisees remained silent. So Jesus healed the man with **dropsy** and sent him away. Then Jesus said to the Pharisees, " If one of you had a donkey or an ox fall in the well on the Sabbath day, wouldn't you immediately pull him out?"

The lawyers and Pharisees had nothing to say, so Jesus told them a parable. Jesus had been noticing how they had chosen the best places to sit at the table, so He began: "When you are asked to a wedding feast, don't take the place of honor because someone more important than you may have been invited. If so, then the man who invited you will come to you and ask you to give your seat to the more important man. Then you will be ashamed when you have to take a less honorable seat."

"When you are invited, take the least important seat, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he will say, 'Friend, take a better seat.' Then you will be honored before all those you are sitting with. Whoever exalts himself will be **humbled**, and whoever **humbles** himself will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to the man who had invited Him, " When you give a dinner or supper, don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, or rich neighbors. They can invite you back and then you will be repaid. Instead, invite people that are poor, crippled, lame and blind. You will be blessed when you invite them because they cannot repay you, but you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

One of the men sitting at the table with Jesus heard what He said, so he said, "Blessed is the man who will eat bread in the kingdom of God."

Jesus replied, " There was a man that had a great banquet and invited many guests. When it was time for the banquet, he sent his servants to his guests to say, 'Come, for all things are ready now.'"

"But, everyone began to make excuses as to why they could not come. One said, 'I've just bought some land and I must go see it. Please excuse me.'"

"Another man said, 'I just bought five yoke of oxen and I must go try them out. Please excuse me.'"

"Another man said, ' I just married a wife, so I cannot come.'"

The servant went back to his master and told him all the reason his guest could not come. The master became angry and told his servant, ' Go as quickly as you can into the lanes and streets of the city and bring in the poor, crippled, lame and blind.'"

"The servant did, and said to his master, 'Master, I have done what you commanded and there is still room at the feast.'"

"So the master told his servant, 'Go into the roads and country lanes and make them come to my house so that it will be full. For I tell you, none of the men who were invited will get to taste of my banquet.'"

{Jesus wants the Pharisees to see some things in these parables. Jesus wants them to be humble. He also wants them to know that His message has been given to the Jews first, but when they do not want it He will give it to the Gentiles. Matt. 10:5-6; Acts 13:46; Rom. 1:16 }

## True or False

1.  Jesus told the people that if they did not repent they would perish.
2.  The ruler of the synagogue was pleased because Jesus had healed the crippled woman on the Sabbath.
3.  Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed and to leaven.
4.  Herod wanted to do good things for Jesus.
5.  Jesus called Herod a fox.
6.  Jesus healed the man with dropsy on the Sabbath.
7.  Jesus told the lawyers and Pharisees that they should take the best places to sit at a feast.
8.  In Jesus' parable of the man and the banquet, every guest could come.
9.  Jesus took His word to the Jews first.

### Memory Work

John 15:7-9

**7** "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**8** "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**9** "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

### Questions

1. What two things did Jesus compare the kingdom of God to? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. Was Jesus upset because Jerusalem would not listen to Him? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did the Pharisees want Jesus to heal people on the Sabbath day? \_\_\_\_\_

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 6

LESSON TEXT: Luke 14: 25 – 35; 15 ; 16: 19 - 31

### VOCABULARY

**Publican** - A tax collector. Tax collectors were disliked by the Jews because many times they were not honest in doing their job. They would gather more money than the government required and then keep the rest.

**Prodigal** - Living in a way that is reckless and extravagant. The younger son was a prodigal because he wasted his inheritance doing things that were sinful.

**Famine** - A time when there are not crops to harvest. A famine could be caused by lack of rain, plagues of insects, or other natural disasters. During a famine there is not enough food to eat.

**Compassion** - To feel sympathy or pity for. To have mercy and show kindness to.

**Harlot** - A woman who would sell her body to others for lust or money. This is very sinful.

**Purple** - A color worn by rich people. The purple dye was very precious and came from a shellfish found in the Mediterranean Sea. A total of 250,000 mollusks were required to make one ounce of dye.

**Hades** - The realm of the dead. Hades usually refers to the abode of the wicked.

### Parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and He began to teach them. Jesus taught His disciples that if they followed Him they must love Him more than anyone, even their own families. He told them that if they did not love Him first, then they could not be His disciples.

Following Jesus would cost them something, and it will cost us something too, if we want to belong to Him.

As Jesus taught, **publicans** and sinners gathered around to hear Him. When the scribes and Pharisees noticed this they said, " This man accepts sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus spoke a parable to them: "Suppose you had one hundred sheep and then you lost one of them. Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go find the lost sheep? When you found the lost sheep you would rejoice and take it home. Then you would call your friends and neighbors and say, " Rejoice with me, for I found my lost sheep."

Jesus said, " In the same way you rejoiced over the sheep you found there will be rejoicing in heaven over one person who repents, than over ninety-nine people who do not need to repent."

Then Jesus told them another parable. He said, " There was a woman that had ten silver coins. She lost one of the coins and she lit a light and swept the house until she

found it. Then after she found it she called her friends to say, " Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin."

" In the same way there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Then Jesus told another parable. He said, " There was a man who had two sons. The youngest son said, "Father, give me my share of goods that will belong to me."

" So the father divided his goods between his two sons. Not many days after the father divided his possessions between his two sons, the youngest son went to a far country and wasted his possessions with **prodigal** living. The son spent everything he had. There was a **famine** in the land and the son began to be in need."

"The younger son joined himself to a citizen of the country he was living in, who sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that he would have been glad to eat the very food that he was feeding the pigs, but no one gave him anything to eat."

"One day the young man came to his senses and said to himself, 'My father has hired servants that have plenty to eat and here I am starving to death! I will go back to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you, and I am not worthy to be called your son. Please make me like one of your hired servants.'"

"So the young man got up and went back home to his father. His father saw him coming while he was still a long way off. He was filled with **compassion** for his son and ran to him throwing his arms around him and kissing him."

" The young son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'"

"But the Father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on my son. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Bring forth the fatted calf and kill it. And let us eat it and be merry for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'"

"So they began to celebrate. While they were celebrating the oldest son was in the field. As he came close to the house he heard the music and the dancing, so he called one of the servants and asked what was going on."

"The servant said, 'Your brother has come home and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back safe and sound.'"

"At this, the older son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him, but he said to his father, 'Listen, I have been serving you these many years and have never disobeyed your orders. But you have never given me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. Now as soon as this son of yours has come home ,after wasting your property with **harlots**, you kill the fatted calf for him!'"

"The father said, "My son, you are always with me and everything that I have is yours. It is right to celebrate because your brother was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

{The lesson Jesus wants us to receive from these parables is that one soul is very precious to Him. When one persons repents there is rejoicing in heaven!}

## **The rich man and Lazarus.**

Jesus said to His disciples, "There was a rich man who dressed in **purple** and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate a beggar named Lazarus laid . Lazarus was covered with sores and longed to eat just the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

In time, the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried."

"The rich man was in torments in **Hades**, and when he looked up he saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus was in his bosom. So the rich man called to Abraham and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.'"

"Abraham said, 'Son, remember all the good things you received in your lifetime, while Lazarus received bad things. Now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, there is a great gulf fixed and no one can pass from one side to the other.'"

"So the rich man said, 'Then I beg of you, send Lazarus to my father's house to warn my five brothers, so they will not come to this place of torments.'"

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'"

"The rich man said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone came to them from the dead they would repent.'"

"Abraham said, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced by someone who rises from the dead.'"

{In this story Jesus points out that while we live is the time to obey God. After we die, it is too late! "Abraham's bosom" refers to a place of rest and comfort. Those who obey God will go there when they die. Those who disobey God will go to a place of torments where they can receive no comfort or rest.}

### **Memory Work**

#### **John 15:7-9**

**7     "If you abide in Me, and  
My words abide in you, you  
will ask what you desire, and  
it shall be done for you.**

**8     "By this My Father is  
glorified, that you bear much  
fruit; so you will be My  
disciples.**

**9     "As the Father loved  
Me, I also have loved you;  
abide in My love.**

### **True or False**

1.  Jesus taught that being His disciple would cost us something.
2.  In Jesus' parable ninety-nine sheep were lost.
3.  The woman with the lost coin swept the house until she found it.
4.  When a sinner repents there is rejoicing in heaven.
5.  The youngest son took care of the possessions that his father gave him.
6.  The young man wanted to eat the same food the pigs ate.
7.  The older son was happy to celebrate the return of his younger brother.
8.  One soul is not very important to Jesus.
9.  Lazarus was in Abraham's bosom because he was wicked.
10.  The rich man was tormented in Hades.
11.  Abraham wanted the rich man's brothers to listen to Moses and the prophets.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 7

LESSON TEXT: John 11: 1 - 54

### VOCABULARY

**Tomb** - A place to bury a dead body. Many times in Bible days a tomb was a natural cave, or one hewn out of rock. Sometimes the tomb was large enough to bury a whole family.

**Weep** - To cry; to shed tears; an expression of grief.

**Graveclothes** - Strips of cloth wrapped around a dead body to prepare it for burial.

**Sanhedrin** - A council of 71 important Jewish men. These would have included the highpriest, people from the high priest's family, scribes, elders, and leaders of the Jews. Important cases of the Jews were brought before the Sanhedrin to judge. The actual word, "Sanhedrin", is not used in the Bible, but the word, "council" is.

**Romans** - These were people from the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire ruled much of the world in the time of Christ.

**Resurrection** - To raise from the dead unto life again.

### Lazarus is raised from the dead.

There was a man in the town of Bethany that was sick. His name was Lazarus and he had two sisters, Mary and Martha. Mary was the same woman who had poured perfume on the Lord and wiped His feet with her hair.

Lazarus' sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is sick."

When Jesus got their message He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God so that the Son of God will be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. Yet, when He heard that Lazarus was sick he stayed where He was for two more days. After two days, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

His disciples said to Him, "But Master, it has not been long since the Jews tried to stone you there, and yet you are going back?"

Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in a day? If anyone walks in the day he will not stumble because he sees by this world's light. But if one walks at night he will stumble because there is no light in him. Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up."

Jesus disciples replied, "Lord, if he is sleeping he will get better."

However the disciples did not realize that Jesus was speaking about Lazarus' death, not a natural sleep. So Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. Now, let us go to him."

Then the disciple named Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived in the town of Bethany He learned that the body of Lazarus had already been dead for four days. Bethany was about two miles away from Jerusalem, so many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary in the loss of their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home. When she saw Jesus she said, "Lord, if you had been here he would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask."

Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the **resurrection** at the last day."

Jesus replied, "I am the **resurrection** and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Martha said, "Yes Lord, I believe You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

When Martha had said these things to Jesus, she went back and called her sister Mary aside secretly and said to her, "The Master is here and is asking for you."

As soon as Mary heard this she went to Him. Now Jesus was not yet in the village, but was still at the place where Martha has talked to Him.

The Jews who had been with Mary in the house noticed how quickly she had left, so they followed her thinking that she was going to the **tomb** to **weep**.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her **weeping**, and the Jews who had come with her **weeping**, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. "Where have you laid him?", Jesus asked.

They said, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus **wept**.

Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him."

But some of them said, "Couldn't this man, who opened the eyes of a blind man, have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus, again being deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

"But Lord," said Martha, "By this time there is a bad odor because he has been dead for four days."

Then Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone from where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father I thank You that You have heard Me. I know that You always hear Me, but I have said this because of the people standing here, so that they will believe that You sent Me."

Now after Jesus said these things, He called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

And Lazarus came out of the grave, bound hand and foot with **graveclothes**, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to the people there, "Take off the **graveclothes** and let him go."

When the Jews, who had come to see Mary, saw what Jesus had done, they put their faith in Him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. When the Pharisees heard about what Jesus had done, they and the chief priests called a meeting of the **Sanhedrin**. They asked, "What are we accomplishing? This man is performing many miracles. If we let him continue, all men will believe in him and then the **Romans** will come and take away our place and our nation."

Then Caiphas, the high priest, spoke up and said, "You know nothing at all! Don't you realize that it is better for one man to die than for the whole nation to perish?"

Now, Caiphas did not say this on his own, but as high priest he had already prophesied that year that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not for that nation only, but that He might make one the people of God that were scattered.

From this day on the Jews plotted to kill Jesus. Because of this, Jesus could no longer go about publicly among the Jews. So He went to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim. There is where He stayed with His disciples.

## Memory Work

John 15:7-10

**7** "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**8** "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**9** "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

**10** "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.



## Map Work

Find:

**Jerusalem**  
**Bethany**  
**Ephraim**

## True or False

1. \_\_\_\_ Lazarus was from the town of Bethlehem.
2. \_\_\_\_ Mary and Martha were the sisters of Jesus.
3. \_\_\_\_ When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, He went to him immediately.
4. \_\_\_\_ Jesus' disciples thought that Lazarus was in a natural sleep.
5. \_\_\_\_ Lazarus was not really dead.
6. \_\_\_\_ Mary and Martha both told Jesus that if He had been there Lazarus would not have died.
7. \_\_\_\_ Jesus told Martha that her brother would rise again.
8. \_\_\_\_ Jesus said, " Whosoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
9. \_\_\_\_ Lazarus had been dead for one day.
10. \_\_\_\_ Jesus was not able to raise Lazarus from the dead.
11. \_\_\_\_ The Pharisees realized that if they let Jesus continue working miracles all men would believe on Him.
12. \_\_\_\_ From that day on, the Jews plotted to kill Jesus.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 8

LESSON TEXT: Luke 17: 11 - 37 ; 18: 1 -14; Mark 10: 1 -12; Matt. 19: 1 -15

### VOCABULARY

**Leprosy** - A contagious disease of the skin. Leprosy would cause the skin to turn white and eventually rot off the bones. A person with leprosy was considered unclean under the Old Law.

**Leper** - A person who had the disease of leprosy.

**Samaritans** - A group of people that the Jews hated. Many hundreds of years before Christ came to earth, during the Assyrian captivity of the Jews, the Samaritans married the Jews left in the city of Samaria. They became a mixed race of people, and so the Jews hated them. God had told the Jews not to marry people from other nations.

**Kingdom of God** - A spiritual kingdom ruled by the Messiah, or Jesus Christ. Christ's kingdom was a spiritual one, not an earthly one. Other names for the Kingdom of God are: The church, the body of Christ, the church of Christ, the church of God.

**Reject** - To despise; refuse to hear.

**Adversary** - An enemy; one who opposes another.

**Justice** - To defend one person from another; to protect.

**Divorce** - When one married person sends his (or her) mate away so that they are not married anymore. God does not approve of this and gives only one reason for it: fornication.

### Jesus heals the ten lepers.

As Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem He passed along the border of Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a certain village, ten men who had **leprosy** met Him. They stood at a distance from Jesus and called out to Him with a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When Jesus saw them He said, "Go show yourselves to the priest."

As the **lepers** went on their way they were healed of their **leprosy**. One of them, when he saw he was healed, turned and went back to Jesus. He praised God with a loud voice and threw himself down at Jesus' feet thanking Him. This man was a **Samaritan**.

Jesus asked the healed leper, "Weren't all ten of you cleansed? Where are the other nine men? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

Then Jesus said to the **Samaritan**, "Get up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well."

## **Jesus explains about His kingdom.**

Some Pharisees asked Jesus when the **kingdom of God** would come. Jesus told them that when His kingdom came one would not be able to see it, like one can see an earthly kingdom. Christ's kingdom is in the hearts of men. As men obey God's word they become subjects of Christ's kingdom.

Jesus also told them that the days were coming when they would long for the days that He was on the earth. He said, " I must suffer many things and be **rejected** by this generation."

When Jesus said these things He was referring to the time when Jerusalem would be destroyed. He told them that when it was time for Jerusalem to be destroyed people would not expect it. They would be going about their everyday business of eating, drinking, marrying, selling, planting, and building, just as the people did in the days of Noah, and in the days when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed.

Jesus said, " On that day no one who is on his rooftop, with his goods inside the house, should take the time to go inside and get his goods. No one in the field should go back to his home for anything. Remember Lot's wife! Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life with save it."

"I tell you, on that night there will be two people in the bed. One will be taken and the other one will be left. Two women will be grinding grain together. One will be taken and the other will be left."

"Where Lord?" the Jews asked.

Jesus replied, " Where the dead body is, there will the vultures gather."

## **Jesus' parables on prayer.**

Jesus told His disciples a parable that showed them they should always pray and not give up. Jesus said, "In a certain town there was a judge who did not fear God and did not care about men. A widow in the town kept coming to the judge and saying, " Give me **justice** against my **adversary**."

The judge kept refusing to help the woman, but finally he said to himself, " I don't fear God or care about men, but because this woman continues to bother me, I am going to see that she gets **justice** so that she will not wear me out by continuing to come to me."

Then Jesus said, " Listen to what the unjust judge said. Don't you think God will bring **justice** for His chosen ones who cry out to Him day and night? I tell you, He will see that they get **justice** quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

Then Jesus told this parable to some people there who trusted in themselves and looked down on everyone else:     "Two men went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and began to pray about himself saying, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers— or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'"

"The tax collector stood at a distance and would not even look up into heaven, but beat upon his breast saying, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'"

"I tell you, the tax collector went home justified before God, rather than the Pharisee. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

## **Jesus teaches on divorce.**

Jesus left Galilee and went to the region of Judea on the other side of the Jordan River. Large crowds followed Him and He taught them and healed the people there.

Some of the Pharisees came to Jesus and wanted to test Him, so they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to **divorce** his wife for any reason?"

Jesus replied, "What did Moses command you?"

They said, "Why did Moses permit a man to write a certificate of **divorce** and dismiss her?"

Jesus replied, "Moses wrote that law because of the hardness of your heart. Haven't you read that in the beginning God made male and female? For this reason a man is to leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife so that they will not be two any longer, but one flesh. Whatever God has joined together man is not to separate."

"I say to you that whoever puts away his wife, except for the reason of fornication, and marries another commits adultery. And the person that marries her that is put away commits adultery."

Then Jesus' disciples said, "If that is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

Jesus replied, "Everyone cannot accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given."

## **Jesus and the little children.**

Some of the people were bringing little children to Jesus so that He could lay His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples did not want these people to bring the children to Jesus. They began to rebuke the people.

Jesus was displeased about this and said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not prevent them from coming, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. If one does not accept the kingdom of God like a child, he will not enter it."

Then Jesus laid His hands on the children and left that place.

### **Think About It...**

As Jesus went about teaching He was trying to get His disciples and others to see that His words were authority — that they were to obey His words because they were God's words.

He also was preparing them for the time when He would not be here on earth with them anymore. He wanted them to trust in Him when that time came, and know that He would take care of them. He wanted them to understand that to truly trust in Him they would be in His kingdom.

As we continue this study we will see that even though Jesus has done all this teaching to prepare His disciples, they still do not understand the things that are going to happen to Jesus and to themselves.

## Memory Work

John 15:7-10

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

## Map Work

Find:

Galilee  
Jordan River  
Samaria



## True or False

1.  Nine lepers came back to thank Jesus for healing them.
2.  Jesus told the leper that his medicine had made him well.
3.  One cannot see Christ's kingdom like he can see an earthly kingdom.
4.  When Jerusalem was destroyed, Jesus said people would be going about their everyday business.
5.  The unjust judge gave the widow justice.
6.  God will give His chosen ones who pray to Him justice.
7.  The Pharisee prayed a prayer pleasing to God.
8.  Jesus said that a person can divorce for any reason.
9.  Whatever God has joined together man is not to separate.
10.  The only reason for divorce is fornication.
11.  Jesus said that a person should accept the kingdom of God like a child.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 9

LESSON TEXT: Mk. 10: 17 - 52; Matt. 19: 16 - 20: 1 - 34; Lk. 18: 18 – 43

### VOCABULARY

**Eternal life** - Life that does not have an end ; everlasting. If we have been obedient to God then we will have eternal life in heaven with God.

**Denarius** - A Roman silver coin. It seemed to be the ordinary pay in New Testament days for a day's wages.

**Betrayed** - To deliver one to be condemned, punished, or put to death.

**Gentile** - People who were not Jews. They did not worship the true God.

**Scourge** - The Jews' method of scourging was to use three thongs of leather and whip the person by putting thirteen stripes on their bare breast and thirteen on each shoulder. Sometimes the three thongs of leather would have pieces of bone or metal on the ends and when it was used it would tear the flesh of the one being whipped.

**Crucify (or crucifixion)** - This was the Roman's most cruel way to kill someone. It was reserved for slaves and criminals. Crucifixion involved attaching the victim to a crossbeam with a vertical stake. They would attach the victim with nails through the wrists and sometimes the feet. As the victim hung on the cross dangling by his arms, the blood could not flow to his vital organs. Gradually he would die. Sometimes to make a person die faster, his legs would be broken.

### The Rich Young Ruler.

Now as Jesus was going out down the road a man came out running to Him and knelt down before Him saying, "Good teacher, what good thing must I do to inherit **eternal life**?"

Jesus said, " Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God. If you want to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments."

"Which ones?" said the rich young man.

Jesus said, "You know the commandments: You shall not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your mother and father, and love your neighbor as yourself."

The young man said, " I have kept all these commandments since I was a young boy. What do I still lack?"

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, " One thing you lack if you want to be perfect. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow Me."

But when the young man heard this he went away very sorrowful because he was a man with great wealth.

Then Jesus looked around at His disciples and said, " How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. "

The disciples were astonished and asked Jesus, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus replied, "The things that are impossible for men are possible for God."

Then Peter said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. What shall we have?"

Jesus said, "I tell you that when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or land for My sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit **eternal life.**"

"For the kingdom of God is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. The landowner agreed to pay his workers a **denarius** a day, and sent them into his vineyard."

"About the third hour of the day, the landowner saw some people in the marketplace doing nothing. So he said to them, 'Go work in my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is right.'"

"The landowner did the same thing the sixth and the ninth hour of the day. About the eleventh hour, the landowner went out and found other men standing around doing nothing, so he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here doing nothing all day?'"

"The men said, 'Because no one has hired us.'"

"The landowner said to them, 'Go into my vineyard and whatever is right I will pay you.'"

"That evening the landowner called his servant and said, 'Call the workers and give them their pay, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first ones hired.'"

"So the workers, who had been hired in the eleventh hour, came and they each received a **denarius**. When the workers who were hired first came to be paid, they thought they would receive more money, but they received a **denarius** too."

"The first workers began to complain. They said, 'These last men only worked one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have worked harder and worked in the heat of the day.'"

"The landowner answered one of them and said, 'I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a **denarius**? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same thing as I gave to you. Don't I have a right to do as I wish with my own things? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first and the first will be last. Many are called but few are chosen.'"

{ The point that Jesus is trying to make to His disciples is that those who follow Him will receive **eternal life**. God gives the same reward to everyone who follows Him, whether they have served Him a long time or a short time. }

### **Jesus foretells His death and resurrection.**

Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem and they were amazed as they followed Him. They were also afraid.

As they traveled, Jesus took the twelve apostles aside on the road and began to tell them the things that were going to happen to Him. He said to them, "Behold, we are going to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be **betrayed** to the chief priests, and to the scribes. They will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the **Gentiles** to mock

Him, and to **scourge**, to spit on Him, and **crucify** Him. On the third day He will rise again."

Jesus' disciples did not understand what He was talking about, and it's meaning was hidden from them.

### **James and John want a special place in Christ's kingdom.**

The mother of James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus with her sons. They said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

Jesus said, "What do you wish?"

She said, "Please say that one of my sons may sit on your right hand and one may sit on your left hand in Your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you ask. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" (In other words, "Are you going to be able to suffer in the way that I will suffer?")

James and John replied, "We are able."

Jesus said, "You will indeed drink My cup and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand or left hand is not Mine to grant. These places will belong to those whom the Father wants to have."

When the other ten apostles heard what James and John had asked Jesus they were displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the **Gentiles** and other great men try to be authority over others. But it is not to be that way among you. Whoever wants to be great among you must become your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For, the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve others and to give His life a ransom for many."

### **Jesus heals two blind men.**

As Jesus came close to the city of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus and his companion was sitting by the road begging. The blind man heard the crowd of people go by, so he asked what was happening. The people told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

So the blind men called out saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."

Some of the people went to the blind men and warned them to be quiet, but they continued to cry out, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded that the blind men be brought to Him. When the blind men came near to Him He asked them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

The blind men said, "Lord, I want to regain my sight."

Jesus touched their eyes and said, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

Immediately the men could see and began to follow Jesus, glorifying God. And when all the people saw it they praised God too.

## Memory Work

John 15:7-11

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

## WHO SAID IT?

(Read the statements and write the name of the person (persons) who said it, choosing from the list below. Some may be used more than once.)

Jesus            Rich young ruler            disciples  
Landowner        first workers  
James and John    eleventh hour workers  
Mother of James and John        Peter  
Bartimaeus and his companion

1. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." \_\_\_\_\_
2. "Behold, we are going to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests, and to the scribes." \_\_\_\_\_
3. "Good teacher, what good thing must I do to inherit eternal life?" \_\_\_\_\_
4. "Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." \_\_\_\_\_
5. "Go work in my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is right." \_\_\_\_\_
6. "These last men only worked one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have worked harder and worked in the heat of the day." \_\_\_\_\_
7. "Because no one has hired us." \_\_\_\_\_
8. "Please say that one of my sons may sit on your right hand and one may sit on your left hand in Your kingdom." \_\_\_\_\_
9. "Whoever wants to become great among you must become your servant." \_\_\_\_\_
10. "See, we have left all and followed You." \_\_\_\_\_
11. "Who then can be saved?" \_\_\_\_\_

## MAP WORK

Find:  
Jericho  
Jerusalem

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 10

LESSON TEXT: Luke 19: 1 - 28

### VOCABULARY

**Publican** - A tax collector. Tax collectors were usually despised by the Jews because many times they would gather more tax from the people than the government required, and became rich. When John the Baptist was preaching he told the publicans that they should not collect more money than they should. (Lk. 3: 12 -13)

**Salvation** - To rescue or deliver someone. Jesus rescues or delivers us from hell. Jesus brings us salvation!

**Nobleman** - A man born into an important or powerful family, such as a prince or king.

**Pound** - A sum of money.

### Zacchaeus the tax collector.

Jesus entered the city of Jericho and was passing through it. Now there was a man in Jericho named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a chief **publican** and he was very wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was a very short man and could not see over the crowd of people.

So Zacchaeus ran ahead of the people and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus as He passed by that way. When Jesus reached the tree that Zacchaeus was in, He looked up into the tree and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down for I must stay at your house today."

Zacchaeus came down from the tree at once and was glad to receive Jesus. But when all the people saw this, they began to murmur, saying, "Jesus has gone to be the guest of a man that is a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said unto the Lord, "Look, Lord! I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have cheated anyone I will pay them back four times that amount."

Jesus said, "Today **salvation** has come to this house, because this man is a son of Abraham too. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

While the people were listening, Jesus told them a parable, because He was getting close to Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.

Jesus said, "A certain **nobleman** went to a country far away to receive a kingdom, and then he returned."

"The **nobleman** called ten of his servants to him and gave them ten **pounds**. He said, 'Put this money to work until I return.'"

"The citizens in his kingdom hated him and sent a message after him saying, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'"

"However, the man became king and returned home. When he returned, he called his servants to himself, to whom he had given the money. He wanted to know how much each servant had gained."

"The first servant came to the **nobleman** and said, 'Master, your **pound** has gained ten more **pounds**.'"

"The **nobleman** replied, ' Well done, my good servant! Because you were trustworthy over a little I will give you authority over ten cities.'"

"The second servant came and said, ' Sir, your **pound** has gained five more **pounds**.'"

"His master said to him, ' You will have authority over five cities.'"

"Then another servant came before him and said, 'Master, here is your **pound**. I put it away in a handkerchief, because I was afraid of you for you are a hard man. You collect out of what you did not put in, and you reap where you did not sow.'"

"His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a hard man who takes out what I have not put in and reaps what I did not sow? Why then didn't you put my money in the bank so that when I returned I could have collected the **pound** with interest.'"

"Then the **nobleman** said to those standing near, 'Take this pound away from him and give it to the servant who has ten pounds.'"

"Those standing near said, 'Sir, he already has ten!'"

"He replied, 'To everyone who has, more will be given, but to the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. But bring me my enemies who did not want me to be king over them. Bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"

After Jesus finished telling this parable, He went on His way to Bethany, outside of Jerusalem.

{ Jesus told this parable because the people thought the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. He told this parable to show the people that the kingdom was spiritual, not physical and that they would have responsibilities in His kingdom.

The nobleman represents Jesus. Jesus, like the nobleman, went to a far country — Heaven, to receive His kingdom.

Jesus expects those in His kingdom to grow spiritually. We are not to be like the servant who did not use his pound, but hid it away in his handkerchief. We are to use the talents that God gave us.

Jesus will judge us, just as the nobleman judged his servants. If we are unfaithful, or do not believe, we will be condemned at the judgment. }

## Map Work

**Look at your map and follow Jesus' journey from Galilee, through Perea, to Jericho, to Bethany (outside of Jerusalem).**

**This lesson concludes the period of the "Close of Jesus' Ministry". In our next lesson we will begin studying the "Last Week" of Jesus' life.**

## Memory Work

John 15:7-11

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

## TRUE OR FALSE

1.  Zacchaeus lived in Jerusalem.
2.  Zacchaeus was a short man.
3.  Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was.
4.  Jesus told Zacchaeus to hurry down from the tree because He was going to stay at his house.
5.  The people were glad that Jesus was going to stay at Zacchaeus' house.
6.  Jesus said that He came to seek and to save the lost.
7.  Jesus told a parable because the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.
8.  The nobleman went to a country far away to receive a kingdom.
9.  The nobleman was pleased with the things that all of his servants had done.
10.  God expects us to use the talents that He gives us.
11.  The nobleman killed the citizens who did not want him to be king over them.

## Use Your Bible

( Fill – in –the - blanks)

Luke 19:10

10 "for the Son of Man has come to \_\_\_\_\_ and to  
\_\_\_\_\_ that which was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(NKJ)

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 11

LESSON TEXT: John 11: 55 - 12: 1 - 19 ; Matt. 26: 6 - 13; 21: 1 - 19; Mk. 14: 1 - 11; 11:1- 14  
Luke 19: 29 - 44

### VOCABULARY

**Alabaster** - A type stone. It was soft and could be carved easily into vases, jars, and bowls. The color of it was usually white, but could be gray, yellow, or red. Ancient people considered alabaster the best material to preserve their precious ointments.

**Anoint** - To rub special oil or perfume on the body. Anointing was used to show special honor. It was a custom to show special honor to kings by anointing them.

**Wither** - To dry up; to waste away.

In this lesson we will begin a study of Jesus' last week before His death, burial, and resurrection. You probably noticed previously that the Jews tried to kill Jesus on more than one occasion. They were not able to, however, because Jesus was in control while He was on earth. He was not killed because it was not His will that it happen.

Do not forget, during your study, that Jesus is eternal. He is not just a man, but is God in the flesh! He came to earth to save us from our sins.

### **Jesus in Bethany.**

It was almost time for the Passover Feast, so many of the Jews went to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. Many were looking for Jesus and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, " What do you think? Do you think Jesus will come to the Feast?"

Now the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where Jesus was, they were to report it to them so that He could be arrested. Two days before the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread the chief priests and scribes began to seek out a way to take Jesus and put Him to death. But they did not want to do it on a feast day because there might be an uproar of the people.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the city where Lazarus lived. Lazarus was the man that Jesus had raised from the dead.

While Jesus was in Bethany, He was at the house of Simon the leper. A dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha was helping serve at the dinner. Lazarus was at the table with Jesus. As Jesus sat at the table, Mary came to Jesus with an **alabaster** jar of very expensive perfume. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus' head. Then

she **anointed** the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot, objected. (Judas would later betray Jesus.) Judas said, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor?" And some of them murmured against Mary.

Now, Judas did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He would keep the money box and take out some of what was put into it.

Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of my burial. Why are you bothering her? She has done a good work for Me. For you will have the poor with you always, but you will not have Me with you always."

"She has done what she could and come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Now, many of the Jews had come not only to see Jesus, but to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. The chief priests were plotting to kill Lazarus too, but because of him, many of the Jews left there believing on Jesus.

Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. When they heard Judas' plan, they were glad and promised to give him money. Judas began to look for the opportunity when he might betray Jesus.

### **Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.**

When Jesus came near to Jerusalem, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples into the city. Jesus said to them, "Go into the village opposite you and you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. No one has ever sat upon the colt. Untie them and bring them to Me. And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' you shall say, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'"

All of these things were to be done to fulfill the prophesy of the prophet Zechariah.

So the two disciples went on their way and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street. They untied the colt, and some standing there asked, "Why are you untying the colt?"

The disciples answered, "The Lord has need of him." as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

Then the disciples brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments upon it for Jesus to sit upon.

When the multitude of people at the feast heard that Jesus was coming, many of them spread their garments upon the road, and others cut branches out of the trees to spread upon the road. They went ahead of Jesus crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The multitude of people answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Some of the Pharisees called out from the crowd saying, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

Jesus said, "I tell you, if these should keep silent the stones would cry out."

Jesus' disciples did not understand all these things that were happening at first, but when Jesus was glorified they remembered the things that had been written about Him by the prophets, and that they had done these things to Him.

Some of the people there had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus from the tomb, and the bore witness of Jesus. Many went to meet Him because they had heard of this miracle.

The Pharisees did not like the way things were going. They said to one another, "We are accomplishing nothing. Look! The whole world has gone after Him."

As Jesus came close to the city, He saw it and wept over it. He said, "If you had only known on this day what would bring you peace, but is now hidden from your eyes. The days will come when your enemies will surround you and destroy you and your children. They will not leave one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

When Jesus entered Jerusalem he went to the temple, but since it was already late he went back to Bethany with the twelve apostles.

### **The barren fig tree.**

The next morning, Jesus and His disciples left Bethany and returned to Jerusalem. Jesus was hungry and saw a fig tree off in the distance. He went to it to see if there might be some figs on it, but there were none because it was not the season for figs. Jesus said to the tree, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."

(Remember this story because you will study about what happened to this tree later.)

## **Memory Work**

**John 15:7-12**

- 7    "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**
- 8    "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**
- 9    "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.**
- 10    "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**
- 11    "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.**
- 12    "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**(NKJ)**

## **Map Work**

Find:

Bethany  
Mount of Olives  
Jerusalem

## Fill-in-the-blanks

( Use the following words to fill in the blanks. Some may be used more than once.)

**Passover**

**Jesus**

**Lazarus**

**Mary**

**Martha**

**Perfume**

**Judas**

**disciples**

**colt**

**King of Israel**

**Pharisees**

**Jerusalem**

**Fig tree**

**Bethany**

1. Many Jews went to Jerusalem for the \_\_\_\_\_ Feast.
2. The chief priests and \_\_\_\_\_ gave orders that anyone who knew about Jesus' location was to report it so that they could arrest Him.
3. Before the Passover, Jesus arrived in \_\_\_\_\_, the city where Lazarus lived.
4. A dinner was given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_ at the house of Simon the leper.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ came to Jesus and poured a very expensive \_\_\_\_\_ on His head, then she anointed His feet, wiping His feet with her hair.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor."
7. \_\_\_\_\_ helped serve at the dinner.
8. Many Jews came to the dinner, not only to see Jesus, but also to see \_\_\_\_\_, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ began to look for the opportunity when he might betray Jesus.
10. Jesus sent two \_\_\_\_\_ into the city to find a donkey tied and a colt with her.
11. The two disciples brought the \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus and threw their garments upon it for Jesus to sit upon.
12. As \_\_\_\_\_ entered Jerusalem on the colt, many spread their garments and cut branches on the road and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The \_\_\_\_\_! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ called out saying, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"
14. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ did not understand all the things happening to Jesus at first.
15. As \_\_\_\_\_ saw the city of Jerusalem, He wept over it.
16. When Jesus returned to Jerusalem the next morning, He saw a \_\_\_\_\_ tree, but it had no figs on it.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 12

LESSON TEXT: Mk. 11: 15 -25; Matt. 21: 12 - 22; Lk. 19: 45 - 48 ;21: 37 - 38; John 12: 20 - 50

### VOCABULARY

**Moneychangers** - A banker or one who would exchange one money for another for a small fee. Jews from all parts of the world would have come to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. The law of Moses stated that all male Jews, 20 years old and up, were to give a half-shekel coin for a temple tax. (Ex. 30: 11 - 15) Moneychangers would have exchanged Jew's coins from other parts of the world for the half-shekel that they were commanded to give.

**Temple** - This building had two main parts: the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. God's people, the Jews, would come here to worship in Jerusalem. It was to be a Holy place; not a place where people bought and sold merchandise. It was Holy because God's presence was with His people there, (Matt. 23: 21). Jesus referred to it as, "the house of God", (Matt. 12:4) and " My Father's house", (John 2: 16).

**Hosanna** - An exclamation of adoration. In Hebrew it means, "save, we pray".

**Greeks** - A person from Greece, or from one of the Greek islands. This person would not have been born a Jew. Sometimes people who were not Jews decided that they wanted to worship as the Jews did and they were called, "proselytes".

**Prince of this world** - The devil, or Satan.

### **Jesus cleanses the temple again.**

As Jesus returned to Jerusalem, the day after His triumphant entry, He went to the **temple** area. In the **temple** area were **moneychangers**, and people buying and selling doves.

As Jesus went into the **temple**, He began to drive out all the people who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the **moneychangers** and the seats of those who sold the doves. And He would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the **temple**.

Then Jesus began to teach the people. He said, " It is written that My house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves."

The blind and the lame began to come to Jesus in the **temple**, and He healed them.

Jesus taught daily in the temple, but the chief priests, scribes and leaders of the people did not like this. They saw the wonderful things that Jesus did, and heard the children shouting, "**Hosanna** to the Son of David!". All of this made them very displeased, and they began to seek ways to kill Jesus, but they were unable to do anything because all the people wanted to hear Jesus.

The chief priests and scribes asked Jesus, " Do you hear what the children are saying?"

Jesus replied, "Yes. Have you never read in the scriptures, ' Out of the mouths of babies and nursing infants have You prepared praise for Yourself' ?"

### **Some Greeks want to see Jesus.**

Some **Greeks** came to Jerusalem to worship at the Feast. They went to Philip and said, " Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip told Andrew about this request and Andrew told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Whoever serves Me must follow Me. My Father will honor the one who serves Me."

"My heart is troubled, but shall I ask the Father to save Me from this hour? No. This hour is the reason that I came here. Father, glorify Your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven and said, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The people that were there began to say that it had thundered. But some of them said, " An angel has spoken to Him."

Jesus answered, " This voice did not come for My sake, but for yours. It is time for judgment on the world and the **prince of this world** will be cast out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to Myself."

Jesus said this to show the people what kind of death He was going to die. But people in the crowd began to say, "We have heard from the Law that Christ remains forever. How can you say, ' The Son of Man must be lifted up?' Who is this Son of Man?"

Jesus said, " You are going to have the light for just a little bit longer. While you have the light, trust and believe in it so that you may become sons of light."

After Jesus said these things, He left and hid Himself.

Although Jesus had done many miracles before the people, they still did not believe in Him. The prophet Isaiah had said that this would happen. Yet, many of the rulers believed in Jesus. But they would not confess their faith because they were afraid that the Pharisees would put them out of the synagogues. These men loved the praise of men more than they loved the praise of God.

Jesus told the people, " If a man believes in Me, he also believes in the One who sent Me. When he looks at Me, he sees the one who sent Me. I came into the world as light so that no one who believes in Me will remain in darkness. I came to save the world, but if a person rejects Me and does not accept My words then it will be My words that judges him on the last day. I am speaking what the Father commanded Me to say, and His commands lead to eternal life."

### **The fig tree withered.**

During the days, Jesus taught in the temple. At night Jesus would go back to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus had told the fig tree on the way that no fruit would grow on it again. The next day Jesus and His disciples passed by the tree , and it had withered and dried up from the roots.

Peter saw the tree and said, "Master, look! The tree which You cursed has withered away!"

The disciples looked at the tree and they were astonished and said, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?"

Jesus answered them saying, "Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to this fig tree, but you can say to this mountain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea.' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive what you ask for in prayer. And when you are praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive your sins."

## Memory Work

John 15:7-12

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(NKJ)**

## Questions

1. Who did Jesus drive out of the temple area?

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2. What did Jesus say they had made His house of prayer into?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Jesus do daily in the temple?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Whom did the Greeks want to see?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What hour did Jesus say had come?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Why would many of the rulers not confess their faith?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Did Jesus want the people to believe in Him?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Who commanded Jesus to say the words that He said?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Jesus wanted His disciples to have what?

\_\_\_\_\_

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 13

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 21: 23 - 22: 22; Mark 11: 27 - 12: 17 -37; Luke 20: 1 - 26

### VOCABULARY

**Authority** - The right or power to tell others what they need to do; one whose commands are to be obeyed.

**Vineyard** - A plantation or farm where grapes are grown.

**Winepress** - A large tub or vat where the juice is pressed out of the grapes to make wine. Grapes would be thrown into the winepress and treaded upon or crushed with people's feet.

**Heir** - The one (or ones) who have the right to receive the property and possessions of another, usually at the time of the owner's death.

**Inheritance** - Property or possessions received after the death of someone.

**Cornerstone** - In Bible times buildings were often made of stone. The stone placed at the corner, where two walls of the building came together to align the building was called the "cornerstone". A "chief cornerstone" would be the most important cornerstone.

**Herodians** - Jews who had a lot of influence and followed the Greek customs and Roman laws, and supported Herod. They joined with the Pharisees in opposing Jesus.

**Caesar** - He was the Roman emperor, or most important ruler at this time.

**The chief priests and scribes ask about Jesus' authority, and He tells them three parables.**

Jesus was in Jerusalem teaching in the temple when some chief priests, elders, and scribes came to Him. They said to Him, " Who gave you **authority** to do these things, and by what **authority** do you do them?"

Jesus answered them by saying, " I am going to ask you one question. Answer this question and then I will tell you by what **authority** I do these things. Is the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"

The men began to discuss what Jesus said among themselves. They said, " If we tell Jesus that John's baptism is from heaven He is going to ask us why we did not believe him. But if we say that John's baptism was from men the people will stone us, because they believe that John was a prophet." So the men said, " We do not know."

Jesus replied, "Neither will I tell you by what **authority** I do these things. What do you think about this? There was a man who had two sons. He went to his first son and said, 'Son, go work today in my vineyard.'"

"The son answered, 'I will not.' But later he repented and did what his father asked."

"Then the man went to his second son and asked him to go work in his vineyard. This son said he would go, but he did not go."

"Which of these two sons did the will of his father?"

The men replied, "The first son."

Then Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you that publicans and harlots will enter the kingdom of God ahead of you. John the Baptist came to show you the way of righteousness, but you didn't believe him. The publicans and harlots did believe John. But even after you saw this, you still did not repent and believe."

{ Can you see that Jesus is telling these Jews that they must believe Him to be able to enter His kingdom. John the Baptist had already preached to them, but they did not believe him.}

Jesus then began to tell them another parable. He said, "There was a certain man who planted a **vineyard**. He put a wall around it, dug a **winepress** in it, and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some vine-growers and went on a trip for a long time."

"When it was harvest time, the man who owned the **vineyard** sent his servants to the vine-growers to get some fruit from the **vineyard**. But the vine-growers beat one of the servants, killed one and stoned the other one. Then they sent them away empty-handed."

"The man then sent more servants, but the vine-growers did the same to them. They beat some and killed some."

"The man sent his servants a third time, but they wounded them and threw them out of the **vineyard**."

"Now this man had a son whom he loved. The man said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son and they will respect him.'"

"But when the vine-growers saw the man's son, they said, 'This is the man's **heir**. Let's kill him and the **inheritance** will be ours.'"

"So they took the son, killed him, and threw him out of the **vineyard**. When the owner of the **vineyard** comes, what will he do to the vine-growers? He will destroy those wicked men and rent his **vineyard** to other vine-growers who will give him fruit during the harvest."

The chief priest and scribes did not like what Jesus said and they said to Him, "May this never be!"

Jesus looked at them and said, "Haven't you read in the scriptures that the stone which the builders reject will become the chief **cornerstone**? The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes. I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to another nation that will bear fruit."

Now the chief priests and Pharisees knew that Jesus was talking about them in these parables, and they began to look for a way to arrest Jesus. But they were afraid of the people because the people thought that Jesus was a prophet.

Then Jesus began to tell them another parable. He said, "The kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. The king sent his servants out to call everyone who was invited to the wedding. But everyone who was invited refused to come to the wedding."

"So the king sent some more servants out. He said to them, 'Tell everyone who is invited that the dinner is prepared. The oxen and cattle are killed and all things are ready. Tell them to please come to the wedding.'"

"But when the servants went to the invited guests, they paid no attention — one went to his farm and another to his business. The rest of them took the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them."

"When the king heard about this, he was enraged! He sent out his armies and destroyed those who murdered his servants, and he burned their cities."

"Then the king said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but the ones that I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite anyone you find to the banquet.'

"So the servants went out to the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad. And the wedding hall was filled with guests."

"But when the king came in he saw a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. The king said, 'Friend, how did you come here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless."

"Then the king said, 'Tie this man up hand and foot and throw him outside into darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are invited, but few are chosen.'"

{In these last two parables Jesus is telling the Jews that they have rejected Him, just as the vine-growers rejected the landowner's son.

Jesus is also telling them that He has invited them into his kingdom, but when they reject Him He will go to others — to the Gentiles. But even the Gentiles must do what He says, or they will be like the wedding guest without the wedding clothes — Jesus will cast them out.

Everyone, Jew and Gentile, must follow what Christ says if they want to enter his kingdom.}

### The Pharisees try to trap Jesus.

Some of the Pharisees and **Herodians** began to watch Jesus, and laid plans to trap Him in His words. They pretended to be righteous. The Pharisees sent their disciples, along with some of the **Herodians** to Jesus. They said to Him, "Master, we know that the things that you teach are true, and that your mind is not changed by what men say, because you pay no attention to them. Tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to **Caesar** or not?"

Jesus knew that they were trying to trick Him, so He said, " You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap Me? Show Me a coin used for paying the tax."

They brought Jesus a coin. Jesus said, " Whose picture and words are written on the coin?"

"Caesar's", they replied.

Then Jesus said, " Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and give to God the things that belong to God."

The people were amazed when they heard this and became silent because they had not been able to trap Jesus in His words.



# Memory Work

**John 15:7-13**

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**12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.  
(NKJ)**



## Multiple Choice (Underline the correct answer)

1. The chief priests, elders and scribes asked Jesus, " Who gave you ( gifts, authority ) to do these things?"
2. Jesus told the chief priests and scribes that ( Pharisees and John the Baptist , publicans and harlots) would go into the kingdom of God before they would.
3. Jesus told a parable about a man who planted a ( vineyard, watermelon patch ).
4. The vine-growers ( did , did not ) respect the landowner's son.
5. The chief priests and Pharisees ( knew , did not know ) that Jesus was talking about them in the parable.
6. The chief priests and Pharisees began to look for a way to ( arrest, be nice ) to Jesus.
7. Jesus said, " The kingdom of God can be compared to a ( servant , king ) who prepared a wedding feast for his son.
8. ( Everyone , no one ) invited came to the wedding feast.
9. The king was ( glad , unhappy ) that one man had come the wedding not dressed in wedding clothes.
10. The Pharisees and ( apostles, Herodians ) began to watch Jesus, and laid plans to trap Him in His words.
11. The Pharisees and Herodians asked Jesus, " Is it lawful to pay taxes to ( God , Caesar ) or not?"
12. The Pharisees and Herodians ( were, were not ) able to trap Jesus in His words.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 14

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 22: 23 -40; 24:25 ; Mk. 12: 18 -40 ;13; Lk. 20: 27 - 47; 21

### VOCABULARY

**Saducees** - The Saducees were a group (or sect) of Jews who opposed Jesus and the early church. They did not believe in the resurrection and thought that when one died there was no judgment to come in heaven or hell.

**Resurrection** - To rise from the dead ; to be raised to life again.

**Mite** - A small brass coin worth about one fifth of a cent.

**Virgin** - A maiden. A woman who has never been married to a man.

**Talent** - A sum of money.

### Some Saducees question Jesus about the resurrection.

One day some **Saducees** came to Jesus. They did not believe in the **resurrection**, and they wanted to ask Jesus about a woman who had seven husbands. All of her husbands were dead. They asked, " Who will be her husband in the **resurrection**, because all seven of them had her as their wife?"

Jesus said, " When the dead rise they will not be married, but will be like the angels in heaven. God is not the God of the dead, but is God of the living."

The things that Jesus said caused the **Saducees** to become silent.

Then the Pharisees decided to question Jesus. One of the scribes asked Him, " What is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus said, " Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second greatest commandment is this: to love your neighbor as yourself. There are no commandments greater than these."

The scribe said, " Well said, Teacher. What you have said is truth."

Jesus said to him, " You are not far from the kingdom of God."

After that, no one dared ask Him any more questions.

### The poor widow and her two mites.

Jesus was sitting down opposite of where the people put money in the treasury and He began to observe how the rich people were putting in large amounts of money.

A poor widow came to the treasury, and she put in two **mites**.

When Jesus saw this, He called His disciples to Him and said, " This poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury, for they all gave out of their abundance, but she gave out of her poverty, even everything she had to live on."

## **Jesus tells about Jerusalem's destruction.**

Jesus was leaving the temple and one of His disciples said to Him, "Look Master! See the buildings of the temple and the beautiful stones they are adorned with."

Jesus answered him saying, "Do you see these great buildings? The days are coming when not one stone of these buildings will be left upon another. Every one will be destroyed and thrown down."

Jesus and His disciples came to the Mount of Olives and as Jesus was sitting there, His disciples came to Him privately. They said to Him, "Tell us when these things will happen. What kind of sign will tell us when these things will happen, and how will we know about the end of the world?"

Then Jesus told His disciples that the time was coming when some men would claim to be Christ and they would deceive many people. He told His disciples that they would be beaten and brought before rulers and kings for His sake. Some of them would even be put to death. But Jesus did not want them to worry about what they were to say, because the Holy Spirit would tell them. He wanted them to preach the gospel to all nations.

Jesus told them that they would know when Jerusalem was going to be destroyed because they would see the armies surround the city. He told them that everyone should escape when they saw this and not take the time to get things they might want or need out of their houses.

He said, "Watch, because you don't know when the Lord will come. No man, not even the angels know. Only the Father in heaven knows. The Son of Man will come at an hour that no one expects Him, so watch lest He comes and finds you asleep."

## **Parables of the ten virgins, the talents and the sheep and goats.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like ten **virgins** who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise and five of them were foolish."

"The foolish ones took their lamps, but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones took jars of oil along with their lamps."

It took a long time for the bridegroom to come, so they all became drowsy and went to sleep. At midnight the cry went out, 'The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!"

"All the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'"

"They replied, 'No, because there may not be enough oil for us and for you. Go buy some oil.'"

"The foolish virgins went to buy oil, but while they were gone the bridegroom came. The wise virgins who were ready went with the bridegroom to the wedding feast, and the door was shut."

"Later, the foolish virgins came to the door saying, 'Lord, lord, open the door to us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'"

"Therefore, you need to watch because you don't know the day or the hour that the Son of Man is going to come."

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country. Before he left he called his servants to him and gave his property to them to take care of while he would be gone. He gave one servant five **talents**, to another he gave two **talents**, and to

another one **talent**. To each man he gave talents according to their ability to take care of them. Then the man went on his journey."

"While the man was gone, the servant with five talents used his talents to make five more. The man with two talents gained two more. But the man with one talent dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money."

"After a long time, the Master returned and called his servants before him. First he called the five talent man. The five talent man told his Master that he had gained five talents, so the Master said, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You've been faithful in a few things, so I will put you in charge of many things. Share in my happiness!'"

"Next he called the two talent man. The two talent man had gained two more talents, so the Master said, " Well done, good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a few things, so I will put you in charge of many things. Share in my happiness!'"

"Last, he called the one talent man. The one talent man said, ' Master, I know that you are a hard man. I was afraid and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'"

"The Master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! You should have at least put my money in the bank so that it could have earned interest. Take the talent and give it to the ten talent man. Throw this servant out into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

"When the Son of Man comes in glory with His angels, He will sit on His throne in glory. All nations will be gathered before Him and He will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right hand and the goats on His left hand. Then He will tell those on His right to inherit His kingdom. When I was hungry you gave Me food. When I was thirsty you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you gave me clothes. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to Me."

"The righteous are going to say, ' Lord, when did we do all these things for you?'"

"The King will reply, 'When you did these things for the least of My brethren, you did it for Me.'"

"Then the Son of Man will say to those on His left hand, " Depart from Me, you cursed, into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Because, when I was hungry, you did not give Me food, and when I was thirsty you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't invite me in, I needed clothes and you didn't clothe me. I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me."

"Then they will say, " Lord when did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, needing clothes, sick, or in prison and did not help you?"

" He will reply, ' When you did not do for the least of My brethren, you did not do for Me.'"

"These will go into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

## Map Work

Find: Mount of Olives

# Memory Work

John 15:7-13

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13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. (NKJ)

## Multiple Choice

1. The ( Pharisees , Saducees ) did not believe in the resurrection.
2. Jesus said, " God is not the God of the ( living, dead), but is the God of the living."
3. The ( rich people, poor widow) put two mites in the treasury.
4. Jesus said that the poor widow had put in ( more, less ) than all those who had given to the treasury.
5. Jesus said that the buildings of the temple would be ( built , destroyed).
6. Jesus said that the kingdom is like ten ( brides, virgins) who took their lamps to meet the bridegroom.
7. The ( wise , foolish ) virgins had brought oil with them.
8. The ( ten, two, five, one ) talent man hid his talent in the ground.
9. We ( know, don't know ) when the Son of Man is coming.
10. The one talent man was thrown into ( Jail, outer darkness).
11. Jesus said that He would separate people of all nations as a shepherd separates the sheep from the ( cows, goats).
12. When we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, take in a stranger, clothe those who need clothes, tend to the sick and visit those in prison, we are doing these things for ( ourselves, Christ).
13. The wicked will go into eternal ( life, punishment).

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 15

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 26: 1 - 5; 26: 14 - 30 ; Mk. 14: 1 -2;10 -31 ; Lk. 22: 1 - 38 ; John 13

### VOCABULARY

**Betray** - To give into the hands of another; to deliver to prison or judgment.

**Covenant (or Testament)**- The last wishes that one makes about what happens to his possessions after his death. Jesus' "new covenant" is the commands and wishes for His people that are found in the New Testament of our Bible.

**Deny** - To disown; to say that one has no connection or relationship with another.

**Transgressor** - One who violates or departs from the law; someone wicked or unlawful.

### **Jesus predicts His crucifixion.**

Jesus knew that the hour when He would go back to the Father in heaven was near. He said to His disciples, " It is only two days until the Passover, and then the Son of Man will be crucified."

At this same time, the scribes and Pharisees had assembled at the palace of the high priest, Caiaphas. They were planning a way to put Jesus to death, but they did not want to do it during the Passover Feast because they knew the people would not like it and might cause a riot.

However, Satan entered into one of the twelve apostles named Judas. Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests and told them how he could **betray** Jesus to them. The chief priests were glad about this, and they agreed to give Judas thirty pieces of silver to do this.

From this time forward, Judas looked for his opportunity to betray Jesus.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked Him, " Where do you want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the place. He said to them, "Go prepare the Passover Feast for us so that we may eat it."

"Where?" said Peter and John.

Jesus said, " Go into the city. When you get there you will see a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house that he enters. Then you will say to the Master of the house, ' The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'"

"The man will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make the Passover ready for us there."

Then Peter and John did just as Jesus told them to do and found the room. They prepared it for the Passover.

## The Last Supper.

When evening came, Jesus sat down with His twelve apostles. He said, "It is with fervent desire that I have wanted to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you that I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

As Jesus sat and ate with His disciples, He said, "I tell you the truth, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me."

When Jesus said this, His disciples became very sad and each one began to ask, 'Lord, is it I?'

Jesus answered, "It is one of the twelve who dipped his hand with Me in the dish. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him in the scripture. But woe to the man who **betrays** the Son of Man! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

Then Judas, the one who was going to betray Him said, "Rabbi, is it I?"

Jesus said to him, "You have said it."

## Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper.

As Jesus and His disciples were eating, Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it. Then He gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. Drink from it, for this is My blood of the **new covenant** which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Truly I tell you that I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

"But behold, the hand of the one who is going to **betray** Me is with Me at the table."

Then the disciples began to discuss among themselves who might do such a thing to Jesus.

When the supper ended, the devil had already prompted Judas to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was going to return to God. So Jesus got up from the meal, and laying aside His outer garments, He took a towel and wrapped it around His waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciple's feet, wiping them with the towel He had around His waist.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, he said, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but you will later."

Peter said, "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If you do not let Me wash your feet, then you have no part with Me."

Then Simon Peter said, "Lord, don't just wash my feet, but wash my hands and my head also."

Jesus replied, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, because his whole body is clean, and you are clean, but not all of you."

Jesus said this because He knew who was going to **betray** Him.

After Jesus finished washing their feet, and putting His outer garments back on, He sat down with His disciples and said, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and that is right because that is what I am. Now that I, your Teacher and Lord, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another's feet. I

have given you an example that you should do. I tell you that no servant is greater than his master, or no messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

"Now, I am not talking about all of you when I say this. I know who I have chosen; but the scripture must be fulfilled. One who has eaten bread with Me will lift up his heel against Me. I am telling you these things before they happen so that you will believe in Me when they occur.

Then Jesus became very troubled and said, "One of you will **betray** Me."

The disciples looked at one another, because they did not know who Jesus was talking about. Now, leaning on Jesus' breast was a disciple whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask Jesus who He is talking about."

The disciple leaned back on Jesus' breast and asked, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish."

Then Jesus dipped the piece of bread in the dish and gave it to Judas Iscariot. After Judas received the bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to Judas "Whatever you are about to do, do it quickly."

But no one at the table knew why Jesus had said this to Judas. Some of the disciples were thinking that because Judas kept the money, that Jesus had told him to buy things for the feast, or that he should give something to the poor. But Judas received the bread and immediately he left. It was night time.

When Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. Little children, I am only going to be with you a little while. You will look for Me, but just as I told the Jews, I tell you. Where I am going you cannot come. I am giving you a new commandment: Love one another. You must love one another as I have loved you. All men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another."

"All of you will be made to stumble this night. But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

Peter said, "Even if everyone is made to stumble, I won't stumble."

Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will **deny** me three times."

Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison or to death with You. Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You."

All the other disciples said the same thing. Then Jesus said, "When I sent you out without money, or bag, or sandals, did you need anything?"

The disciples said, "Nothing."

Jesus said, "Now, if you have money, or a bag, take it with you. If you have no sword, sell your garment and buy one. Because the things that are written about Me in scripture must be fulfilled. The scriptures say that, 'He was numbered with the **transgressors**'."

The disciples said, "Lord, look! We have two swords."

The Lord said, "It is enough."

( Note: No one knows exactly in what order all of these events occurred in the scriptures. You may read other books that put them in another order or sequence.)

## Memory Work

John 15:7-14

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

### Questions

1. At whose palace did the Pharisees assemble, to plan a way to put Jesus to death?
  
2. How many pieces of silver did the chief priests decide to give to Judas for betraying Jesus?
  
3. Jesus wanted Peter and John to prepare a room for what feast?
  
4. When Jesus ate the supper with them, who did He want them to remember?
  
5. Who washed the disciple's feet?
  
6. Who did not want Jesus to wash his feet?
  
7. Did Peter change his mind about Jesus washing his feet?
  
8. Who had entered into Judas before he betrayed Jesus?
  
9. Who did Jesus say would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed twice that night?
  
10. What did Peter say he was ready to do for Jesus?

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 16

LESSON TEXT: John 14; 15; 16; 17; Mark 14: 32 -42; Matt. 26: 36 - 46; Lk. 22; 39 - 46

### VOCABULARY

**Hymn** - A song giving praise to God ; to celebrate God in song.

**Prince of this world** – Satan

### **Jesus bids His disciples farewell.**

While Jesus and His disciples were still in the upper room, He told His disciples that He would be leaving them. He told them that they must believe in God, and also believe in Him. He said, " I am going to prepare a place for you, then I will come back and take you to be with Me; so that you can be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said, " Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus replied, " I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father unless they come through Me. If you really knew Me, you would know My Father also. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him."

Philip said, " Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time Philip, and you still don't know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

"Have faith in Me. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. I am going to leave you, but I will not leave you without comfort. Before long the world will not see Me again, but you will. Because I live, you will too!"

Then Judas ( not Judas Iscariot) said,     "But Lord, why is the world not going to see you, but we are?"

Jesus replied, "The person who loves Me will keep My word. My words are not My own, but are the Father's. The Father will send the Holy Spirit in My name, and He will teach you all things and will remind you of what I have said to you. Don't let your hearts be troubled or afraid. Be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. I've told you all these things so that when they happen, you will believe."

"I can't speak to you much longer because the prince of this world is coming. He does not have a hold on Me, but these things will happen so that the world will know that I love the Father and I do His commands."

"Come now, it is time to leave."

And when the disciples had sung a **hymn** they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### **Jesus talks to His disciples on the way to Gethsemane.**

As Jesus and His disciples were on their way to the garden of Gethsemane, He gave them many instructions. Jesus told them that must obey His words. He also told them that they must love one another, just as He loved them.

Jesus told them that the world would hate them, but the world also hated Him without a cause.

He told them that they would be put out of the synagogues, and that they would also be killed. But, Jesus also told them that He would send them a Comforter. This Comforter would be the Holy Ghost and He would guide them into all truth.

Jesus said, "When I am gone, you will weep, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy because I will see you again."

Then Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven and prayed to the Father. He said, "Father, My hour is come. Glorify Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify You."

In Jesus' prayer, He told the Father that He had glorified Him on earth and finished the work that the Father had given Him to do. He said, "I have given them the words that You gave to Me, and they believe that You sent Me. I have declared unto them Your name, so that the love that You have loved Me with will be in them, and I in them."

### **Jesus comes to Gethsemane.**

When Jesus came to the garden of Gethsemane, he said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. He said, "My soul is grieved, to the point of death. Stay here and watch with Me."

Then Jesus went a little beyond them. He fell, and with His face to the ground He began to pray, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as you will."

Then an angel appeared from heaven and strengthened Him.

Jesus returned to His disciples, but He found them asleep. Jesus said to Peter, "What, could you not watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Then Jesus went away a second time and prayed to the Father again, the same words as before. He was in agony and prayed very earnestly, and His sweat was as great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

When Jesus arose from praying, He went back to the disciples, but found them asleep again, exhausted from sorrow. They did not know what to say to Jesus.

Jesus left them a third time and went to pray. When He returned He said, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour is come, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up and let us be going, for here comes My betrayer!"

## Memory Work

John 15:7-14

- 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- 8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
- 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
- 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.
- 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
- 14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.  
(NKJ)

## Multiple Choice

1. Jesus told His disciples that He would be ( staying, leaving).
2. ( Peter, Thomas, John ) said, " Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
3. ( Peter , Jesus ) said, " I am the way, the truth and the life."
4. ( Jesus, Philip, Judas) said, " Lord show us the Father and that will be enough for us."
5. Jesus told His disciples that the world would ( love, hate ) them.
6. When Jesus and His disciples came to the garden of Gethsemane, he told them to sit down while he ( looked for a place to preach, prayed ).
7. Peter, James, and ( Judas, John ) were with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.
8. While Jesus prayed, His disciples ( went for food, slept ).
9. As Jesus prayed earnestly, His sweat was as drops of ( water, blood) falling down to the ground.



## Map Work

Mount of Olives  
Jerusalem

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 17

LESSON TEXT: Mk. 14: 43 - 72; Matt. 26: 47 - 58, 69 - 75; Lk. 22: 47 - 65;  
John 18: 2 - 27

### VOCABULARY

**Bound** - To fasten with chains; to tie.

**Doctrine** - The act of teaching or instructing in a way that is distinct from other teaching.  
Something that has been taught.

**Blaspheme** - To speak evil of.

### **Jesus is betrayed and arrested.**

Now Judas Iscariot knew where Jesus would be because Jesus met there often with His disciples. So, Judas received a band of troops and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees and went to Gethsemane where Jesus was. The men with Judas came with lanterns, torches and weapons.

Judas told the men with him that he would give them a signal. He said, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One. Take Him and lead Him away safely."

While Jesus was still speaking to His disciples, Judas drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to Him, and so He went out to the crowd of people and said, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth." they replied.

Jesus said, "I am He."

As soon as Jesus said this to them, they went backward and fell to the ground. So Jesus asked again, "Who is it you want?"

The people said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus replied, "I told you that I am He. If you are looking for Me, let these men go."

Then, Judas came forward and said, "Greetings Rabbi!" Then he kissed Him.

Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Friend, do what you came for."

Then the men who were with Judas stepped forward and arrested Jesus. The disciples with Jesus saw what was going to happen, so they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

Simon Peter, who had a sword, took it and struck the high priest's servant Malchus, cutting off his ear. But Jesus said, "Stop! No more of this." Then He touched Malchus' ear and healed him.

Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword away. All who take the sword will perish with the sword. Don't you know that I could pray to My Father now and He could give me twelve legions of angels? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled? Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

Then Jesus said to those who had come with Judas, "Have you come out with swords and clubs like you would against a robber? I sat with you every day as I taught in the temple and you did not arrest Me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness are yours. All of this was done so that the Scriptures of the prophets would be fulfilled."

Everyone deserted Jesus and ran away. There was a young man following Jesus who was wearing nothing but a linen garment. When the troops seized him, he ran from them, leaving his garment behind.

The troops and their commanders arrested and bound Jesus. They took Him to the house of Annas first. Annas was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest. (Caiaphas was the one who said that one man should die on behalf of the people.)

Simon Peter, and another disciple, followed Jesus at a distance.

The high priest, Annas, asked Jesus about His disciples and His **doctrine**.

Jesus said, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have taught in the synagogue and in the temple where the Jews come together, and I have not spoken anything in secret. Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard Me. Surely they know what I have said."

When Jesus said this, one of the officials near to Jesus struck Him in the face. The official said to Jesus, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?"

Jesus replied, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong. But if I have spoken right, why do you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Jesus **bound** to Caiaphas the high priest's house while it was still night. The chief priests and Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put Him to death, but they could not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. The false witnesses who did come forward did not have testimony that agreed with each other. At last, two false witnesses came forward and said, "This man said that he could destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days."

After the false witnesses said this, the high priest said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer these men? What testimony are these men bringing against you?"

Jesus kept silent, so the high priest said to Him, "I put you under oath of the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!"

Jesus replied, "It is as you say. But I tell you that in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

When Jesus said this, the high priest began to tear his robes and say, "He has **blasphemed!** Why do we need any witnesses? You have heard His **blasphemy!** What do you think?"

The Sanhedrin answered, "He is worthy of death." And they began to spit in His face. They blindfolded Jesus and beat upon Him with the palms of their hands. Then they said, "Prophesy to us Christ. Who hit You?"

They said many other things to Christ, **blaspheming** against Him.

Now, while all this was going on with Jesus, the other disciple who had followed Jesus was known to the high priest, so he had gone into the courtyard with Jesus. This disciple went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept the door, and brought Peter into the courtyard. Peter began to warm himself at a fire with the servants. He sat down with the officers to find out what would happen to Jesus.

The servant girl who kept the door looked at Peter as he sat in the firelight and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean."

But Peter denied it saying, "Woman, I don't know Him."

He went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

The servant girl saw him again and said to the people standing by, "This is one of them."

But Peter denied it saying, "I don't know or understand what you are saying."

About an hour later, those who were standing with Peter said, "Surely you are one of them, for the way that you talk gives you away. This man was with Him because he is a Galilean too."

One of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of Malchus, whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with Him?"

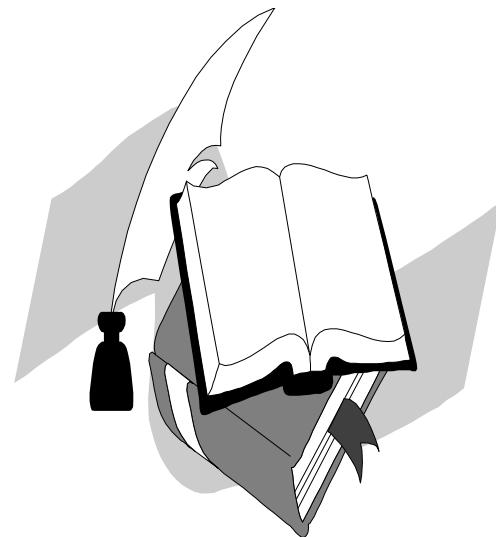
Peter began to curse and swear saying, " I don't know the man you are talking about!". And immediately the rooster crowed the second time.

The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered how the Lord had said, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And when Peter thought about this he went out and wept bitterly.

# Memory Work

Matt 28:18

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
(NKJ)



## MATCH

- JUDAS                  "You were with Jesus the Galilean."

JESUS                  He asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

PETER                  "Greetings Rabbi!"

MALCHUS              "I don't know the man you are talking about."

ANNAS                  "Friend, do what you came for."

CAIAPHAS              Peter cut off his ear with a sword.

SERVANT GIRL            " I put you under oath of the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 18

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 27 : 1 -14 ; Mk. 15: 1 -5 ; Lk. 22: 66 -71; 23: 1 -12 ; John 18: 28 -38

### VOCABULARY

**Bound** - To tie up; to fasten with chains.

**Sanhedrin** - A council of 71 important Jewish men. These would have included the high priest, people from the high priest's family, scribes, elders, and leaders of the Jews. Important cases of the Jews were brought before the Sanhedrin to judge. The actual word, "Sanhedrin", is not used in the Bible.

### **Jesus is condemned and Judas kills himself.**

As soon as it was day, the elders, chief priests, and scribes led Jesus to the **Sanhedrin**. They said to Jesus, "If you are the Christ, tell us."

But Jesus replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I asked you, you would not answer Me or let Me go. From now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of God."

Then they all said, "Are you the Son of God?"

Jesus said, "You say that I am."

They said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard Him say it with His own mouth."

When Judas, who had betrayed Jesus, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse for what he had done and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

The chief priests and elders said, "What is that to us? That is your responsibility."

So Judas threw the money into the temple. When he left he went to hang himself. The chief priests took the silver and said, "It is against the law to put this money into the treasury because they are the price of blood." So they decided to buy a field with the money to bury strangers in. This field was called the Field of Blood.

Everything that these men did fulfilled what the prophet Jeremiah had written about Christ.

### **Jesus is brought before Pilate the first time.**

Jesus was **bound** and led to the palace of the governor, Pontius Pilate that morning. The chief priests, elders, scribes and **Sanhedrin** would not go into the palace because they did not want to become unclean. If they were unclean they could not eat the Passover. Pilate came out to them, and they began to accuse Jesus. So Pilate asked them, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

They replied, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have brought him to you."

Pilate said, "Then why don't you judge him according to your law?"

They said, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death. This man is turning our nation away. He opposes paying taxes to Caesar, and claims to be Christ, a king."

Pilate entered the palace and called Jesus to him. He asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Are you asking this question yourself, or have others told you about Me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? It is your own nation and chief priests that have brought You to me. What have You done?"

Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight so that the Jews could not arrest Me. My kingdom is not from here."

So Pilate asked Him, "So, are you a king?"

Jesus answered, "You have said correctly that I am a king. This is the reason that I was born, and that I have come into the world, so that I can tell men about the truth. Everyone who hears the truth hears Me."

Pilate asked, "What is truth?" Then he went out of the palace to the crowd of Jews and said, "I can find nothing He has done that is wrong."

This remark of Pilate's made the people insist even stronger, "He stirs up the people, teaching in all of Judea, from Galilee unto this place."

When Pilate heard the people say, 'Galilee', he asked whether Jesus was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was from the place where Herod ruled, he sent Him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at that time.

### **Jesus comes before Herod.**

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. Herod had wanted to see Jesus for a long time, because he had heard about the things that Jesus had done, and he hoped to see Jesus do a miracle.

Herod gave Jesus many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. While Herod questioned Jesus, the chief priests and scribes were standing by and they fiercely accused Him.

Then Herod and his soldiers began to make fun of Jesus and mock Him. They dressed Him in an elegant robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

Pilate and Herod had been enemies before this event. But after this, they became friends with one another.

### **Think About It...**

Have you noticed that even though Jesus is mistreated and persecuted He does not resist? Jesus is doing the Father's will as He goes through these trials. He is also fulfilling Old Testament prophecies about Himself.

Did you also notice that even though Judas regretted that he had betrayed Christ, he did nothing to correct this with Christ? The thing he did do, which was to hang himself, sealed where he would go for all of eternity.

Did you notice that Jesus was falsely accused of forbidding others to pay taxes to Caesar? It had only been a few days before that Jesus had said to give to Caesar what belonged to Caesar, and give to God what belonged to God.

Observe through the rest of our study of Christ's life that He will undergo terrible persecution and mistreatment. Keep in mind that He did this for you and for me!

## **Memory Work**

**Matt 28:18**

**18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,  
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (NKJ)**

### **Multiple Choice**

- 1. Jesus said that the Son of Man would be seated ( in the palace , at the right hand of God.)**
- 2. Judas took the 30 pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders saying, “ I have sinned by betraying ( guilty , innocent ) blood.**
- 3. Judas threw the money into the ( garbage , temple ) and then went out to (apologize to Jesus , hang himself) .**
- 4. Jesus told Pilate, “ My kingdom is ( here on earth , not of this world ) .**
- 5. Jesus said that He came into the world to tell men about ( Caesar , the truth).**
- 6. Pilate said, “ I can find nothing He has done that is ( wrong , right ).**
- 7. Herod and his soldiers began to ( praise , mock ) Jesus.**
- 8. Herod sent Jesus back to ( Pilate , the Sanhedrin).**

Thought Question : The chief priests would not put the money that Judas threw down into the treasury. What had they already done themselves with the 30 pieces of silver? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 19

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 27: 15 - 34; Mk. 15: 6 -23 ; Lk. 23: 13 - 32 ; John 18: 39 - 19: 1 - 17

### VOCABULARY

**Prevail** - To overcome; to be stronger than another.

**Scourge** - The Jews' method of scourging was to use three thongs of leather and whip the person by putting thirteen stripes on their bare breast and thirteen on each shoulder. Sometimes the three thongs of leather would have pieces of bone or metal on the ends and when it was used it would tear the flesh of the one being whipped.

**Mock** - To ridicule or make fun of; to scoff at.

**Gall** - A bitter poisonous herb.

**Crucify (or crucifixion)** - This was the Roman's cruellest way to kill someone. It was reserved for slaves and criminals. Crucifixion involved attaching the victim to a crossbeam with a vertical stake. They would attach the victim with nails through the wrists and sometimes the feet. As the victim hung on the cross dangling by his arms, the blood could not flow to his vital organs. Gradually he would die. Sometimes to make a person die faster, his legs would be broken.

### **Jesus comes before Pilate again.**

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people and said to them, " You have brought this Man to me as a Man who has misled the people. But I have examined Him in your presence and can find nothing wrong with Him that you have accused Him of. Herod did not find that He had done anything wrong either because he sent him back to us. He has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I am going to punish Him and release Him."

Pilate knew that the people who had brought Jesus to him did not have the right motives. His own wife had sent him a message saying, " Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of Him."

Now at the Passover it was a custom to release one prisoner that the people wished to be released. At this time there was a notorious man in prison named Barabbas. Barabbas was in prison because he was a murderer, a robber, and had caused rebellion in the city. Pilate said to the people, "You have a custom that I release a prisoner to you at the Passover. Do you want me to release Jesus, King of the Jews or Barabbas?"

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and put Jesus to death. They stirred up the people and the people answered Pilate, " Barabbas!"

Pilate wished to release Jesus, so he called out to them again. But the people shouted, "**Crucify** Him, **crucify** Him!"

Pilate said to the people a third time, " Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason to put Him to death. I will punish Him and let Him go."

But the people were insistent and demanded in loud voices that Jesus be crucified. The voices of these men and the chief priests **prevailed**. When Pilate saw that he could not **prevail**, but that an uproar was starting, he wanted to satisfy the crowd. Pilate released Barabbas to the people. Then he **scourged** Jesus and delivered Him to the people to be crucified.

The Roman soldiers led Jesus away to the palace, (called the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. The soldiers stripped Jesus, put a purple robe on Him and a reed in His hand. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it upon Jesus' head. Then they bowed on their knees before Him and **mocked** Him saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!"

Again and again they struck Him on the head with a staff and spit on Him.

Once more, Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing Him out to you so that you will know that I find no fault in Him."

Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to the people, "Behold, the Man!"

When the chief priests and officers saw Jesus, they cried out, "Crucify, crucify!"

The Jews said to Pilate, " We have a law, and according to our law He should die because He made Himself the Son of God."

Pilate was afraid when he heard this. He went back into the palace and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?"

But Jesus gave him no answer.

Pilate said, " Do You refuse to speak to me? Don't you know that I have the power to crucify You or release You?"

Jesus replied, "You could have no power at all unless it was given to you from above. The one who handed Me over to you has greater sin."

After this, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews continued to shout, " If you let this man go, you are not a friend of Caesar. Anyone who would claim to be a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard the people's words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement. It was the day when the people were preparing for the Passover Feast. Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

The people cried, " Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!"

Pilate said, " Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests replied, " We have no king but Caesar!"

Pilate said, " Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

So Pilate took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. He said to the crowd, " I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your responsibility."

All the people answered, "Let His blood be on us and on our children."

### **Jesus is led away to be crucified.**

When they were through mocking Him, they took the robe off of Him and put His own clothes on Him. Then they led Him out to crucify Him.

A man of Cyrene, whose name was Simon, was coming in from the country. They forced him to carry the cross. Many people followed Jesus. Many of the women mourned and lamented Jesus. Jesus heard them and He said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for Me. Weep for yourselves and your children."

There were also two criminals who were led away with Jesus to be put to death.

They brought Jesus to a place called Golgatha (which means The Place of the Skull){It is also called Calvary.}. They offered Him vinegar mixed with **gall**, but when He had tasted it He would not drink it.

Then they crucified Jesus, with one criminal of His right and the other on His left.

## Memory Work

**Matt 28:18 - 19**

**18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

**19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)**

## WHO SAID IT?

Pilate	Pilate's wife	The people
Roman soldiers	Jesus	Chief priests

1. Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of Him." \_\_\_\_\_
2. "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" \_\_\_\_\_
3. "We have no king but Caesar." \_\_\_\_\_
4. "I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your responsibility." \_\_\_\_\_
5. "Hail, king of the Jews." \_\_\_\_\_
6. "You could have no power at all unless it was given to you from above." \_\_\_\_\_

## TRUE OR FALSE

1.  Pilate told the people that Jesus was guilty of the things they accused Him of.
2.  The chief priests and elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and put Jesus to death.
3.  Pilate released Jesus to the people instead of Barabbas.
4.  The Roman Soldiers honored Jesus.
5.  Pilate washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, " I am innocent of this man's blood."
6.  The people said, " Let His blood be on us and on our children."
7.  Simon from Cyrene carried the cross of Jesus.
8.  No one followed Jesus to Golgotha.
9.  Jesus was offered water at Golgatha.
10.  Jesus was crucified with a criminal on each side of Him.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 20

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 27: 35 -66 ; Mk. 15: 24 -47 ; Lk. 23: 33 - 56 ; John 19: 18 - 42

### VOCABULARY

**Casting lots** - In Bible times this was a way of making a decision to determine what course or direction to follow. Doing this could have been similar to drawing straws.

**Paradise** - Where the saved go after death to wait for the Judgment Day. A place of blessedness, happiness and delight.

**Myrrh** - An expensive perfume extracted from a certain kind of tree. It was used in embalming dead people.

**Aloes** - From the aloe plant. It was used in embalming the dead.

**Calvary** – The skull. No one is sure why the place where Jesus was crucified was called “the skull”. It may have been because skulls were associated with death, or maybe because the place itself had a rock that resembled a skull. “Golgatha” is the Hebrew name for the place.

*Introduction: In our last lesson Jesus was taken back to Pilate. Pilate found no fault in Jesus, but he let the people have Him to crucify Him.*

### **Jesus on the cross.**

It was the third hour of the day when Jesus was brought to the place called **Calvary**. Jesus was crucified between two thieves. As they crucified Him, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”

Pilate had written down the charge against Jesus and placed it over His head. The charge read: *JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS*. As Pilate wrote this the chief priests said to him, “Don’t write, ‘The king of the Jews’ but write that He said, ‘I am king of the Jews.’”

Pilate replied, “What I have written, I have written.”

Many of the Jews who were there could read this because it was written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

The soldiers also divided up Jesus clothes into four parts, a part for every soldier. Jesus’ coat was a garment that was seamless — it had been woven in one part from top to bottom.

The soldiers said, “Let’s not tear his coat. Let us **cast lots** for it.”

Many people stood by, looking on as Jesus was crucified. The rulers who were watching said, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the Chosen One. Let this Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross, so we may see and believe.”

The soldiers mocked Him and offered Him vinegar to drink. They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

Even one of the thieves, hanging there with Jesus, said, "Aren't you the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked what he said. He said, "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence? We deserve the punishment we are receiving, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then this thief said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in **Paradise**."

Near to the cross stood Mary, the mother of Jesus. Also there was Mary's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son."

To the disciple Jesus said, "Behold your mother." And from that hour the disciple took Mary into his own home.

About the sixth hour, there was darkness all over the land. About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Some of the people standing nearby heard Jesus and said, "This man is calling for Elijah."

The rest of the people said, "Let us see if Elijah will come and save Him."

Jesus knew that everything He had come to earth to do had been accomplished, and He said, "I thirst."

Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with vinegar. He put it on a stick and offered it to Jesus to drink. When Jesus received the vinegar He said, "It is finished."

Then Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit." And having said this, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit, breathing His last breath.

When Jesus died, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who were dead were raised from the dead. These saints came out of their graves after Jesus' resurrection and went into Jerusalem, appearing unto many.

When the centurion, and other soldiers guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake, and other things that were happening, they feared God and said, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

Other people who were there to witness Jesus' crucifixion saw the things happening and they beat upon their chests and went away.

Watching all of these things happening from afar off were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

### **The burial of Jesus.**

The Jews did not want the bodies of the dead to remain on the crosses on the Sabbath of the Passover Feast, so they asked Pilate that their legs might be broken so that the bodies could be taken off the crosses. Breaking their legs would hasten their death, if they were not already dead.

First the soldiers broke the legs of the thieves crucified beside Jesus. But when they came to Jesus, they saw that He was dead already and they did not break His legs. One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

As evening approached, a disciple of Jesus, a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, went to Pilate to ask for Jesus' body. Joseph was waiting for the kingdom of God. He was also a member of the Sanhedrin council who had not agreed to their deeds and actions concerning Jesus.

Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He called the centurion to him and asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned that Jesus was indeed dead, he gave the body to Joseph of Arimathea.

Joseph bought some linen cloth to wrap Jesus' body in. Nicodemas, the one who had come to see Jesus by night, came also, bringing a mixture of seventy five pounds of **myrrh** and **aloes**. The two of them took Jesus' body and wrapped it with the spices in strips of the linen cloth, just as the Jew's custom was for burial.

In the place where Jesus was crucified was a garden. In the garden was a new tomb that no one had ever been buried in. The tomb belonged to Joseph of Arimathea. He had cut it out of the rock.

Joseph took Jesus' body and laid it in the new tomb, and rolled a big stone in front of the entrance. Some of the women had followed. Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Joses, looked at the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid in it. They went home to prepare spices and fragrant oils for Jesus' body.

Since it was the Sabbath, they rested according to God's commandment.

On the Sabbath, the chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate. They said, "Sir, we remember that while this deceiver lived he said, 'After three days, I will rise again.' Please give the order that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, His disciples might come and steal the body and then tell others that He has been raised from the dead. This deception would be worse than the first one."

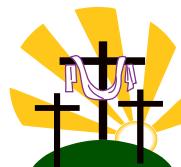
Pilate said, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go make the tomb as secure as you know how."

So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard of soldiers to watch it.

## Memory Work

**Matt 28:18 - 19**

- 18    And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**
  
- 19    "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)**



## True or False

1. \_\_\_\_ Jesus was crucified between two thieves.
2. \_\_\_\_ Peter wrote down the charge against Jesus and placed it over His head.
3. \_\_\_\_ The soldiers cast lots for the coat of Jesus.
4. \_\_\_\_ Some of the people watching wanted Jesus to come down from the cross so that they could see and believe.
5. \_\_\_\_ Both of the thieves crucified with Jesus believed on Him.
6. \_\_\_\_ The mother of Jesus was there at His crucifixion.
7. \_\_\_\_ At the sixth hour there was darkness all over the land.
8. \_\_\_\_ Some of the people thought that Jesus was calling out for Elijah.
9. \_\_\_\_ Jesus knew that He had accomplished everything on earth that He came to accomplish.
10. \_\_\_\_ The centurion and other soldiers saw the earthquake and other things happening and this caused them to believe that Jesus was the Son of God.
11. \_\_\_\_ The soldier broke the legs of Jesus.
12. \_\_\_\_ Joseph of Arimathea asked for the body of Jesus.
13. \_\_\_\_ Mary helped Joseph of Arimathea prepare Jesus' body for burial.
14. \_\_\_\_ Joseph buried Jesus in an old family tomb.
15. \_\_\_\_ The chief priests and Pharisees wanted the tomb to be made secure until the fourth day.
16. \_\_\_\_ Pilate gave them a guard of soldiers to watch the tomb.

**The Psalmist of old prophesied some things that would happen to Jesus. Use your Bible and fill in the blanks:**

**Psalms 22:1** My \_\_\_\_\_, My \_\_\_\_\_, why have You \_\_\_\_\_ Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? (NKJ)

**Psalms 22:18** They divide My \_\_\_\_\_ among them, and for My clothing they cast \_\_\_\_\_. (NKJ)

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 21

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 28: 2 - 15; Mk. 16: 2 - 14; Lk. 24: 1 - 43 ; John 20: 1 - 23

### VOCABULARY

**Ascend** - To go up; to arise.

**Redeem** - To deliver or save by paying a price.

### THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS!

Suddenly a violent earthquake occurred and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled away the stone from the entrance of the tomb. Then the angel sat upon the stone. The angel's appearance was like lightning and his clothes were as white as snow.

The soldiers guarding the tomb of Jesus were so afraid that they shook and became as dead men.

Very early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark outside, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna, Salome and some other women went to the tomb with sweet spices so that they could anoint the body of Jesus.

As they approached the tomb, they were discussing among themselves who would roll away the stone from the tomb's entrance, because the stone was very large. But when they arrived at the tomb they saw that the stone had already been rolled away. They entered the tomb, but did not find the body of Jesus.

The women began to wonder about this. A young man was sitting on the right side of the stone dressed in a white robe. This alarmed the women. They were very puzzled about the body of Jesus being gone, when suddenly two men stood by them in shining garments. Being very afraid, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

The angels said, " Why do you seek the living among the dead? Do not be afraid. I know you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him?"

"Do you remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee? He said that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful man, be crucified and rise again the third day."

Then the women remembered the words of Jesus.

The angel said, " Go quickly and tell His disciples — and Peter — that He is going before you into Galilee. You will see Him there. Now I have told you."

The women quickly left the tomb. They were afraid, yet they were filled with joy. They went to tell Jesus' disciples about Him, but on their way they said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Mary Magdalene evidently ran ahead of the other women to find Simon Peter, and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. When she found them she said, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Peter and the other disciple hurried to the tomb. The other disciple got to the tomb before Peter. He stooped down and looked into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen, that had been Jesus' graveclothes, lying in the tomb, but he did not go into the tomb.

Simon Peter arrived at the tomb, and he went inside. He also saw the strips of linen, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the other strips of linen.

Then the other disciple went inside the tomb. He saw and believed. But they still did not understand the Scriptures that said that Jesus must rise from the dead. So Peter and the other disciple went to their homes, wondering to themselves about what had happened.

### **The appearances of Jesus to others after His resurrection.**

Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb. She was standing outside the tomb crying, and she stooped down to look inside the tomb. When she did, she saw two angels dressed in white sitting. One was sitting where the head of Jesus had lain, and the other was sitting where Jesus' feet had lain. The angels said, "Woman, why are you crying?"

Mary said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid Him."

As Mary said this she turned around, and behold, Jesus was standing there. But she did not know that He was Jesus. Jesus said, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Mary Magdalene thought that Jesus was the gardener, so she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

Then Mary turned to Jesus and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (Rabboni means 'teacher'.)

Jesus said, "Do not touch Me because I have not **ascended** to My Father. Go to My brethren and tell them that I am **ascending** to My Father and your Father, and to My God and to your God."

Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and told them the things that He had said to her.

The other women, who had been at the tomb, were going on their way to tell the disciples what they had seen. On their way, Jesus met them and said, "Rejoice!"

When the women realized who He was, they came up and took hold of His feet, worshipping Him.

Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee. I will see them there."

The women went to tell the eleven apostles, but the apostles thought their words were nonsense and they would not believe them.

### **The guards report Jesus' disappearance.**

In the meanwhile, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

The chief priests and elders assembled together and decided to give the guards a large sum of money. They said to the guards, "If anyone asks, you are to say, 'His

disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' Then if this report is told to the governor, we will satisfy him with this story and keep you out of trouble."

So the guards took the money and did as they were instructed to do.

Their story spread among the Jews.

### **Jesus' appearance to other disciples.**

Later, that same day, two disciples were on their way to the village called Emmaus. As they walked they talked about all the things that had happened. Jesus approached them and began traveling with them. But they did not know who He was because of the way He appeared to them.

Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk? And why are you sad?"

One of the disciples, named Cleopas, said, "Are you a visitor to Jerusalem? Do you not know about the things that have happened these last few days?"

Jesus replied, "What things?"

The disciples replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet, mighty in word and deed before God and everyone. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death and they crucified Him. We had hoped that He would be the One to **redeem** Israel. And now it is the third day since these things happened."

"Some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb this morning, but they did not find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who told them that Jesus is alive."

"Some of our companions went to the tomb, and found it empty as the women said, but they did not see Him."

Then Jesus said to the two men, "O foolish men! How slow you are to believe what the prophets spoke about. Wasn't it necessary for Christ to suffer these things and to enter His glory?"

Then Jesus began with the scriptures that Moses and the prophets wrote and explained all the scriptures about Himself.

As they came closer to Emmaus, Jesus acted as if He were going on farther. But the two men said to Him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening." So Jesus went in to stay with them.

As Jesus sat at the table with them, He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. Then the two men's eyes were opened and they knew Jesus. But Jesus vanished from their sight.

The two men said, " Didn't our hearts burn within us as He explained the scriptures to us?"

Then the two men went back to Jerusalem that night and found the eleven apostles and other disciples with them.

The apostles and other disciples told the two men, "The Lord has really risen and appeared to Simon Peter."

Then the two men told how Jesus had appeared to them on the road, and how they recognized Jesus as He broke the bread.

While they were still talking, Jesus stood among them and said, " Peace be unto you."

The disciples were terrified and thought they were seeing a spirit. But Jesus said to them, " Why are you troubled, and why do you doubt? Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself. Handle Me and see Me, for a spirit doesn't have flesh and bones as you see I have."

As Jesus said this, He showed them His hands and feet. The disciples still could not believe for joy and amazement, so Jesus said, " Do you have any food here?"

They gave Jesus some broiled fish and honeycomb, and He ate it before them. As they ate, Jesus rebuked them for their unbelief. He said to them, " Peace to you. As the Father sent Me to you, I am going to send you to others."

### Memory Work

**Matt 28:18 - 20**

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**20** "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Amen.  
(NKJ)

### THOUGHT QUESTION

Why was it important that Jesus rise from the dead, and that others witness Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Multiple Choice

1. ( Mary Magdalene , An angel ) rolled the stone away from the entrance of the tomb.
2. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and the other women came to anoint the body of Jesus on the ( seventh , second , first ) day of the week.
3. When the women entered the tomb they ( found, didn't find ) the body of Jesus.
4. Simon Peter and the other disciple saw ( Jesus, the strips of linen ) in the tomb.
5. Peter and the other disciple ( did , did not ) understand the scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead.
6. ( Mary Magdalene , Peter ) was the first one to see Jesus after His resurrection.
7. Mary thought that Jesus was ( Peter, the gardener ) .
8. After the other women saw Jesus they went to tell the ( apostles , Pharisees ).
9. The chief priests and elders gave the guards ( Scripture, money ) and told them to tell that Jesus' body had been stolen by His disciples.
10. When Jesus approached the two men walking to Emmaus, they ( did , did not ) know who He was.
11. Jesus explained all the events about ( his apostles, Himself) that were written in Scripture to the two men.
12. When the two men recognized who Jesus was, Jesus ( walked away, vanished).
13. When Jesus appeared before His disciples in Jerusalem, they were ( joyful , terrified) because they thought they were seeing a spirit.

# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 22

LESSON TEXT: John 20: 24 - 31; 21; Acts 1: 3; I Cor. 15: 6 - 7

### VOCABULARY

**Faithless** - Without faith; unbelieving; without trust in God.

#### Introduction:

Jesus has been crucified and buried. He arose from the dead and appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to the two men going to Emmaus, to Simon Peter, and to ten of the apostles, as well as some other disciples with them.

#### Thomas doubts Jesus.

One of the apostles named Thomas was not with the other ten when Jesus appeared to them. When the apostles saw Thomas they said, " We have seen the Lord!"

But Thomas replied, " Unless I see in His hands the imprints of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, Thomas and Jesus' disciples were gathered inside a house. Even though the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace to you."

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Don't be **faithless**, but believe."

Thomas answered Him, " My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said, " Thomas, you have believed because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who have not seen Me, yet they have believed."

#### Jesus' forty days on earth.

For forty days after His resurrection, Jesus was on earth appearing to His disciples and teaching about the kingdom of God.

We have no way of knowing how often Jesus appeared to His disciples, or of all the things He did. John tells us that Jesus did many miracles that are not recorded in the New Testament. (John 20:30 - 31)

The things that are recorded for us to read are to cause us to believe in Him. If we believe in Jesus, we will have spiritual life in His name.

## **Jesus appears by the Sea of Galilee.**

Jesus showed Himself to His disciples at the Sea of Galilee ( also called Tiberias). This is how it happened:

Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were gathered together. Simon Peter told the others, " I am going fishing."

The other disciples said, " We will go with you."

All of them entered a boat and went fishing. Although they fished all night, they did not catch any fish. Early the next morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

Jesus called out to them, " Children, do you have any fish?"

The disciples answered Him, "No."

Jesus said, " Cast your net on the other side of the boat and you will catch some."

So the disciples did what Jesus said. They caught so many fish that they could not draw them into the boat. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on the outer garment that he had removed while he was fishing, and jumped into the water. They were not far from the shore, so the other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish.

As soon as they reached the land, they saw a fire of coals with some fish and bread cooking on it.

Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

Simon Peter went up and dragged the net of fish to land. The net was full of large fish, one hundred and fifty three of them. Yet the net had not broken with so many fish in it.

Jesus said to them, " Come and eat breakfast."

None of the disciples would dare ask Him who He was, because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and gave them bread and fish.

This was the third time that Jesus had shown Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

When they finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"

Peter said, " Yes Lord, you know that I love You."

Jesus replied, " Feed My lambs."

Then a second time, Jesus said to Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

Peter replied, " Yes, Lord, You know that I love You."

Jesus said, " Feed My sheep."

The third time, Jesus said to Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

This time, Peter was grieved that Jesus continued to ask him this question. He said, " Lord, You know all things. You know that I love You."

Jesus replied, "Feed My sheep. Truly I tell you, when you were younger you would dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted to walk. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will dress you and carry you where you do not wish to go."

Jesus said these things to Peter to give him a sign of what kind of death he would glorify God. After Jesus said this to Peter, He said, " Follow Me."

Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. This was the disciple who had asked at the last supper who would betray the Lord. Peter saw this disciple and said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

Jesus replied, " If I want this man to remain until I return, what is that to you? You must follow Me."

John 21:24-25

- 24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.
- 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.  
(NKJ)

Do you remember that Peter was the apostle who denied Jesus? The conversation between Jesus and Peter would have meant a lot to Peter because he had denied the Lord three times. Jesus is impressing Peter with the fact that it is time for him to put Jesus first and to take on the spiritual job of following Christ and "feeding His sheep" ( or teaching God's word).

The "disciple whom Jesus loved" is revealed to us in John 21: 24. It was John — the same John who was an apostle and who wrote the gospel of John.

### **Jesus appears to more than 500.**

The apostle Paul tells us, in the Corinthian letter, that Jesus appeared to over five hundred brethren at once after His resurrection. Most of them remained alive until Christ's kingdom was started on the day of Pentecost.

He also tells us that Jesus appeared to James. ( We don't know which James this was. It could have been James the brother of John. It also could have been James the brother of Jesus. James, the brother of Jesus, wrote the book of James in our New Testament.)

### **Memory Work**

Matt 28:18 - 20

- 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.  
(NKJ)

Who said it? (Draw a line from the statement to the one who made it.)

"We have seen the Lord."

Jesus

"Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

"Peace be to you."

Thomas

"My Lord and My God."

"I am going fishing."

"We will go with you."

The disciples

"Children, do you have any fish?"

"Cast your net on the other side of the boat and you will catch some."

"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"

Peter

"Feed My sheep."

"Yes Lord, You know that I love You."



# The Life of Christ

## Lesson 23

LESSON TEXT: Mk. 16: 14 - 20; Matt. 28: 16 - 20; Lk. 24: 44 - 53; Acts 1: 1 - 12

### VOCABULARY

**Gospel** - The good news; a good message. The gospel of Christ is the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Damned** - To judge one worthy of punishment; to condemn.

**Sign** - A miracle.

**Tongue**- Language.

**Observe** - To guard; keep; to take care of; to hold fast; to watch.

**Behold** - To see; to look; to listen.

### The Great Commission.

One day as the eleven apostles were eating, Jesus appeared to them and rebuked them for not believing others who had seen Him after His resurrection.

Then Jesus told them, “ Go into all the world and preach the **gospel** to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe shall be **damned**. These are the **signs** that will follow those who believe in Me: In My name they will cast out demons and speak with new **tongues**. They will pick up snakes with their hands, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them. They will lay their hands on the sick and they will get well.”

Another time, Jesus told His eleven apostles to go to a certain mountain in Galilee. When the apostles saw Jesus there, they worshipped Him. However, some doubted who He was. So Jesus said to them, “ All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to **observe** everything that I have commanded you. And see, I am with you always, even until the end of the world.”

Right before Jesus' ascension into heaven He spoke to His apostles again. He said, “ These are the words that I spoke to you while I was still with you. I told you that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Jesus opened the apostle's understanding so that they could understand the Scriptures. He said, “ It is written and it was necessary that Christ suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins be preached in His name to all nations, beginning in the city of Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. **Behold**, I send the promise of My Father upon you, but stay in Jerusalem until you have put on power from on high.”

Jesus told them that John baptized with water, but in a few days they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

## **The Ascension of Christ.**

Jesus led His apostles out as far as Bethany. At some time while they were together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time that you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus said, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has put in His own authority. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed them, and while He blessed them He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight. He was received into heaven and sat down on the right hand of God.

While the apostles were looking intently up into the sky, suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. These men said to them, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up into heaven, will come back in the same way that you have seen Him go up."

The apostles worshipped Jesus, and with great joy they went back to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives.

*Jesus came to earth in the form of a man and fulfilled the plan that had been in God's mind from eternity. How wonderful that Jesus did this wonderful thing for all of us, so that we can be forgiven of our sins and live with Him one day in Heaven!*

The scriptures tell us that the apostles were continually in the temple praising God. As you study the book of Acts you will see the apostles do as Mark said:

**Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.**  
**(NKJ)**

You may have noticed that the apostles still do not understand what kind of kingdom Jesus will have by the question they asked. Jesus was patient with His apostles and told them that He would send them the Holy Spirit who would guide them.

As you study the book of Acts, you will see the fulfillment of everything Jesus came to earth to do. His kingdom was established — the same kingdom that we can be a part of today! This kingdom is called His church or His body.

## **Memory Work**

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## Questions

1. What did Jesus want His apostles to preach? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who were they to preach the gospel to? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Jesus say would be saved? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What kind of "signs" did Jesus give His apostles? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How much authority did the Father give Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What city did Jesus want the apostles to stay in until they received the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did Jesus say that the apostles would be for Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How was Jesus received into heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How will Jesus come back to earth? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you think the apostles realized who Jesus was when He ascended into heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What kind of things do we need to do to be ready for Jesus when He comes again? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Where is Jesus sitting now? \_\_\_\_\_

# The Life of Christ

## TEACHER'S NOTES

### LESSON ONE

This quarter begins THE CLOSE OF JESUS' MINISTRY

Tell your students that many times when the scripture refers to THE JEWS it is talking about the Jewish leaders of that time (Pharisees, Saducees, chief priests, scribes and rulers).

THE PEOPLE many times refer to the common Jewish people of that day.

The Feast of Tabernacles fell in the fall of the year, around our month of October. Lev. 23:39; Deut. 16; 13 – 15; Neh. 8: 15 – 16 tell about the Feast of Tabernacles. All Jewish men were required to go to the Feast by the law of Moses. Jesus was a Jew, therefore have a good reason to go to the Feast.

Jesus' disciples do not understand why Jesus does not show Himself publically, but He told them that "My time is not yet come" John 7: 5, 6

*Later Jesus will make a 'triumphant entry'; He will debate with them and not withdraw from them. That will happen the week He is crucified.*

Luke 7:14 – Jesus taught in the temple – He exercised the right of a Rabbi (teacher) when teaching His disciples. V. 15 – THE JEWS wanted to know how He had the right to be a Rabbi (teacher) and wanted to know where He was taught.

7:33 – it is about 6 months until Jesus' death.

The Jews considered Jesus the most serious threat of them being able to control the people.

John 8: 10 - 17 – With no accuser, she could not be stoned – Deut. 17: 5 – 7

### LESSON TWO

PHARISEE means "separated ones" – they were a group (sect) of Jews who had a lot of influence among the common Jews. They were good students of the law and believed the Messiah was coming. They developed their traditions and these traditions became as important to them as God's law. This is where many of their problems were. They trusted in themselves instead of God, and thought righteousness was doing outward things that people could see. Jesus taught them that obeying the Law was important, but God wanted His commandments done with a RIGHT HEART!

Jesus would show them how to live, and by following Him they could have spiritual life.

In John 8:58 Jesus refers to Himself as "I AM" – the existing God. Make sure your students understand why Jesus could make the claim that He knew the Father in heaven. He could make this claim because He is God.

## **LESSON THREE**

John 10 -- Make sure your students understand that Jesus is comparing Himself in this lesson to the door, and to the good shepherd.

10:16 – Jesus says that “I have other sheep that are not of this fold” then goes on to say they shall become “one flock”. Jews and Gentiles will both be in His One Flock – in His church. Jesus was teaching that he is the way to come to the Father, and He will take care of all who follow Him. He was also telling them that no man would have the power to kill Him until He was ready to be killed.

10:17 refers to His resurrection.

Luke 10: 30 - 37 – Point out to your students that the Levite and priest were both teachers of the Law. They should have been concerned with the man who was beaten on the road to Jericho. However, it was a Samaritan, a man who would have been despised by Jews, who showed mercy to the beaten man.

## **LESSON FOUR**

*This is a difficult lesson to teach to children because there are so many small stories of Jesus. Depending on your class you might want to concentrate on just a few of the stories.*

Remind your students that when Jesus’ prayer says “Thy Kingdom come” – The kingdom had not yet been established at this time. Jesus had not died at this point. We do not pray “Thy Kingdom come” because it has already come.

Luke 11:9 Ask for what we really do need. God will give us what we need to have success spiritually in life. To succeed in life does not necessarily mean a comfortable life – Christ was crucified, John was beheaded, James was beheaded, Stephen was killed, Saints in Revelation were slain. God’s view of a successful life is not our view.

Luke 11: 27 – 28 -- The woman was thinking how wonderful it would have been to be the mother of a son like Jesus. She had great admiration for Him. Jesus wanted them to know that His emphasis was on the spiritual, not on His physical birth. Jesus did not intend that we remember His birth, but that we remember His death. We do this each first day of the week. Everyone can have a relationship with Him if His commandments are obeyed.

11:29 – 32 “sign of Jonah” – this is referring to the death and resurrection of Christ (Acts 13:33). The resurrection shows that Jesus is God’s son. The Queen of the South (queen of Sheba) was willing to come here the wisdom of Solomon. How will she rise up in judgment? By her example. She was willing to go to the trouble of hearing Solomon’s wisdom, but men of Jesus’ generation who didn’t have to go to any trouble at all to hear Jesus would not hear him.

11:33 – 36 – We can be a light in teaching others.

The Pharisees in this lesson tried to look righteous on the outside, but were not on the inside. They made an outward show of obeying God, and they didn’t like being told how they really were.

## **LESSON FIVE**

Explain what a “hypocrite” is.

Luke 13: 6 – 9 If the Jews do not follow Christ He will send judgment on them. No fruit means they have not followed Christ.

Explain why it is important for a physical tree to bear fruit, and compare that to bearing spiritual fruit.

Luke 13:17 – Jesus was firm and stern with those who would not submit to His authority.

13:18 – 19 The Kingdom, which started out small and seemingly insignificant, would grow to be a great thing, and it would spread by contact and influence (v. 20 – 21).

13: 29 – those from the east, west, north and south are referring to the Gentiles. The Jews thought that they had a lock on the kingdom and it would belong to them alone, but Jesus let them know they would be cast out.

Jesus invited the Jews to obey the gospel first, but they rejected it. So Jesus will take the gospel to people who are not Jews, but Gentiles.

## **LESSON SIX**

An understanding of the term “hades” is needed for this lesson.

Below is explanation by *Bro. Grover Stevens* in his little tract “Where Are the Dead?”:

### END OF THE WORLD RESURRECTION JUDGMENT

When Jesus “descends from heaven with a shout” and announces that time shall be no more, all who are in Hades will be resurrected and all who are alive will be “changed” to immortality and all, both the “quick” (living) and dead shall stand before the judgment bar of God ( Hosea 13: 14; I Cor. 15: 54 – 55; John 5: 28 – 29, I Thess. 4: 13 – 17; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27, etc.), to be “convinced” (Jude 15) of God’s justice. Paul said that the Judgment day will be “the day of revelation of the righteous judgment of God” (Rom. 2:5).

### ETERNAL LIFE EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT

“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal” (Matt. 25: 46). The “everlasting punishment” has reference to “gehenna”, the lake of fire, or 2<sup>nd</sup> death, from which there is no escape, nor end. Death means “separation”. (See Rom. 6:7; I Tim. 5:6). Hence, the first death is when the soul is separated from the body (James 2:26). The second death is when the soul is separated from God forever. The punishment is described in Matt. 10: 28; Mark 9: 43 – 48; Rev. 14: 9 – 11, etc. In Rev. 20: 10 -15 we learn that after the resurrection there will be the judgment, then the devil, the beast, the false prophet, death, hades, and

“whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”. Then only ETERNITY

## HELL – HADES – GEHENNA

The word “hell” in the King James Version of the Bible does not always mean “the lake of fire”. The Greek word “hades” is translated “hell”, but refers to “the grave, the abode of the dead, the place of disembodied spirits, or the unseen world”. The Greek word “gehenna” is translated “hell” but this word refers to the “lake of fire”, or the “second death”. The Greek word “tartarus” is also translated “hell”, but simply means “place of punishment”. How can you know which “hell” the Bible is talking about? I would suggest that you get an American Standard Version of the Bible which makes the distinction for you.

## HADES EXPLAINED

When Jesus died He went to Hades (Acts 2: 27, 31), but Jesus told the thief that He was going to Paradise, which means a place of comfort (Luke 23: 43). In Luke 16: 22 – 26 we learn that Lazarus died and went to “Abraham’s bosom” (verse 22) and was “comforted” (verse 25). Hence, Lazarus must have been in Paradise. The rich man died and went to Hades, but was “tormented in flame”, hence, he must have been in Tartarus. From verse 26 we learn that Paradise and Tartarus are separated by “a great gulf”. Therefore, we conclude that the righteous dead go to Paradise, which is a place of comfort in Hades, which is the abode of the dead; and the unrighteous dead go to Tartarus, a place of torment in Hades.

## LESSON SEVEN

Point out to your students the human emotions in Jesus. He was God and man, yet he was moved with compassion upon seeing the grief of the Jews at the death of Lazarus.

Explain John 11: 25 – 26 to your students – “though he were dead, yet shall he live” – even though one may die physically, he can live spiritually.

## LESSON EIGHT

“Remember Lot’s wife” – Lot’s wife regretted what she lost or left behind in Sodom.

Jesus’ statement: “Where the dead body is, there will the vultures gather” – Judgment will happen wherever it needs to happen.

In Jesus’ parables on prayer: The widow represents the elect. God expects his elect to have faith and trust in Him, continually asking and petitioning Him (Phil. 4:6). The main point of this parable is the persistence in prayer. If an unrighteous judge will grant a persistent request, how much more will a just God grant our persistent requests of Him (I Pet. 3:12).

The widow had urgent need. Prayer must be direct and definite – the widow went directly to the judge.

Parable of the Pharisee and publican – God wants us to humble ourselves as the Publican did. He saw his need for God and had reverence for God. The Pharisee focused on self and had the attitude of pride.

If your students read Luke 18: 11 – 14 in class, point out to them the Pharisee's "I's" in this passage.

In Jesus' teaching on divorce, Jesus points them back to God's law for marriage in the beginning in Genesis. Point out to your students that Jesus is the authority in this passage and He only gives one scriptural reason for divorce – fornication.

## **LESSON 9**

Jesus and the rich young man: There are things all of us have to give up to serve God. The lesson is, we must be willing to serve Him no matter what we have to give up. Jesus saw that this young man was enslaved to his riches and did not want to give them up. He let his wealth get in the way of his salvation and he wouldn't make a commitment to God.

Jesus point about the camel is that it is very difficult, if not impossible, for one who trusts in riches to enter the Kingdom of God (heaven).

The parable of the landowner: Remind your students that God's ways are not like our ways (Isa. 55:8). Those who follow Jesus will receive eternal life, whether they have served Him all their lives from youth, or for only a short time.

Those who are first, by worldly standards, will be last and not receive blessings of the kingdom. Those last, by worldly standards, are first in God's eyes and will receive blessings.

Point out that Jesus' disciples believe that He is the Christ, but even they do not understand at this point in time what kind of king He is, and what He'll have to suffer. He will tell them again later, but they will not understand. We can understand these things because we have the full revelation – the Bible.

Point out that greatness in God's kingdom is determined by SERVICE – not how important one is. Jesus came to earth to be a servant to others. We should strive to be the same way.

## **LESSON TEN**

Explain to your students how money can earn interest. Most children will not understand this concept until you explain it.

Jesus' lessons from the parable of the nobleman:

- The Kingdom is a spiritual kingdom and its citizens (Christians) have responsibilities in His kingdom.
- Jesus expects us to grow spiritually. We are not to be like the servant who hid his pound.
- Jesus will judge us, just as the Nobleman judged his servants.

## **COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE NOBLEMAN AND JESUS**

### **Luke 19**

#### **NOBLEMAN**

Was going to a far country.  
He would return.  
Some didn't want him for their king.

He gave his servants personal responsibilities.  
He blessed those who did his will.  
He took from those who didn't do his will.

He killed all who did not want him to be king.

#### **JESUS**

Was going back to heaven.  
He will return.  
Some Jews didn't want Him as their king.  
He gives us personal responsibilities.  
He blesses us when we do His will.  
He doesn't bless those who don't do His will.  
He will destroy all who reject Him in hell.

#### **LESSON ELEVEN**

Point out that this lesson begins a study of JESUS' LAST WEEK before His death, burial and resurrection.

Jesus ate at the home of Simon the leper. We infer that Simon had been healed of his leprosy because the law forbade a leper mingling with the people (Lev. 13: 45 – 46).

Concerning the disciple's indignation about Mary anointing Jesus – the thing they were indignant about became a memorial of love and service to Jesus. Point out that what she did is still being told – even as you teach this lesson.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem in a peaceable state. Not as a conquering King, but as a "prince of peace". Point out the meaning of "Hosanna" – save us now.

Let your students see the picture in their minds of Jesus riding into Jerusalem – of the crowd as the filled the air with their cries about Jesus, of the rulers and their anger about Jesus, even wanting Him to rebuke the people. No wonder the Pharisees said, "the whole world has gone after Him".

His disciples did not understand all these things about Jesus, but when He was glorified they remembered these things that happened to Him and what the prophets had said about Him (Zech. 9:9).

In the East the donkey, or ass, was considered a noble animal, unlike our opinion of it today. Nobles and kings rode the donkey (Jud. 10:4; II Sam. 17:23).

#### **LESSON TWELVE**

Point out that Jesus had the right to take possession of the Temple in this fearless way. He showed His relationship to God when He said, :"My house shall be called a house of prayer".

Telling the Jews that they had made the temple a "den of thieves" would have been a serious charge to the Jews. But the Jews were working for themselves and their own desires, whereas Jesus was there working for others.

Jesus quoted Psa. 8:2 – prophecy of Himself, when he said, "haven't you read in the scriptures, 'out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants have you prepared praise for yourself.'"

Jesus reminds them that it is for the events that are coming that he came to earth. The voice of the Father from heaven affirmed what Jesus said to them.

"when I am lifted up from the earth" refers to the death He would suffer on the cross.

## **LESSON THIRTEEN**

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Explain what the cornerstone of a building is – and perhaps show a picture of one. Psa. 118:22 is a prophecy of Christ being the chief cornerstone rejected.

Some things to notice in this lesson: The Jews reject Jesus. Jesus will take His word to the Gentiles, but the Gentiles must be prepared to receive God's word too.

## **LESSON FOURTEEN**

Point out that the Saducees were another sect of the Jewish religion. This particular sect did not believe in the resurrection.

Point out in the story of the widow's mite that God looks at the heart of men when we give. The widow gave all because she depended on God to take care of her.

Message of the wise and foolish virgins: BE PREPARED! We don't know when the Lord will come.

Message of the talents: Jesus wants us to use our abilities to serve Him, and He is not pleased when we don't use them.

At Judgment God will reward us on whether we have done what we could to help others. When we do for others it is the same as doing for Jesus.

## **LESSON FIFTEEN**

Prophecy of the price of betrayal – Zech. 11:12

The Passover would have been eaten on Thursday evening, while the priests delayed eating till the following day – John 18:28; 19: 14 – 31; Ex. 12: 8 - 10. This is the last time the Passover would be celebrated by His disciples – a new meaning is given to the Passover. I Cor. 5:7 says that Jesus is the Passover for Christians.

Psalm 41: 9 prophecy of Jesus' betrayal.

If we take the time to notice them, the scriptures give us a lot of details. Take the time to give a short summary of what the Passover is to your students (Ex. 12).

The price of 30 pieces of silver would have been the sum given for a common slave of that time.

Point out to your students that Jesus tells His disciples a lot of things about His coming betrayal and death, but they do not understand yet what He is telling them. We can understand because we have the whole revelation of God revealed to us.

When Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper and says "Take eat, this is My body . . ." and "Drink it, for this is My blood . . ." – This is not literally His body and blood, but a representation of them.

As Jesus washes His disciples feet, point out to your students that Jesus came to serve others, and He is teaching His disciples that they need to serve others also.

This lesson is a good time to point out to your students the importance of the Lord's Supper and what our behavior should be during this time in the worship services. It is not a time to act silly, or disturb others by our own behavior. Nor is it a time to get up and disturb others by going to the

bathroom, or getting a drink of water. Encourage your students to turn to the various scriptures during the Lord's Supper and read these during this period of worship to keep their minds focused.

## **LESSON SIXTEEN**

Point out that Jesus is preparing to go back to the Father in heaven in this lesson, so He will bid His disciples farewell. Just as we say goodbye to those we love when we leave to go on a journey, Jesus will say goodbye too.

Jesus tells his disciples in this lesson that He and the Father are ONE – how? To see Christ is to see the Father. How? Because they are ONE in purpose. The Father sent His Son to redeem man. The Son obeyed the Father and came to earth to redeem man. The Holy Spirit makes known the Father's will by revealing it through the Word.

It would be good to point out that our memory work is quoted by Jesus in this lesson.

When Jesus refers to the "cup" passing from Him he is referring to the suffering He was to endure.

## **LESSON SEVENTEEN**

The trials of Jesus were illegal because they were done at night. Annas held no official position, but was a man of influence and power. He has been high priest 20 years before.

As you teach the trials of Jesus, point out the different trials. The Jewish trials are in this lesson – the trial by Annas and the trial by Caiphas who was high priest and head of the Sanhedrin.

The article below is lengthy, but quite good at explaining what happened at Jesus' trials. This is not something that you have to share with your students, because they are not mature enough for it, but is good for your own study.

### **"The Trial of Jesus—A Legal Monstrosity"**

***J. M. Powell***

"Many remarkable trials have characterized the judicial history of mankind." But we have come to discuss the most celebrated trial—if it may be called a trial—in the history of criminal law. The question before me is: whether Jesus of Nazareth was duly tried and executed for breaking the law, or was murdered under the pretense of legal process.

The trial of Jesus was twofold—Hebrew and Roman, or ecclesiastical and civil. The Hebrew trial took place before Caiaphas, Annas, and the great Sanhedrin. The Roman trial was held before Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea, and Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee.

The events that immediately preceded the arrest of Jesus are well known to all of us. About eleven o'clock on Thursday evening Jesus and eleven of his apostles left the scene of the last Supper and made their way to the Garden of Gethsemane. Meanwhile, in the temple, Judas and the priests had finished plans for the betrayal. Around midnight Jesus was taken into custody and was led away to be tried and finally executed.

He was taken first to Annas. (John 18: 13.) But this part of the proceedings was, strictly speaking, quite informal and arbitrary; for Annas held no official position. Yet he had tremendous influence and prestige, and in the Sanhedrin no man's opinion carried more weight. Some twenty years before he had been high priest, a title which he still received by courtesy. Annas asked Jesus about his disciples and doctrine. The reply that Jesus made was pointed and somewhat caustic. At this, one of the

officers, standing near by, struck Jesus with his hand. Then the Master sternly rebuked the wrongdoer. "Christ," says Luther, "forbids self-defense with the hands, but not with the tongue." Foiled in his attempted examination of Jesus, Annas sends him bound to Caiaphas.

Caiaphas was the son-in-law of Annas, and was high priest. In addition to this, he was the head of the Sanhedrin. This was the man who was the accredited guardian of the soul of the nation. To him was permitted the glorious privilege of entering once each year into the holy of holies. Yet this was the man who condemned the Son of God. It were better had he never been born. History provides no more startling illustration of the truth that the best religious opportunities in the world and the most promising environment will not within themselves guarantee a man's salvation. "Then I saw," says John Bunyan in closing his book, "that there was a way to hell, even from the gates of heaven."

News of the arrest of Jesus had brought many members of the Sanhedrin to the house of the high priest. However, according to its own constitution, the Sanhedrin could not legally be convened before the hour of sunrise; but Caiaphas and the rest were impatient and desired to proceed with the examination of the prisoner. Then all that would be left for the meeting after sunrise would be the ratification of the proceedings of the night before.

During this night phase of the Jewish trial, Caiaphas and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus that they might condemn him to death. Witnesses were called in, but their statements did not agree. At last Caiaphas, in exasperation, rose from his couch and cried: "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus answered: "I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." Upon hearing this, the high priest rent his clothing, and saith: "What further need have we of witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye?" Upon this the vote of the court was taken, and Jesus was condemned to death *unanimously* (Matt. 26: 66)—the charge being blasphemy. Then some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and say unto him, Prophesy." And the officers received him with blows of their hands. Even the members of this court took part in this unholy display of cruelty. That Jesus lived through this and other such indignities is testimony to his manhood and vitality. In some pictures Christ is represented as an effeminate individual—pale-faced, thin, and delicate. Such pictures are libels on the manhood of the Lord. Jesus was a *man!* Strong, red-blooded, virile—not coarse, but rugged and square-shouldered.

It was shortly after this that Simon Peter thrice denied the Lord. He had done that which he said he would never do. Just here we are reminded of Paul's injunction: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (I Cor. 10:12)

To all intent and purpose the Jewish trial was over. Let us note the respects in which the Hebrew trial was illegal. The best legal minds of our day have listed at least five major illegalities and scores of minor illegalities. We shall mention at this time the major ones.

1. *The arrest of Jesus was illegal.*

- (a) Because it took place at night in violation of Hebrew law.
- (b) It was effected through the agency of a traitor and an informer.
- (c) Because it was not for the purpose of reaching a righteous judgment. The rights of Jesus were not considered at all—"in his humiliation his judgment was taken away."

2. *The examination before Annas and Caiaphas was illegal.*

- (a) It was conducted at night.
- (b) No judge or magistrate, sitting alone could interrogate an accused person or sit in judgment upon his legal rights. (Deut. 19:16f.)

*3. The indictment against Jesus was illegal.*

- (a) It was vague, twofold, and indefinite. (*Mark 14: 57; Deut. 19:15.*)
- (b) The charge was presented by two witnesses who testified simultaneously—a flagrant violation of all law and custom.

*4. The proceedings against Jesus were illegal.*

- (a) The integrity of the witnesses was not established before their testimony was heard. (*Deut. 19: 18, 19.*)
- (b) The witnesses, though known to be false, were not punished as provided by Hebrew law. (*Deut. 19: 18, 19.*)
- (c) During the proceedings Jesus was deliberately struck in the face and treated as a criminal. It is a fundamental axiom of all law, save the Roman, that a prisoner is considered innocent until found guilty.

*5. The condemnation of Jesus was illegal.*

- (a) The verdict of the Sanhedrin was unanimous for his death. (*Mark 14: 64.*) It is pointed out that this fact marks a peculiar point of difference between our law and the Jewish law. In our courts a man who is condemned unanimously is thought guilty. It was not so in the Hebrew courts. There the judges were expected to be defenders of the accused; and if the vote of condemnation was unanimous, it was taken for granted that the judges had been derelict in duty, and consequently the accused was at once released.
- (b) Because Christ's condemnation was founded upon his uncorroborated confession, Jesus was compelled to be witness against himself. Caiaphas had said to Jesus: "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou art the Christ, the Son of God." The answer from Jesus was simply: "I am." It was upon this testimony that Jesus was convicted and condemned, and all this in spite of the fundamental maxim of Jewish jurisprudence: "No man convicts himself." And Moses had long before declared that "at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be established." (*Deut. 19:15.*)
- (c) The defense was not heard. There were two parts to every trial—the accusation and the defense. (*Deut. 13:14.*) But there was in the trial of Jesus no pretense of a defense.
- (d) The crowning illegality of the condemnation was the haste with which it was completed. It was in the night that the case was hurried through. There was a law to the effect that in capital offenses sentence could not be pronounced until one day after the trial. Thirty-four hours had to elapse between the trial and the pronouncement of the sentence. There was another law to the effect that such cases could not be heard on the day immediately preceding a Sabbath or one of the great festival days. Both these laws were willfully broken. The accusers of Christ flung principle to the winds and tore justice to shreds. Such was the Hebrew trial—fraudulent from beginning to end! Next, the Roman trial.

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## "THE TRIAL OF JESUS—A LEGAL MONSTROSITY"

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### Part two

When Caiaphas and his infamous satellites had done their nefarious work, Jesus was marched off to the Roman governor for the second stage of the trial. Pontius Pilate, who had been procurator for some six years, had high political ambitions. He wanted to rise and be heard of at Rome. Moreover, he knew that he must somehow get along with the Jews and their pestiferous religious leaders. The chief priests knew the governor's weakness and adroitly played upon it. Like many another man since that time, Pilate compromised with dishonor for the sake of his own personal comfort and political future.

As the punctilious Jews, who held Jesus captive, approached the house of the procurator, they remained on the steps, not daring to go in, because it was the Passover, and they would have been defiled had they entered the house of a Gentile. It is one of the ironies of history that men so fearful of ceremonial defilement should think nothing of laying murderous hands upon the Son of God.

Pilate, in response to their clamorous appeals, appeared on the steps. He began, as was perfectly right, by demanding a definite statement of the charge. (John 18: 29.) Here the priests found themselves in a serious difficulty. It would not do to say that Jesus was a blasphemer. This was a purely religious matter, and would have no weight at all with irreligious Pilate. So the Jews replied evasively: "If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up to thee."

Naturally this did not satisfy, and he pressed for future information. Here the Jews added yet another illegality to all that had gone before—they dropped the original charge of blasphemy and substituted for it a charge of treason—a charge that Pilate would listen to. The mob spoke up and said: "We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king."

This was a deliberate lie. At no time had Jesus forbidden to pay tribute to Caesar. On the contrary, he had told the people to render to Caesar the things that were Caesar's. Jesus, therefore, stood before the Roman governor charged, not with blasphemy, but with treason against the Roman state. The priests knew that the charge was a mere pretense, but the pretense had to be made or Pilate would not assume jurisdiction over the case. The chief priests knew that only Pilate had the power to execute Jesus. Hence, they were willing to do or say anything to influence him. And they did not rest until they saw Jesus hanging on the cross.

Pilate, having heard the charge of treason, desired to examine Jesus in private. Questions concerning Christ's kingship, kingdom, and truth were discussed. Pilate, being convinced of the innocence of Jesus, went forth to declare his verdict: "I find no fault in this man." And further he said in effect: "The charge you have brought against him is without foundation. He has done nothing worthy of death." But this verdict of "not guilty" inflamed the passions of the bloodthirsty Jews. Luke tells us that "they were the more urgent, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Judaea, and beginning from Galilee even unto this place." And now for the first time fear and uncertainty began to mark Pilate's demeanor. He saw trouble ahead, and became anxious to be rid of this difficult case altogether. In his efforts to evade responsibility Pilate had recourse to three expedients. Now watch this cheap politician perform.

The first expedient was to send Jesus to Herod. After all, he argued, Jesus was a Galilean, and, therefore, subject of Herod's jurisdiction. And by a stroke of good fortune Herod was in Jerusalem at the time.

Let us pause for a moment to consider this man Herod, before whom Jesus was now led to be tried. The pages of sacred history mention the name of no more shallow, contemptible character than this petty princeling, this dissolute Sadducee. There was scarcely a mark of respectability about him. He was a typical Oriental prince, whose chief aim in life was the gratification of the flesh. He was nothing more than the slave of a wicked and lewd woman. He was cruel, crafty, and worthless. The only contemptuous word which Jesus

is recorded to have spoken had reference to this ruler. Some Pharisees had come to Jesus saying that Herod was out to get him. Jesus said to them: "Go and say to that fox, Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third day I am perfect." (Luke 13:31, 32.) It was a clever move on the part of Pilate to send Jesus to Herod, but it did not work out as he had hoped; for in a short time the prisoner was returned to Pilate.

The second expedient that Pilate tried concerned a custom—a custom to release unto the people at each Passover feast a prisoner. Luke tells us the governor was under obligation to do so. (Luke 23: 17.) It so happened that a very notable prisoner, Barabbas by name, was in custody at the time. Now, Barabbas was an insurrectionist, a robber, and a murderer. Pilate felt sure that when the people were granted the privilege of choosing between Barabbas and Jesus, Jesus would be released and Barabbas executed. Before the people Pilate stood and said: "Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" But the people clamored for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus. "While he [Pilate] was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, have thou nothing to do with that righteous man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

All the while the chief priests and elders were stirring up the people and poisoning their minds against Jesus. Again and again Pilate raises the question as to who is to be released—Barabbas or Jesus. Each time the angry mob cried out for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus.

The third and last expedient that Pilate tried was a dastardly one. He proposed that as he could find no fault in Jesus, he would scourge him and release him. (Luke 23:16.) Carrying out the program which he proposed, Pilate had Jesus removed from the Praetorium to the place of scourging and inflicted that punishment upon him. Pilate believed that when the people viewed the scourged Jesus they would have pity upon him and release him.

The record tells us that "Pilate went out again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him out to you, that ye may know that I find no crime in him. Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold, the man!"

But the angry mob continued to cry out: "Crucify him, crucify him!" Thus Pilate's expectation came to naught, for none of the Jewish rulers ever wavered in their demand for crucifixion. And finally the Jews cried out: "If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar's friend." It was enough. These words did the work. Pilate called for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; see ye to it."

Why did he stand thus washing his hands when he should have been exercising them? Pilate, blood does not come off so easily!

Then we read that Pilate delivered Jesus unto them to be crucified.

Just here I want to amplify a scene in the trial of Christ that will shame noble men and women as long as the world stands. Christ, trembling from the terrific punishment, is to be subjected to further indignation. "He is a king, is he!" cried some ruffian in the crowd. "Well, I'll make a king of him." And reaching down into a pile of castoff clothing near by, he drew forth an old purple robe. Approaching Christ, he throws it around his shoulders. "He is a king, is he!" cried another. "Well, I'll make a king of him." And he fetches an old broken reed and places it in the trembling hands of the Master, while still another miserable fellow presses down upon that holy brow a crown of Palestinian thorns, stinging needlelike, poisonous. There he stood—the Son of God. Look at him! Your Savior and mine! Now the Son of God goes forth to die.

What a trial! In a few short hours Jesus was arrested, taken before the Sanhedrin and found guilty of blasphemy; then taken before Pilate, charged with treason, and acquitted; then taken before Herod on the same charge, and again acquitted. Still the Jews thirsted for his blood. There is a fundamental law which says that no one shall be tried twice for the same offense. Jesus had been tried four times—once condemned and three times acquitted. Then he was crucified—not for the crime for which he had been convicted, but for the crime for which he had three times been acquitted.

This was the trial of Jesus—the greatest monstrosity in the annals of legal history.

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### LESSON EIGHTEEN

Jesus is brought before Pilate and Herod to be tried in this lesson.

Notice in this lesson that Jesus did not resist or fight back. He was doing the Father's will and fulfilling Old Testament prophecies.

Remind your students that the Herod in this lesson is the one that Jesus called a "fox" in a previous lesson.

### LESSON NINETEEN

Find a picture of Golgotha, place of the skull to show your students. Explain what a Scourge is, and find a picture.

In this lesson Jesus has already been tried by Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate, Herod, and now He is tried again by Pilate (who has already said that Jesus did nothing worthy of death).

### LESSON TWENTY

The third hour of the day would have been 9:00 a.m.. The Sixth hour would be noon, the ninth hour at 3:00 pm.

Discuss the veil in the temple between the Holy Place and Most Holy Place. This veil separated those two areas. God's presence was in the Most Holy Place. The smoke of incense from the altar of incense would go over the veil to the Most Holy Place to please God when the High Priest offered the incense.

It was this same veil that was rent from top to bottom when Jesus died on the cross, signifying that the Old Law was done away and the priesthood of the New Covenant is superior to that of the Old Law (Heb. 7:12; 8:6 – 7; 10:9 – 14, 20 ). This is probably something figurative that your students will have a hard time understanding, but something you need to understand as a teacher.

### LESSON TWENTY-ONE

Spend some time with your students on the Thought Question on page 77. If Christ had not risen from the dead He would not be the Christ, and He could not save us from our sins. The eyewitnesses of Jesus are proof that this event really happened.

## **LESSON TWENTY-TWO**

On the discussion of Jesus with Peter: Remember, Peter is the one who denied Jesus before His crucifixion. The conversation Jesus had with Peter was to emphasize to Peter that it is time to put Jesus first and take on the spiritual job of “feeding His sheep”, or teaching God’s word.

## **LESSON TWENTY-THREE**

See if your students can quote the memory work in this book from heart.

Notice that the apostles didn’t understand everything that Jesus told them in this lesson, but Jesus was patient with them and told them He would send the Holy Spirit to guide them.

The next quarter, the book of Acts, will show that everything happened, that Jesus said would happen.