

Life of Christ

A Review of the Four Gospel Accounts

Lesson 14

Material:

Matthew 15:1 - 16:28

Mark 7:1 - 9:1

Luke 9:18-27

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Traditions Attacked

Syro-Phoenician Woman

Healing a Deaf Man

Feeding the Four Thousand and Healing a Blind Man

Peter's Confession And Jesus' Prediction

Introduction:

With his popularity waning among the people and even many of His disciples turning away, Jesus stepped up His criticism of the Pharisees and scribes. He briefly left the land of the Jews, travelling to Tyre and Sidon (now Lebanon) and also through Decapolis, an area of 10 Greek cities.

Near the end of two years with His disciples, Jesus at last ask them who they think He is. Peter responds with great insight, the Christ, the Son of God. But this glorious confession was followed by a prediction too horrible for the apostles to believe. For the first time Jesus reveals that He would die at the hands of the Jewish leadership. With our understanding of the sacrificial nature of this death, we cannot imagine the shock its revelation was to these men.

Questions:

Traditions Attacked - Matthew 15:1-20, Mark 7:1-23

1. What was the tradition of the Pharisees?
2. What had Isaiah said of these Pharisees (hypocrites)?
3. To keep their traditions what had the Pharisees rejected (Mark 7:8,9)? Give an example.
4. What defiles a man?

Syro-Phoenician Woman - Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30

1. Even in Tyre and Sidon did Jesus find anonymity?
2. Why did Jesus initially refuse the woman's request (Matt. 15:24)?
3. Why did Jesus praise her faith?

Healing a Deaf Man - Matthew 15:29-31, Mark 7:31-37

1. Physically, what did Jesus do before healing this man?
2. What commandment of Jesus was ignored?

Feeding the Four Thousand and Healing a Blind Man - Mt. 15:32 - 16:12, Mk. 8:1-26

1. How long had the multitude been with Jesus?
2. How much food was available to feed the thousands? How much was left over?
3. What sign would be offered (Matt. 16:4)? Explain this sign.
4. Why did the disciples think Jesus was upset at them? Why was this worry so irrational?
5. Did Jesus heal the blind man completely at first?

Peter's Confession And Jesus' Prediction - Matthew 16:13-28, Mark 8:27 - 9:1

1. What question did Jesus ask? What answers were given?
2. What was Simon Peter's answer? What blessing did Jesus bestow on him?
3. What prediction was made by Jesus for the first time? How did Peter respond? What was Jesus' response to him?
4. Why do you think this prediction was so difficult for the apostles to believe?
5. What must we do to follow Jesus?
6. What would some of them see before death?

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Lesson 15

Material:

Matthew 17:1 - 19:1

Mark 9:2-50

Luke 9:28-56

John 7:2 - 8:11

Period:

Close of the Galilean Ministry

Judean and Perean Ministry

Events:

Transfiguration

Epileptic Healed

Discussions with Disciples

End of the Galilean Ministry

Feast of the Tabernacles

Introduction:

The subject of Jesus' coming death dominated many incidents as the last year of His life began to unfold. He was transfigured with Moses and Elijah, and the topic discussed was His coming death. Once more He prophesied to His apostles of this death, but they were afraid to ask Him of it. Instead, they disputed with one another over who was the greatest. Jesus corrected this attitude and continued to teach them on a variety of matters which they desperately needed to be prepared for His death.

With this lesson, Jesus' great Galilean ministry comes to a close. When He travels to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Tabernacles, it is October, preceding the Spring in which He died.

For the remaining months of His life Jesus focuses His ministry on other areas than Galilee.

Questions:

Transfiguration - Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36

1. Describe the appearance of Jesus:
2. What was Peter's suggestion? What happened while he was still speaking?
3. What commandment did Jesus give them?
4. Whom did they understand to be the Elijah who would come first?

Epileptic Healed - Matthew 17:14-21, Mark 9:14-29, Luke 9:37-42

1. This boy may have had a demon whose manifestations were similar to epilepsy or the actual disease itself.
2. How long had this child suffered?
3. How did the father and Jesus use the word "if"?
4. Why were the disciples unable to heal the boy?

Discussions with Disciples - Matthew 17:22 - 18:35, Mark 9:30-50, Luke 9:43-56

1. How did the apostles respond to the prediction of Jesus' death (Lk. 9:48)?
2. What did the apostles dispute?
3. How did Jesus provide for His and Peter's temple tax?
4. What was the parable of the lost sheep?
5. List the steps you should take when a brother sins against you:
6. How often should we forgive a brother?
7. What was the parable of the unforgiving servant?

End of the Galilean Ministry - Matthew 19:1, Luke 9:51-56, John 7:2-10

1. Why did the world hate Jesus (John 7:7)?
2. In what manner did Jesus go to the feast?

Feast of the Tabernacles - John 7:11 - 8:11

1. What were some of the opinions of Jesus (vs. 12)?
2. What were some of the beliefs the people had about the messiah (vs. 27, 31, 41, 42)? What did they speculate about Jesus in regards to these beliefs?
3. Why did the officers fail to take Jesus into custody (vs. 45, 46)?
4. What point did Nicodemus raise? What was the response?

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Lesson 16

Material:

John 8:12 - 10:21

Luke 10:1-24

Period:

Judean and Perea Ministry

Events:

Confrontation with the Pharisees

Healing a Man Born Blind

Parable of the Good Shepherd

Seventy Sent Out

Introduction:

The eighth, ninth and tenth chapters of John continue the story of Jesus in the city of Jerusalem during the Feast of the Tabernacles. It was October, only months away from Jesus' death the following Spring. John gives us a remarkable account of Jesus' ongoing confrontation with the Pharisees. It is clear from John's account that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, divine and preeminent. Just as clear is that the Pharisees were determined to destroy Him. As John 10 closes with Jesus leaving Jerusalem as they were seeking to seize Him and stone Him.

Questions:***Confrontation with the Pharisees - John 8:12-59***

1. Whom did Jesus say testified for Him (vs. 18)?
2. Why was no one able to lay hands on Him (vs. 20)?
3. What did Jesus say they would do to Him (vs. 28)?
4. What did Jesus always do (vs. 29)?
5. According to Jesus, how does one become free?
6. What is someone who commits sin?
7. Whom does Jesus say was their father (vs. 42-44)?
8. Who will never see death (vs. 51)?

9. What did Jesus claim in regard to Abraham (vs. 56-58)? What was the reaction of the Jews?

Healing a Man Born Blind - John 9:1-41

1. Was this man blind because of someone's sin?

2. On what day was this man healed (vs. 14)?

3. What opinions were held about Jesus regarding this event (vs. 16)? What was the conclusion of the healed man (vs. 17)?

4. What had the Jews agreed would happen to someone who confessed Jesus to be the Christ (22)?

5. What courageous conclusion did the man state (vs. 33)? What happened to him?

6. What did the man come to believe about Jesus?

Parable of the Good Shepherd - John 10:1-21

1. What does the shepherd do for his sheep (vs. 3)?

2. What did Jesus do for the sheep (vs. 17)? Was this voluntary?

3. What were the opinions of the Jews regarding His words?

Seventy Sent Out - Luke 10:1-24

1. What were they do when a city rejected them?

2. When the seventy returned what did Jesus say He had seen?

3. In what did He tell them to rejoice?

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Lesson 17

Material:

Luke 10:25 - 13:17

Period:

Judean and Perea Ministry

Events:

Parable of Good Samaritan

Visit with Mary and Martha

Lesson on Prayer

Confrontation with Lawyers and Pharisees

Lesson on Many Subjects

Repentance and Fruitfulness

Healing a Crippled Woman

Introduction:

It is generally believed that these events occurred in the Fall preceding the year of Jesus' death. Jesus does not appear to be in Galilee, laboring instead in Judea and perhaps Perea. We do know that Mary and Martha lived in Bethany, a few miles from Jerusalem. Only Luke records the events and lessons of this section which includes some of the most well known thoughts of Jesus. Only here do we read of the Good Samaritan and the Rich Fool. However, many of the lessons are reminiscent of the Sermon on the Mount, which is not surprising given that Jesus is laboring in a different region.

Questions:***Parable of Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37***

1. What question was initially asked of Jesus? Who answered the question?
2. What prompted Jesus to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan?
3. Who failed to help the injured man? Why should they have helped?
4. Who helped the man and how did he help? Why was it unusual for him to help?

Visit with Mary and Martha- Luke 10:38-42

1. What was Martha doing? Was this wrong to do? Explain.
2. What was Martha's complaint? What was Jesus' response?

3. List ways you are like Martha:

Lesson on Prayer- Luke 11:1-13

1. Following the model prayer what lesson did Jesus teach them?

2. What will happen to those who ask? who seek? who knock?

Confrontation with Lawyers and Pharisees- Luke 11:14-54

1. What explanation was offered for Jesus' ability to cast out demons?

2. What was Jesus' response to this accusation?

3. Whom did Jesus say was truly blessed (vs. 28)?

4. Who would rise up in judgment on that generation?

5. What did He accuse the Pharisees of being?

6. What group realized that Jesus was also faulting them (vs. 45)?

Lesson on Many Subjects- Luke 12:1-59

1. Whom should we fear? How well does God know us (vs. 7)?

2. What sin will not be forgiven (vs. 10)?

3. What request prompted the parable of the Rich Fool? What was the parable?

4. Where is our heart (vs. 34)?

5. What lesson did Jesus teach in vs. 35-48?

Repentance and Fruitfulness- Luke 13:1-9

1. What question did Jesus ask about the Galileans and the eighteen on the tower of Siloam?

2. What must we do to avoid perishing?

Healing a Crippled Woman- Luke 13:10-17

1. How long had this woman been infirmed?

2. What objection did the ruler of the synagogue make?

3. What did Jesus say to the ruler? How did the multitude respond?

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Lesson 18

Material:

John 10:22-42

Luke 13:18 - 17:10

Period:

Judean and Perea Ministry

Events:

Feast of Dedication

Two Parables and the Narrow Way

A Healing and Two Parables

Teaching on Discipleship

Parables on Things Lost

Unjust Steward and The Rich Man and Lazarus

Lessons on Service and Faith

Introduction:

The feast of dedication was held during December, therefore Jesus was but a few months from His death. As in the previous lesson, much of the material here is unique to Luke's account. Many of the most well known parables of Jesus were taught during this period.

Questions:***Feast of Dedication - John 10:22-42***

1. What did the Jews ask Jesus to declare plainly? What was His response?
2. What reason did the Jews give for attempting to stone Him (vs. 33)?
3. Jesus left Jerusalem and traveled to Perea (vs. 40).

Two Parables and the Narrow Way - Luke 13:18-35

1. What will the Master say to many who attempt to enter (vs. 27)?
2. From where would many come to sit in the kingdom of God?
3. What did Jesus say about Jerusalem?

A Healing and Two Parables - Luke 14:1-24

1. What question did Jesus ask first? Was it answered?
2. Whom should we invite to a dinner or supper?
3. What excuses were given by those invited to the great supper? Do they seem reasonable?

Teaching on Discipleship - Luke 14:25-35

1. What must someone hate in order to be a disciple of Christ? What do you think this means?
2. What must we forsake to be disciple of Christ?

Parables on Things Lost - Luke 15:1-32

1. What three things are "lost" in this chapter?
2. What is the reaction in Heaven over one sinner who repents?
3. When did the prodigal son "come to himself"? What did he decide to do?
4. What reception was he given when he returned home? What did he say to his father?
5. Why was the older son angry? What did the father say to him?

Unjust Steward and The Rich Man and Lazarus - Luke 16:1-31

1. Why did the unjust steward choose to act as he did (vs. 3,4)?
2. Was he commended by his master because he had done something good? Why was he commended?
3. Did Jesus imply in vs. 9 that we should use unscrupulous means to have friends (cf. vs. 13)?
4. How did those who love money view this parable (vs. 14)?
5. How had the Rich Man treated Lazarus?
6. Describe the place where the Rich Man dwelt? Describe Lazarus' new home?
7. What did Abraham say to the Rich Man? Would men believe someone sent from the dead?

Lessons on Service and Faith - Luke 17:1-10

1. When we have done all that we are commanded, what should be our attitude?

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Lesson 19

Material:

John 11:1-54
Luke 17:11 - 18:30
Matthew 19:1-30
Mark 10:1-31

Period:

Judean and Perea Ministry

Events:

Resurrection of Lazarus
Healing of Ten Lepers
The Coming Kingdom and Parable
Divorce and Remarriage
Blessing of Children
Rich Young Ruler

Introduction:

Lazarus was raised from the dead not long before the Passover Feast. This event that increased the faith of so many also solidified the determination of the Jewish leadership which plotted "from that day... to put Him to death". Jesus continued to focus on teaching during these remaining months of His life. Once more, much of the material is unique to either Luke or John.

Questions:***Resurrection of Lazarus - John 11:1-54***

1. What did Jesus know about the illness of Lazarus (vs. 4)? Did this mean He did not expect Lazarus to die (cf. vs. 11-14)?
2. If Jesus loved Mary and Martha, why did He wait two more days before going to them (cf. vs. 15)?
3. Why were the disciples surprised that Jesus would return to Judea (vs. 8)?
4. How long had Lazarus been in the tomb?
5. What did Martha say to Jesus when she saw Him coming? What did Mary say (vs. 32)?
6. What did Jesus promise Martha (vs. 23)? What did He claim to be?

7. What did Martha believe about Jesus?
8. What did Jesus do when He saw the Mary and the Jews weeping (vs. 33)? Why do you think Jesus wept (vs. 35)?
9. What objection did Martha make to taking away the stone?
10. What did Jesus say to Lazarus? What were the two reactions to this miracle?
11. What fear did the Jewish leadership express regarding Jesus (vs. 48)?

Healing of Ten Lepers - Luke 17:11-19

1. What did Jesus say to the ten lepers? When were they healed?
2. What did one of them do? What was his nationality?

The Coming Kingdom and Parable- Luke 17:20 - 18:14

1. To what days does Jesus compare the days of the Son of Man?
2. What description is given to show that not everyone will be ready (vs. 33-36)?
3. How did the Pharisee pray? How did the tax collector pray?

Divorce and Remarriage - Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12

1. What question did the Pharisees ask?
2. Whom did Jesus say joined a man and a woman together?
3. Why did Moses permit divorce?
4. What singular reason is given for divorce?

Blessing of Children - Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17

1. What did Jesus say is true of children?

Rich Young Ruler - Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30

1. What did Jesus say should be done to inherit eternal life? What was the man's reply?
2. What additional commandment did Jesus give this man? What was his reaction?

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Lesson 20

Material:

Matthew 20:1 - 21:22

Mark 10:32 - 11:24

Luke 18:31 - 19:48

John 11:55 - 12:1, 9-19

Period:

Final Week

Events:

Laborers of the 11th Hour

A Prediction and a Request

Bartimaeus Healed

Visit with Zacchaeus

Parable of the Minas

Plot against Jesus and Lazarus

Triumphal Entry

Fig Tree Cursed

Introduction:

Jesus' Judean and Perea ministry drew to a close, and He prepared to travel to Jerusalem for the last week of His life. The entire country was watching to see if He would make this journey, realizing the confrontation that was coming. His disciples were frightened by His steadfast pace toward the city, and, once more, He predicted His death. Yet, the week begins with a triumphal entry that would contrast tragically with the end of the week.

Questions:

Laborers of the 11th Hour - Matthew 20:1-16

1. What wage did the laborers hired at the eleventh hour receive? Why did this upset those hired first?

2. Of the many called, how many are chosen?

A Prediction and a Request- Matthew 20:17-28, Mark 10:32-45, Luke 18:31-34

1. What details did Jesus predict of His coming death?

2. What request was made by James and John?

3. What question did Jesus ask them? What was their answer?
4. What must one do to be great?

Bartimaeus Healed - Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43

1. When warned to be quiet, what did Bartimaeus continue to call Jesus?
2. What made Bartimaeus well?

Visit with Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10

1. How did Zacchaeus endeavor to see Jesus? What did Jesus say to him?
2. For whom did Jesus come?

Parable of the Minas - Luke 19:11-27

1. What reward was given to the first two servants?
2. How did the third servant feel about his master? Was he right? What was the master's judgment?
3. What lesson is given (vs. 26)?

Plot against Jesus and Lazarus - John 11:55 - 12:1, 9-11

1. What commandment did the Pharisees issue?
2. What question did the people ponder as the Passover drew near?

Triumphal Entry - Matthew 21:1-9, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19

1. What instructions did Jesus give the two disciples? What prophecy was fulfilled?
2. What did the people do to welcome Jesus?
3. From the various accounts list the titles used by the people to address Jesus:

Temple Cleansed - Matthew 21:10-22, Mark 11:12-24, Luke 19:45-48

1. What did Jesus see in the morning (Mark 11:12-14)? What did disciples see in the afternoon (Mark 11:20-21)?
2. What was the reaction of the scribes and chief priests to Jesus cleansing the Temple?

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Lesson 21

Material:

John 12:20-50

Matthew 21:23 - 24:51

Mark 11:25 - 13:37

Luke 20:1 - 21:36

Period:

Final Week

Events:

Jesus Teaches of His Sacrifice

Challenge of the Sanhedrin

Questions of the Pharisees and Sadducees

Jesus Asks a Question

Jesus' Last Sermon

Widow's Mite

Coming Destruction of Jerusalem

Introduction:

During the early part of the Passover week, Jesus was tested by various groups attempting to the crowds against Him. Each attempt failed completely because of the divine wisdom of Jesus. When Jesus questioned them, and they were unable to answer, they stopped their efforts to discredit Him. Jesus used these remaining days teaching the crowds and even more teaching His disciples. But the plots of the Jewish leadership were constantly near.

Questions:***Jesus Teaches of His Sacrifice - John 12:20-50***

1. Why was Jesus troubled (vs. 27)?
2. What did Jesus mean by being lifted up (vs. 32-33)? What objection did the people raise to this (vs. 34)?
3. What prophecies of Isaiah were fulfilled by their failure to believe despite Jesus' signs?

Challenge of the Sanhedrin - Matthew 21:23 - 22:14, Mark 11:27 - 12:12, Luke 20:1-19

1. What question did the rulers ask Him? Before He answered what question did Jesus ask them? Did they answer? Why?

2. What three parables did Jesus teach to continue His reply to the Jewish leadership?
3. What prophecies did Jesus say were fulfilled (Matthew 21:42)?

Questions of the Pharisees & Sadducees – Matt. 22:15-40, Mark 12:13-34, Luke 20:20-40

1. Who came with the disciples of the Pharisees to Jesus (Matthew 22:16)? What question did they ask Jesus? What would be the dangers of a yes or no answer?
2. What was Jesus' reply? What was the response?
3. What did the Sadducees believe? What dilemma did they propose to Jesus?
4. What answer did Jesus give to the question? What additional comments did He make regarding the resurrection?
5. In response to a lawyer, what did Jesus say were the two greatest commandments?

Jesus Asks a Question - Matthew 22:41-46, Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44

1. What question did Jesus ask regarding a comment of David?
2. From that point on no one dared to ask Him questions.

Jesus' Last Sermon - Matthew 23:1-39, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47

1. Whom should we call Father? Who is the greatest among the brethren?
2. What weightier matters of the law had been ignored by the Pharisees (Matthew 23:23)?
3. How did Jesus describe Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37)?

Widow's Mite - Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4

1. Why was the widow's gift so great?

Coming Destruction of Jerusalem - Matthew 24:1-51, Mark 13:1-37, Luke 21:5-36

1. What prediction did Jesus make about the temple (Mark 13:2)? What questions were raised by the disciples because of this prediction (Mark 13:4, Matthew 24:3)?
2. What events were not the signs of the coming destruction (Mark 13:5-13)?
3. What would be the sign that would indicate they should flee (implying that one could escape if you recognized the right sign)? What conditions would make flight difficult?
4. These things would occur during what generation (Mark 13:30)? Note that the subject changes in Mark 13:32 to a specific day, the day of Jesus' return of which no man knows the hour.

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Material:

Matthew 25:1 - 26:29

Mark 14:1-25

Luke 22:1-38

John 12:2-8, 13:1-38

Period:

Final Week

Events:

Parables

Anointing by Mary

Judas Betrays Jesus

Passover Meal

Betrayal Revealed

Denials Predicted

Lord's Supper

Introduction:

During the last week of His life, Jesus stayed in Bethany at night and traveled into Jerusalem during the morning. In Bethany, Mary anointed Jesus for His death with an extremely expensive oil. To provide privacy for His last meal with the Apostles, Jesus miraculously obtained a secret location. During this meal He once more stressed to them the need for humility. He also established the Lord's Supper.

Questions:***Parables - Matthew 25:1-46***

1. What two parables were taught to stress the need for preparation and readiness?
2. What general principle was taught in the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:30)?
3. What actions will distinguish the righteous and the cursed on the day on the day of judgment?

Anointing by Mary - Matthew 26:1-13, Mark 14:1-9, Luke 22:1-2, John 12:2-8

1. Prior to His anointing, what did Jesus predict (Matt. 26:2)? Why did the Jewish leaders avoid taking Jesus during the feast (Matt. 26:4-5)?

2. Why were the disciples indignant at the anointing of Jesus? Why was Judas particularly upset (John 12:4-6)?

3. What was Jesus' response to the criticism? Was He correct?

Judas Betrays Jesus- Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 14:10-11, Luke 22:3-6

1. For what price did Judas agree to betray Jesus?

2. For what did Judas look?

Passover Meal - Matt. 26:17-20, Mark 14:12-17, Luke 22:7-17, 24-30, John 13:1-20

1. How did John and Peter secure the upper room?

2. Following the eating of the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of the twelve Apostles. What did Peter assert to Him (John 12:8)? Why did he change his mind?

3. Why did Jesus say He had washed their feet?

Betrayal Revealed - Matt. 26:21-25, Mark 14:18-21, Luke 22:21-23, John 13:21-30

1. What was the initial response to Jesus' assertion that one of them would betray Him (John 12:22)? What question was asked?

2. What sign did Jesus give them to indicate the traitor? Did they know who it was (John 12:28)?

3. What did Jesus say to Judas?

Denials Predicted - Matt. 26:31-35, Mark 14:27-31, Luke 22:31-38, John 13:31-38

1. Whom did Jesus say would deny Him (Mark 14:27)?

2. What did Peter say to this? What prediction did Jesus make about Peter specifically?

3. What word of hope did Jesus also give Peter (Luke 22:32)?

Lord's Supper - Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:18-20

1. What did Jesus say was His body? What was His blood?

2. When did Jesus say He would drink of the fruit of the vine again?

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Lesson 23

Material:

John 14:1 - 18:27

Matthew 26:36 - 27:10

Mark 14:32 - 15:1

Luke 22:39-71

Period:

Final Week

Events:

Last Address to the Apostles

Gethsemane

Jewish Trial

Peter's Denial

Jewish Condemnation

Introduction:

Following His last supper with the Apostles and the establishment of the Lord's Supper, Jesus traveled with them to the Garden of Gethsemane. Along the way, He taught them one last time. Jesus anguished greatly while praying in the Garden, but He appeared prepared for the suffering ahead as Judas betrayed Him with a kiss. From the beginning, His trial was a mockery of justice as He repeatedly endured indignations in violation of the law. His disciples fled as Jesus had predicted.

Questions:

Last Address to the Apostles - John 14:1 - 17:26

1. What three things did Jesus claim to be (14:6)?
2. Why was Jesus upset with Philip?
3. What demonstrates our love for Christ (14:15, 23, 24)?
4. What names are given to the Holy Spirit in the 14th chapter (vs. 16-17, 26)? What are the Apostles promised He will do?
5. What must we do as branches (15:5)?

6. What is the greatest act of love? How did Jesus treat the Apostles as friends (15:15)?
7. What kinds of persecution were they to expect?
8. Of what three things would the Spirit convict the world (16:8-11)? Into what would the Spirit guide the Apostles?
9. For what did Jesus pray on behalf of the Apostles (17:11, 17)?
10. For what did Jesus pray on behalf of all believers (17:20-23)?

Gethsemane - Matthew 26:36-56, Mark 14:32-52, Luke 22:39-53, John 18:1-12

1. For what did Jesus pray in the Garden? Was His prayer answered?
2. What physical signs indicated the agony He suffered?
3. What did the Apostles do during His prayer?
4. How did Judas point out Jesus? What did Peter do?

Jewish Trial - Matt. 26:57-68, Mk. 14:53-65, Luke 22:54, 63-65, John 18:12-14, 19-24

1. Where was Jesus taken first (Jn. 18:13)? What indignation did Jesus suffer there (18:22)?
2. False witnesses were brought before Caiaphas. Why did this plot fail (Matt. 26:59-62)?
3. What finally caused His condemnation (Matt. 26:64-66)? How was He immediately punished? How was He mocked?

Peter's Denial - Matt. 26:58, 69-75, Mk. 14:54, 66-72, Lk. 22:54-62, Jn. 18:15-18, 25-27

1. What did Peter deny? To what extent (Matt. 26:72, 74)?
2. When Jesus looked at Peter following the denials, what did Peter do?

Jewish Condemnation - Matthew 27:1, Mark 15:1, Luke 22:66-71

1. To where did the Jewish leadership decide to take Jesus?

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Lesson 24

Material:

Matthew 27:11-50

Mark 15:1-37

Luke 23:1-49

John 18:28 - 19:30

Period:

Last Week

Events:

First Appearance before Pilate

Appearance before Herod

Second Appearance before Pilate

Led to Golgotha

Crucifixion

Introduction:

The Jewish leadership had condemned Jesus and would have willingly stoned Him. However, the Romans ruled Judea and had forbidden the Jews to perform capital punishment. To accomplish their ultimate goal, the Jews had to convince Pilate Jesus was worthy of death. Pilate was not easily swayed. He recognized the innocence of Jesus and sought repeatedly to set Him free. He was unsuccessful and, because he lacked sufficient courage, he finally allowed Jesus to be crucified.

Questions:

First Appearance before Pilate - Matt. 27:11-14, Mk. 15:1-5, Lk. 23:1-7, Jn. 18:28-38

1. What statement did they first make about Jesus (John 18:30)? What did Pilate tell them to do?
2. What did Jesus say to Pilate regarding His kingdom (John 18:36)?
3. Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod?

Appearance before Herod - Luke 23:8-12

1. What did Herod hope to see?
2. How did Jesus respond to the questions of Herod?

3. How was Jesus treated in Herod's court?

Return to Pilate - Matt. 27:15-30, Mk. 15:6-19, Lk. 23:13-25, Jn. 18:39 - 19:16

1. What custom did Pilate have? Whom did Pilate offer to release?
2. Why did the crowd choose Barabbas (Matt. 27:20)?
3. What was Pilate's conclusion regarding Jesus (Luke 23:14)?
4. The chastisement Pilate suggested (Luke 23:16) was probably a scourging (John 19:1).
5. What finally persuaded Pilate to allow Jesus to be crucified (John 19:12)?
6. What rash statements did the Jews make (John 19:15, Matthew 27:25)?

Led to Golgotha - Matt. 27:31-34, Mk. 15:20-23, Lk. 23:26-33, Jn. 19:16, 17

1. Whom did they compel to carry His cross?
2. What does Golgotha mean?

Crucifixion - Matt. 27:35-44, Mk. 15:24-37, Lk. 23:33-49, Jn. 19:18-30

1. What groups mocked Jesus while He was on the cross? What did they say?

2. List the seven things Jesus said while on the cross?

3. When and for how long was there darkness?

Life of Christ

A Review of the Four Gospel Accounts

Lesson 25

Material:

Matthew 27:51 - 28:15

Mark 15:38 - 16:14

Luke 23:49 - 24:43

John 19:31 - 20:23

Period:

Final Week

Resurrection

Events:

Death and Burial of Jesus

The Empty Tomb

Appearance to Mary Magdalene and Other Women

Guards' Report

Appearance to Two Disciples

Appearance to Ten Apostles

Introduction:

The reaction of the soldiers and the crowd was very different at the death of Jesus than during His trial. Many unusual events in Jerusalem immediately following His death also increased the sense that Jesus was not an ordinary man. Great precaution was taken by the Jews to ensure that what eventually occurred would not happen, i.e. the tomb be found empty. The disciples were hardly prepared for Jesus to appear, in fact they were extremely skeptical at each appearance or report of an appearance.

Questions:

Death and Burial of Jesus - Matt. 27:51-66, Mk. 15:38-47, Lk. 23:45-56, Jn. 19:31-37

1. Why did the soldiers not break the legs of Jesus? What happened when they pierced His side? What prophecies were fulfilled by these two actions?

2. Note that John claims to have been an eyewitness (John 19:35).

3. What happened in the city of Jerusalem immediately following the death of Jesus?

4. What did the centurion say regarding these events (Matt. 27:54)?

5. How did the crowd which watched Jesus die react (Luke 23:48)?
6. Who asked for the body of Jesus? Describe the tomb where it was placed.
7. What did the women do to the body (Luke 23:55-56)?
8. For what did the chief priests and Pharisees ask Pilate? Why?
9. Describe the security at the tomb (Matt. 27:66).

The Empty Tomb - Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-10

1. At what time did the women come to the tomb? Why did they come? What worried them during their trip (Mark 16:3)?
2. What did they find in the tomb? What was not there? What were they told?
3. Who ran to Peter and John?
4. What did Peter and John discover?

Appearance to Mary Magdalene and Other Women - Matthew 28:9-10, Mark 16:9-11, John 20:11-18

1. To whom did Jesus first appear? Was her report believed?
2. How did the women react to Jesus' appearance?

Guards' Report - Matthew 28:11-15

1. What were the guards paid to say?

Appearance to Two Disciples - Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-35

1. Where were the two disciples traveling? How far away was it?
2. How did they describe Jesus to the one traveling with them (vs. 19)?
3. What were their hopes in Jesus? What had they heard that day?
4. How did Jesus rebuke them? What did He teach them? What was their reaction (vs.32)?
5. When did they discover it was Jesus? Where did they go?

Appearance to Ten Apostles - Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-23

1. What did Jesus show the Apostles to prove He was not a spirit?
2. What shows that they were skeptical?

Life of Christ

A Review of the Four Gospel Accounts

Lesson 26

Material:

John 20:26 - 21:25

I Corinthians 15:6

Matthew 28:16-20

Mark 16:15-20

Luke 24:44-53

Period:

Resurrection

Events:

Appearance to Thomas

Appearance in Galilee

Appearance to 500

Great Commission

The Ascension

Introduction:

The appearances of Jesus occurred during a seven week period and were undoubtedly more numerous than those recorded for us. The time was short and He continued to use it to prepare the Apostles for their future work. Following the ascension of Jesus, these men were greatly changed from the frightened men who had scattered at His capture in the Garden. They were ready to fulfill the great commission, requiring only the baptism of the Holy Spirit which was soon to occur.

Questions:

Appearance to Thomas - John 20:26-31

1. What proof did Thomas demand?
2. How did Jesus enter the room? What did He offer to Thomas? How did Thomas respond?
3. Whom did Jesus say were blessed?
4. Why was the book of John written?

Appearance in Galilee - John 21:1-25

1. How did John realize it was Jesus on the shore (vs. 7)?

2. What did Peter do?
3. What did Jesus do for them?
4. What was Peter's reaction at the third question of Jesus (vs. 17)?
5. What did Jesus say regarding Peter's death? What improper question did Peter ask?

Appearance to 500 and James - I Corinthians 15:6, 7

1. What statement did Paul make regarding the 500?

Great Commission - Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:44-49

1. What were the Apostles to teach?
2. Where were they to go teaching?
3. Where were they to wait for power from on high?
4. Whom did Jesus say would be saved?

The Ascension - Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53

1. From where did Jesus ascend?
2. What did the disciples do?