



## ***The Life of Christ – An Overview***

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## Lesson 1 - Introduction

### ***Introduction***

Nearly all of the information available on the life of Christ comes from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each book has its own theme and purpose, and therefore uncertainty arises about the exact order of some events. It is the purpose of this class, however, to develop a comprehensive view of the life of Christ. We will do so by identifying ten major periods of His life and learning to group the events of Jesus' life in the major period in which they occurred.

We will also endeavor to gain a greater appreciation of the ebb and flow of His ministry: the rise and fall of His popularity, the source and persistence of His opposition, and above all the manner in which Jesus remains in control of events even to the point of acquiescing to a horrid death.

### ***Ten Major Periods***

The ten major period are:

1. Birth and Childhood
2. Beginning of Ministry
3. Galilean Ministry – First Tour
4. Galilean Ministry – Second and Third Tour
5. Later Galilean Ministry
6. Judean Ministry
7. Perea Ministry
8. Last Week
9. Trials and Crucifixion
10. Resurrection and Appearances

### ***Assignment***

1. For each of the periods listed above, list one or two representative events:

2. Place each of the following events in the proper period, based on what you know about the location or details of each story:

Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi  
Denunciation of Scribes and Pharisees (woes)  
News comes of Lazarus' sickness  
Temptations  
Syrophenician daughter healed  
First distinct prediction of His own death  
Feeding 5,000  
Woman healed by touching His garment  
Rejection at Nazareth  
Healing at pool of Bethesda  
Anointing at Bethany  
Great Commission  
Baptism of Jesus  
Sermon on the Mount

3. Locate the following regions and cities on a map of Palestine:

Jerusalem  
Bethlehem  
Nazareth  
Bethany  
Bethsaida  
Cana  
Capernaum  
Nain  
Sychar (Shechem)  
Tyre  
Sidon  
Caesarea Philippi  
Judea  
Galilee  
Perea  
Samaria  
Decapolis  
Egypt



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## Lesson 2 – Geography and Culture

1. How were the following significant to Jesus' life and work?
  - a) Jewish sects (list them)
  - b) Jewish worship and laws (note any specific laws)
  - c) Synagogues
  - d) Greek culture (language)
  - e) Roman rule
  
2. What in the accounts of Jesus' life makes it difficult to accept him as:
  - a) A mythological figure
  
  - b) An ordinary man
  
3. Review the ten major periods.
  
4. List the facts you know about the following individuals involved in Christ's life:

Caesar Augustus	Quirinius
Tiberius Caesar	Pontius Pilate
Annas	Caiaphas
Herod (Luke 3:1)	Herod (Matthew 2:1)
Nicodemus	



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## Lesson 3 – Birth and Childhood

### **Readings:**

Matthew 1:1 – 2:23

Luke 1:5 – 2:52

John 1:1-5

### **1) Introduction**

a) Arrange the following events in chronological order:

Flight to Egypt

Birth of Jesus

Announcement to Mary by Gabriel

Visit of Shepherds

Visit of Wise Men

Growing up in Nazareth

Presentation at Temple

Mary visits Elizabeth

Visit to temple at age 12

### **2) Announcements**

a) To Zacharias (Luke 1:5-25)

i) Who was Zacharias?

ii) Where was he when the angel Gabriel appeared, and what was he told would come to pass?

b) To Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

i) What is Mary told by Gabriel?

ii) What was her question and how well did she accept her role?

c) To Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)

i) What was Joseph told about this son that would be born to Mary?

d) Visit to Elizabeth and the Birth of John (Luke 1:39-80)

### **3) Birth and Infancy of Jesus**

- a) Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7)
  - i) Why did they travel to Bethlehem?
  
  - ii) Where was Jesus born?
  
- b) Visit of the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
  - i) How was the child described to the shepherds (vs. 11)?
  
  - ii) How did Mary respond (vs. 19)?
  
- c) Presentation at the Temple (Luke 2:21-39)
  - i) What two individuals spoke concerning the child?
  
- d) Wise Men and the Flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:1-18)
  - i) How did the wise men know to come?
  
  - ii) Why was Herod so interested?
  
  - iii) Why did Joseph and Mary take Jesus to Egypt?

### **4) Growing up**

- a) In Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23, Luke 2:39, 40)
  
- b) Visit to Temple at 12 (Luke 2:41-51)
  - i) How often did they go to Jerusalem?
  
  - ii) What was Jesus' answer to His parents' concern (vs. 49)?
  
  - iii) How did Jesus act toward His parents as he grew up?



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## Lesson 4 – Beginning of Ministry

### **Readings:**

Matthew 3:1 – 4:11

Mark 1:1-13

Luke 3:1-22, 4:1-13

John 1:6 – 4:42

### **1) Introduction**

a) Arrange the following events in chronological order:

First temple cleansing

Woman at the well

Conversation with Nicodemus

Calling first disciples

Baptism

Move to Capernaum

First Miracle

Temptations

### **2) Baptism**

a) What was the appearance of John the Baptist? Describe his ministry.

b) Why was Jesus baptized (Matt. 3:15)?

c) What happened after Jesus was baptized?

### **3) Temptations**

a) What were the three specific temptations?

b) How did Jesus overcome the temptations?

### **4) First Disciples**

a) What did John say of Jesus in the presence of his disciples (John 1:29, 34)?

b) Who were the first two disciples (note that one is not named) (John 1:35-42)?

- c) Who were the next two disciples (John 1:43-51)? What did Philip say about Jesus (vs. 45)?

#### **5) First Miracle**

- a) What was the setting of Jesus' first miracle? What did His mother say before the miracle and what was His response?
- b) What was said of this miracle (John 2:11)? Where did Jesus go next?

#### **6) Trip to Jerusalem**

- a) Cleansing of the Temple
  - i) What prompted Jesus' journey to Jerusalem (John 2:1)?
  - ii) Why did He say He had cleansed the temple?
  - iii) What sign did He promise the Jews? What did He mean by this?
  - iv) Note that other signs were done in Jerusalem.
- b) Nicodemus
  - i) Who was Nicodemus?
  - ii) Why did he come to Jesus at night?
  - iii) Does he appear again in the gospel accounts of Jesus?
  - iv) What is prophesied in John 3:14?
- c) Testimony of John the Baptist (John 3:22-36)

#### **7) A Trip through Samaria**

- a) Where was He leaving, where was He headed and through where did He travel (John 4:3, 4)?
- b) What did Jesus offer the woman at the well (John 4:13, 14)?
- c) What did Jesus teach her about worship (John 4:22-24)?
- d) Did Jesus admit that He was the Christ (vs. 25, 42)? Note later how among the Jews He is more careful about revealing His identity.





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## Lesson 5 – Galilean Ministry First Tour

### **Readings:**

Matthew 4:13 – 9:17, 11:2-19

Mark 1:16 – 3:19

Luke 4:16 – 7:50

John 4:46 – 5:47

### **1) Introduction**

a) Arrange the following events in chronological order:

Call of the fishermen

Group of Galilean Miracles

Meal at Simon's house

Healing at pool of Bethesda

Appointing the Twelve

Healing the Nobleman's son

First rejection at Nazareth

Healing the widow's son at Nain

b) Matthew 4:13-17 and Luke 4:14-15 give good summaries of Jesus' work at this time. It may have been during the early Galilean ministry that Jesus taught the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5:1 – 7:29).

### **2) Beginnings (John 4:43-45)**

Jesus returns to Galilee from the trip to Jerusalem recorded by John (John 2:13 – 4:42).

a) Nobleman's Son (John 4:46-54)

i) What made this miracle particularly noteworthy?

b) Rejection at Nazareth (Luke 4:16-31)

i) From what did Jesus read in the synagogue in Nazareth? What did he say regarding this scripture?

ii) What did the residents of Nazareth attempt to do?

### **3) Callings**

a) The Fishermen (Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11)

i) Who were the called fishermen? Did they know Jesus previously?

- ii) What was Simon Peter's response at the great catch of fish?
- b) Matthew (Matt. 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32)

#### **4) Group of Galilean Miracles**

- a) Demon-possessed man (Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:31-37)
  - i) What was astonishing about Jesus (Mark 1:22, 27)?
- b) Peter's mother-in-law (Matt. 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39)
- c) Preaching and healing many (Matt. 8:16-17, Mark 1:32-39, Luke 4:40-44)
- d) Leper Healed (Matt. 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16)
- e) Paralytic Healed (Matt. 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26)
  - i) What did Jesus first do for this man?
  - ii) What opposition occurred?
  - iii) What was the reaction to the healing?

#### **5) Controversies Begin**

- a) Healing at Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-47)
  - i) This healing took place during the second Passover feast of Jesus' ministry. Accordingly, this feast marked the end of the first year and beginning of the second year of Jesus' ministry.
  - ii) Note the anger stirred by this healing (vs. 8-15, 16-18). What did Jesus do that especially stirred their rage?
- b) Sabbath Controversies (Mark 2:18 – 3:6, Luke 6:1-11)
  - i) Why was Jesus angry at some (Mark 3:4, 5)?

#### **6) Calling of the Twelve** (Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16)

- a) What did Jesus do prior to this selection?

#### **7) Other Miracles and Events**

- a) Healing the Centurion's Servant (Matt. 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10)
- b) Healing the Widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:11-17)
- c) Messengers from John (Matt. 11:2-19, Luke 7:18-35)
- d) Simon's House (Luke 7:36-50)



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## Lesson 6 – Galilean Ministry Second and Third Tours

### Readings:

Matthew 8:23 – 11:1, 12:22 – 14:36

Mark 3:20 – 6:56

Luke 8:1 – 9:17, 11:14-36

John 6:1-71

### 1) Introduction

- a) Arrange the following events in chronological order:
- |                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Feeding 5,000              | Second rejection at Nazareth |
| Four miracles at Capernaum | Sending out the twelve       |
| Kingdom parables           | Stilling the tempest         |
| Gadarene demoniacs         | John's death                 |
| Walking on water           |                              |

### 2) Second Tour

- a) Scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 12:22-45, Mark 3:20-30, Luke 11:14-36)
- From where were these men (Mark 3:22)?
  - What challenges were made (Matt. 12:24, 38)?
  - What were the multitudes thinking (Matt. 12:23)?
- b) Jesus' Mother and Brothers (Matt. 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35, Luke 8:19-21)
- c) Kingdom Parables (Matt. 13:1-52, Mark 4:1-34, Luke 8:4-18)
- Compare the clarity of these lessons to the sermon on the mount (Matt. 5 – 7).
  - Why did He speak in parables (Matt. 13:10-17)?
- d) Stilling the Tempest (Matt. 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25)
- Describe the miracle Jesus performed. What reaction did it cause among His disciples?

- e) Gadarene Demoniacs (Matt. 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39)
  - i) Describe the primary demon-possessed man.
  - ii) After he was healed, what did Jesus tell him to do?
- f) Miracles in Capernaum (Matt. 9:18-34, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56)
  - i) Jairus' Daughter and the Woman with the issue of blood
  - ii) Two Blind Men
  - iii) Mute Demoniac
- g) Second Rejection at Nazareth (Matt. 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6)
- h) Sending Out the Twelve (Matt. 9:35 – 11:1, Mark 6:7-13, Luke 9:1-6)
  - i) What did they preach and accomplish (Mark 6:12, 13)?

### 3) Third Tour

- a) Death of John (Matt. 14:1-12, Mark 6:14-29, Luke 9:7-9)
  - i) Why had John been imprisoned (Matt. 14:3, 4)?
  - ii) What did Jesus do when He heard of John's death (Matt. 14:13)?
- b) Feeding 5,000 (Matt. 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14)
  - i) How did this crowd gather and why did they need to be fed?
  - ii) From what did Jesus feed them?
  - iii) What were they prepared to do after Jesus fed them (John 6:15)? How did Jesus respond?
- c) Walking on Water (Matt. 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:15-21)
  - i) What did Jesus do during the night?
  - ii) When did Jesus come to them? Who asked to come to Him?
- d) Disciples Turn Back (John 6:22-71)
  - i) What hard teachings did Jesus give the multitude on the next day (vs. 53-58)?
  - ii) What was the reaction of even many disciples (vs. 60, 66)?
  - iii) What was Simon Peter's answer (vs. 68-69)?



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## Lesson 7 – Later Galilean Ministry

### **Readings:**

Matthew 15:1 – 19:1

Mark 7:1 – 9:50

Luke 9:18-56

John 7:2-10

### **1) Introduction**

a) Arrange the following events in chronological order:

Questions about who is the greatest

Peter's confession

Feeding 4,000

Blind man at Bethsaida

Demand for a heavenly sign

Syrophoenician woman

Transfiguration

### **2) Pharisees and Traditions (Matthew 15:1-20, Mark 7:1-23)**

a) How important to the Pharisees were their traditions ( Mark 7:9)?

b) What is it that defiles a man (Mark 7:20, 21)?

### **3) Two Healings**

a) Syrophoenician's Daughter (Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30)

i) Find the region of Tyre and Sidon on a map.

b) Deaf and Dumb Man (Matthew 15:29-31, Mark 7:31-37)

i) What did Jesus command following the healing of this man?

### **4) Feeding the 4,000 and Discussions of the Pharisees (Matt. 15:32 – 16:12, Mark 8:1-21)**

a) Why did the people need to be fed (Mark 8:2, 3)?

- b) Why did the Pharisees ask for a sign (Mark 8:11)?
- c) What warning did Jesus give His disciples (Mark 8:15)? What did the disciples think Jesus meant? What did He really mean?

**5) Blind Man at Bethsaida** (Mark 8:22-26)

**6) Peter's Confession and Jesus Predicts His Death** (Matt. 16:13-28, Mark 8:27-38, Luke 9:18-27)

- a) What question prompted Peter's confession? What was Peter's confession?
- b) What did Jesus promise to build on the rock of Peter's confession?
- c) What was Peter's response to Jesus' prediction of death? How did Jesus react to Peter's response?
- d) What challenge did Jesus make to His disciples (Matt. 16:24-28)?

**7) Transfiguration** (Matt. 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36)

- a) Whom did Jesus take with Him up the mountain?
- b) Who appeared with Him and what did they discuss?
- c) What did God tell the disciples (Matt. 17:5)?

**8) Demoniac Boy** (Matt. 17:14-21, Mark 9:24-29, Luke 9:37-42)

- a) Who had tried to heal this boy? Why were they unsuccessful?

**9) Another Prediction and Jesus Teaches His Disciples** (Matt. 17:22 – 18:35, Mark 9:30-50, Luke 9:43-56, John 7:2-10)

- a) What did the disciples argue about among themselves (Mark 9:33)?
- b) Whom did Jesus say would be first in the kingdom?



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## Lesson 8 – Judean Ministry

### **Readings:**

Luke 10:1 – 12:59

John 7:2 – 10:42

### **1) Introduction**

- a) Arrange the following events in chronological order:
- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Feast of Dedication        | Sending out the 70      |
| Man born blind healed      | Journey through Samaria |
| Visit with Mary and Martha | Feast of Tabernacles    |
| Woman taken in adultery    |                         |
- b) Please note that it is difficult to know whether to group certain events in the Judean Ministry or in the Perea Ministry that follows. All that we can be reasonably assured of is that the events took place outside of Galilee in the last few months of Jesus' ministry.

### **2) Journey through Samaria (Luke 9:51-56)**

### **3) Feast of the Tabernacles (John 7:1-52)**

- a) This feast would have occurred in October prior to the death of Jesus in the following Spring.
- b) Were the Jews expecting Jesus to come to Jerusalem (vs. 11-13)?
- c) What were the people saying about Jesus (vs. 25-31, 40-44)?
- d) Why did the officers not arrest Jesus (vs. 45-46)?

### **4) Woman Taken in Adultery (John 8:1-12)**

- a) What question did they ask Jesus (vs. 5)? What was their motive (vs. 6)?
- b) What did Jesus ask them and how did they respond?

**5) Teaching in Jerusalem** (John 8:13-59)

- a) What claims or charges did Jesus make (vs. 12, 23-24, 28, 42-44, 56, 58)?
- b) How did the Pharisees react to Him (vs. 48, 59)?

**6) Healing a Man Born Blind** (John 9:1-41)

- a) What discussion was held among the Pharisees (vs. 16)?
- b) What was the healed man's opinion (vs. 30-33)?

**7) Sending out the Seventy** (Luke 10:1-24)

**8) Parable of the Good Samaritan** (Luke 10:25-37)

- a) What question led to this parable?

**9) Mary and Martha** (Luke 10:38-42)

- a) What did Jesus say was true of each woman?

**10) Preaching in Judea** (Luke 11:1 – 12:59)

- a) List the topics Jesus' sermons covered:

- b) What was the lesson of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)?

**11) Feast of Dedication** (John 10:22-42)

- a) This feast would have occurred in December prior to the death of Jesus in the following Spring.
- b) What claims did Jesus make (vs. 14, 18, 24-25, 30)?
- c) What was the reaction (vs. 31, 39)?
- d) Why did Jesus leave Judea (vs. 39-42)?





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## Lesson 9 – Perea Ministry

### **Readings:**

Matthew 19:1 – 20:28

Mark 10:1-52

Luke 13:1 – 19:27

John 10:40 – 11:57

### **1) Introduction**

a) Arrange the following events in chronological order:

Raising Lazarus

Zaccheus

Eating with Pharisees

Parables of lost things

Jesus warned about Herod

Teaching on Divorce

Rich Young Ruler

### **2) Leaving for Perea** (John 10:40-42, Matthew 19:1-2)

a) How is Jesus received (generally speaking)?

b) Where is Jesus planning on going soon (Luke 13:22, 33; 17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28)?

### **3) Teaching and Healing in Perea**

a) Lesson on Repentance (Luke 13:1-9)

b) Healing a Woman on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-17)

i) How does Jesus explain the hypocrisy of His adversaries?

c) Teachings (Luke 13:18-30)

i) What must one enter in order to be saved (vs. 24)?

d) Jesus warned about Herod (Luke 13:31-35)

e) Man Healed on the Sabbath (Luke 14:1-6)

f) Teachings on Humility and Sacrifice (Luke 14:7-35)

i) To what extent should a person go to follow Jesus (vs. 26-27)?

ii) What should he do first (vs. 28-33)?

#### **4) Parables**

a) Lost Things (Luke 15:1-32)

i) To whom were these parables addressed (vs. 1-3)?

ii) What three things are lost in this chapter?

b) Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-18)

c) Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

i) What is the rich man told about his brothers (vs. 31)?

#### **5) Further Teachings**

a) On Marriage and Divorce (Matt. 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16:18)

b) On Service (Luke 17:1-10)

#### **6) Raising Lazarus (John 11:1-54)**

a) Why did Jesus delay His return?

b) What was the apostles' view of returning to Judea (vs. 8, 16)?

c) How long had Lazarus been dead? Did anyone deny a miracle had taken place (vs. 45-47)?

d) What did the Jewish leadership decide to do (vs. 50-53)

#### **7) Traveling toward Jerusalem**

a) Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

b) More Lessons (Matt. 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 17:20 – 18:14)

c) Rich Young Ruler (Matt. 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30)

i) What was this man's question?

ii) What was Jesus' answer? How did the man respond?

d) Final Turn Toward Jerusalem (Matt. 20:17-28, Mark 10:32-45, Luke 18:31-34)

i) Note the explicit prediction of Jesus' death

e) Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43)

f) Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)



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## Lesson 10 – The Last Week

### **Readings:**

Matthew 21:1 – 26:56

Mark 11:1 – 14:52

Luke 19:28 – 22:53

John 12:1 – 18:12

### **1) Introduction**

- a) We will attempt to identify the events of the last week by the day on which they likely occurred. There is not universal agreement regarding these days, and the gospel accounts are not usually very specific, but it will help our memory of the events if we can associate them with days of the week.
- b) During the course of this week, Jesus' practice was to spend the day in Jerusalem, but toward the end of the day travel the short distance to Bethany, where He spent the night.

### **2) Saturday**

- a) Anointing in Bethany (John 12:1-8, Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9)
  - i) When does John say this happened (vs. 1)?
  - ii) Why did Judas get upset (John 12:4, 5)?

### **3) Sunday**

- a) Triumphal Entry (Matt. 21:1-9, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19)
  - i) What was Jesus' mode of transportation? How did He obtain it?
  - ii) What did the people do and specifically what did they say of Jesus?
  - iii) Where did Jesus go when He came into the city and did He stay long (Mark 11:11)?

### **4) Monday**

- a) Fig Tree Cursed (Mark 11:12-14)
- b) Cleanses the Temple (Matt. 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48)

- i) Contrast the reaction of the Jewish leadership (scribes and chief priests) to that of the people (Mark 11:18).

## 5) Tuesday

- a) Withered Fig Tree (Mark 11:20-24)
- b) Authority Challenged (Matt. 21:23 – 22:14, Mark 11:27 –12:12, Luke 20:1-19)
- c) Question of the Pharisees (Matt. 22:15-22, Mark 12:13-17, Luke 20:20-26)
- d) Question of the Sadducees (Matt. 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-40)
- e) What is the Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34)
- f) Jesus Asks a Question (Matt. 22:41-46, Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44)
- g) Jesus Denounces the Pharisees and Scribes (Matt. 23:1-39, Mark 12:38-44, Luke 21:1-4)
- h) Prediction of Jerusalem's Destruction (Matt. 24:1-51, Mark 13:1-37, Luke 21:5-36)
- i) Parables (Matthew 25:1-46)
- j) Judas Betrays Jesus (Matt. 26:1-5, 14-16; Mark 14:1-2, 10-11; Luke 22:1-6)

## 6) Wednesday

## 7) Thursday

- a) Preparation for the Passover (Matt. 26:17-19, Mark 14:12-16, Luke 22:7-13)
- b) The Upper Room (Matt. 26:20-35, Mark 14:17-31, Luke 22:14-38, John 13:1-38)
  - i) Jesus washed their feet
  - ii) Passover feast
  - iii) Judas leaves
  - iv) The institution of the Lord's Supper
  - v) Prediction of denials
- c) On the Way to Gethsemane (John 14:1 – 17:26)
- d) The Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46)



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## Lesson 11 – Trials and Crucifixion

### **Readings:**

Matthew 26:47 – 27:66

Mark 14:53 – 15:47

Luke 22:54 – 23:56

John 18:12 – 19:37

### **1) Introduction**

- a) We come to the next to last major period of the accounts of Jesus. This period lasted less than 24 hours, from late in the evening on Thursday (possibly even after midnight) till He was buried and a watch set at His tomb (probably right before sundown on Friday).
- b) Jesus was tried by both the Jews and Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. We will try to organize our study of this day around His various trials.

### **2) Jewish Trials** (Matt. 26:57-68, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 22:54, 63-65, John 18:12-14, 19-24)

- a) Before Annas and Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin
  - i) Where was Jesus taken first (John 18:13)? What indignation did Jesus suffer there (18:22)?
  - ii) False witnesses were brought before Caiaphas. Why did this plot fail (Matt. 26:59-62)?
  - iii) What finally caused His condemnation (Matt. 26:64-66)? How was He immediately punished? How was He mocked?
- b) Denial of Peter (Matt. 26:58, 69-75, Mark 14:54, 66-72, Luke 22:54-62, John 18:15-18, 25-27)
  - i) What did Peter deny? To what extent (Matt. 26:72, 74)?
  - ii) When Jesus looked at Peter following the denials, what did Peter do?
- c) Jewish Condemnation (Matthew 27:1, Mark 15:1, Luke 22:66-71)

- 3) **First Appearance before Pilate** (Matt. 27:11-14, Mark 15:1-5, Luke 23:1-7, John 18:28-38)
  - a) What statement did they first make about Jesus (John 18:30)? What did Pilate tell them to do?
  - b) What did Jesus say to Pilate regarding His kingdom (John 18:36)?
  - c) Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod?
- 4) **Appearance before Herod** (Luke 23:8-12)
  - a) What did Herod hope to see?
  - b) How did Jesus respond to the questions of Herod?
- 5) **Second Appearance before Pilate** (Matt. 27:15-30, Mark 15:6-19, Luke 23:13-25, John 18:39 - 19:16)
  - a) What custom did Pilate have? Whom did Pilate offer to release?
  - b) Why did the crowd choose Barabbas (Matt. 27:20)?
  - c) What was Pilate's conclusion regarding Jesus (Luke 23:14)?
  - d) The chastisement Pilate suggested (Luke 23:16) was probably a scourging (John 19:1).
  - e) What finally persuaded Pilate to allow Jesus to be crucified (John 19:12)?
  - f) What rash statements did the Jews make (John 19:15, Matthew 27:25)?
- 6) **Led to Golgotha** (Matt. 27:31-34, Mark 15:20-23, Luke 23:26-33, John 19:16, 17)
- 7) **Crucifixion** (Matt. 27:35-56, Mark 15:24-41, Luke 23:33-49, John 19:18-30)
  - a) What groups mocked Jesus while He was on the cross? What did they say?
  - b) List the seven things Jesus said while on the cross:
    - c) When and for how long was there darkness?
- 8) **Burial and Tomb Sealed** (Matt. 27:57-66, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56, John 19:31-37)



# The Life of Christ – An Overview

## Lesson 12 – Resurrection and Appearances

### **Readings:**

Matthew 28:1-20

Mark 16:1-20

Luke 24:1-53

John 20:1 –21:25

### **1) Resurrection and the Empty Tomb**

- a) What occurred prior to the resurrection (Matt. 28:2)? What was the reaction of the guards?
- b) Who came to the tomb on Sunday morning and why did they come (Mark 16:1-4)? What were they worried about?

### **2) Appearances**

Consider the possibility of the following order of events surrounding Jesus' appearances:

- a) Women start for the tomb (Matt. 28:1)
- b) Earthquake and resurrection occur (Matt. 28:2-4)
- c) Guards leave for Jerusalem (Matt. 28:11-15)
- d) Three women find the tomb opened and see angels inside (Luke 24:3-9)
- e) Women go to tell the disciples of the empty tomb (Luke 24:10)
- f) Mary Magdalene finds Peter and John who run to the tomb (John 20:2-9)
- g) Peter and John leave the tomb (John 20:10)
- h) Jesus appears to Mary outside the tomb (Mark 16:9, John 20:11-17)
- i) Jesus appears to the other two women (Matt. 28:9, 10)
- j) Mary tells the eleven of Jesus' appearance to her (Mark 16:10-11, John 20:18)
- k) Later that day Jesus appears to two men on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
- l) Jesus appears to Peter (may have occurred prior to appearance to the two men) (Luke 24:34)
- m) Jesus appears to ten apostles and eats with them (John 20:19-23, Luke 24:36-43)
- n) Jesus appears one week later to all eleven apostles (John 20:24-31)
- o) Jesus appears to seven by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-24)

- p) Jesus appears to over five hundred brethren (I Cor. 15:6)
- q) Jesus appears to the eleven on a mountain in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20)
- r) Jesus appears to James His brother (I Cor. 15:7)
- s) Jesus makes a final appearance to the eleven in Jerusalem (Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:3-11)

**3) Questions**

- a) How many days was Jesus alive on the earth after His death (Acts 1:3)?
- b) What did He spend His time doing (Acts 1:3, Luke 24:45-49)?
- c) What evidence can you find in these appearances of a physical presence?
- d) What instructions did He leave the disciples?
- e) After His ascension what were the apostles told (Acts 1:10, 11)?