

Life of Christ

A Review of the Four Gospel Accounts

Lesson 1

Material:

Luke 1:1-4

John 1:1-18

Matthew 1:1-17

Luke 3:23-28

Period:

Birth & Infancy

Events:

Luke's Prologue

Christ's Pre-existence

The Genealogies

Introduction:

The writers of the gospel accounts were well aware of their task: to demonstrate that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. Luke is clear in his prologue that his account would allow one to know with certainty the things of Jesus. John claims to have beheld Jesus' glory, and declares that He is God, preeminent, preexistent but willing to become flesh. The genealogies are included to show the relationship of Jesus to Abraham and David and hence a fulfillment of divine promises given to both. The gospel writers were not merely biographers, but divinely inspired proponents of Jesus' assertion that He had come to save the world.

Questions:***Luke's Prologue - Luke 1:1-4***

1. How many accounts were there of the life of Christ?
2. Were there eyewitnesses available when Luke wrote?
3. Who was Theophilus (friend of God)?
4. What other book was addressed to him?

Christ's Divinity and Incarnation - John 1:1-18

1. Was Jesus active in the world before His incarnation?

2. Who bore witness of Jesus? What did he say of Him?
3. Who were His own who did not receive Him?
4. What came through Moses? What comes through Jesus?
5. To whom is the right given to become children of God?

Genealogies - Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38

1. What are the differences between Matthew's and Luke's accounts?
2. What prophecies are established by the genealogies?

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Lesson 2

Material:

Luke 1:5-80

Matthew 1: 18-25

Period:

Birth & Infancy

Events:

Announcement of John's Birth

Birth of John

Announcement of Jesus' Birth

Mary visits Elizabeth

Introduction:

The people of the Bible were real people. When confronted with the Supernatural, they reacted much as we would, with a degree of skepticism and a desire to understand. They were hardly gullible or simpleminded. Zecharias, Elizabeth and Mary all realize that something extraordinary is about to occur and are grateful for their part in God's plan.

Questions:***Announcement of John's Birth - Luke 1:5-25***

1. What is known of Zecharias and Elizabeth?
2. What was the course of Abijah (cf. I Chron. 24)?
3. Why was Zecharias afraid?
4. What prayer of Zecharias and Elizabeth did God hear?
5. What did Gabriel promise Zecharias?
6. How did Zecharias lose and regain his speech?
7. What did Elizabeth do for five months?

Announcement of Jesus' Birth - Luke 1:26-38 , Matthew 1:18-25

1. How did Gabriel address Mary?

2. What was prophesied of Jesus (vs. 31-33)?

3. What was Mary's question and Gabriel's reply?

4. What was Joseph's original intention?

5. What did the angel tell him?

Mary visits Elizabeth - Luke 1:39-56

1. How did Elizabeth know the identity of Mary's baby?

2. Describe Mary's attitude toward her role.

Birth of John - Luke 1:57-80

1. What did Zecharias prophesy of John?

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Lesson 3

Material:

Matthew 2:1-23

Luke 2:1-40

Period:

Birth & Infancy

Events:

Birth of Jesus

Presentation in the Temple

Visit of the Wisemen

Flight into Egypt

Return to Nazareth

Introduction:

The birth and infancy of Jesus was a period of humility and honor. The mighty Son of God was born in a stable, but He was soon visited by shepherds who spread the word of the angels they had seen proclaiming the birth of a savior. In Jerusalem, both Anna and Simeon bore witness that He was the promised one. However, from Jerusalem Herod sent soldiers to put Him to death, forcing His flight to Egypt.

Questions:***Birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-21***

1. How does Luke specify the time of his account?
2. Why were Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem?
3. How did the angels describe Jesus to the shepherds (vs. 11)?
4. After the shepherds' visit what did Mary do (vs. 19)?

Presentation in the Temple - Luke 2:22-38

1. Why was Jesus taken to Jerusalem?
2. What had been revealed to Simeon (vs. 26)?
3. What did Simeon say to Mary?
4. To whom did Anna speak?

Visit of the Wisemen - Matthew 2:1-12

1. What did the wisemen call Jesus and what was their intention (vs. 2)?

2. How did Herod learn that Jesus would be in Bethlehem?

3. What gifts were presented to Jesus?

Flight to Egypt - Matthew 2:13-18

1. What prophecy was fulfilled by the massacre in Bethlehem?

2. What prophecy was fulfilled by the return from Egypt?

Return to Nazareth - Matthew 2:19-23, Luke 2:39-40

1. Find the region of Galilee on a map

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Lesson 4

Material:

Luke 2:41 - 3:18

Matthew 3:1-12

Mark 1:1-8

John 1:19-28

Period:

Preparation

Events:

Jesus at Twelve
Ministry of John

Introduction:

The story of Jesus' youth is striking for what is not recorded. Only one incident is recorded, that of Jesus at twelve. But we know that Jesus served God perfectly throughout His life and despite His obscurity He was undoubtedly a remarkable youth and young man. Luke says He grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. He was a carpenter and lived in the small town of Nazareth until the beginning of His ministry. We can only imagine how difficult it was for Him to labor quietly and patiently during these years of preparation.

Questions:

Jesus at Twelve - Luke 2:41-52

1. How often did Jesus' parents travel to Jerusalem for the passover?
2. How did they manage to leave Him behind?
3. How long was it before they found Him? Where did they find Him?
4. What was He doing in the midst of the Teachers? What was their reaction?
5. What was His response to His parents' rebuke?
6. How did He act toward His parents following this event?
7. Find Nazareth on a map.

John's Ministry - Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-18, John 1:19-28

1. How was John dressed and what did he eat?
2. How does Luke pinpoint the timing of John's ministry (vs. 1,2)?
3. What did John preach (Lk. 3:3)? How would one demonstrate his repentance (Luke 3:8)?
4. What prophecies did John's ministry fulfill?

5. Did some believe John to be the Christ (Lk. 3:15)? What does John say of the one who would follow him (Mk. 1:7,8; Jn. 1:27)?

6. Who came to see John and where did they go (Mt. 3:5-7)?

7. What did John call the Pharisees and Sadducees (Mt. 3:7-10)?

8. List the qualities of John's character that made him great?

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Lesson 5

Material:

Matthew 3:13 - 4: 12

Mark 1:9-13

Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13

John 1:29 - 2:12

Period:

Preparation

Events:

Jesus' Baptism

Temptation in the Wilderness

Identification by John

First Disciples

Miracle at Cana

Introduction:

These events summarize not only the end of Jesus' preparation for His ministry, but also the first acts of that ministry. At thirty years of age Jesus left Nazareth, never to return as a resident. He traveled to the Jordan River to be baptized of John and then was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted for 40 days. He returned to the Jordan where John identified Him as the Lamb of God to several of his disciples. These men soon became followers of Jesus, witnessing His first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

Questions:

Jesus' Baptism - Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22

1. Why did John hesitate to baptize Jesus? What was Jesus' response?
2. What happened immediately after the baptism?

Temptation in the Wilderness - Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12, 13, Luke 4:1-13

1. Note that Jesus was tempted throughout the 40 days in the wilderness (Lk. 4:2). What made the temptations more pronounced?
2. What was the purpose of this type of temptation?

3. What three temptations were faced at the end of the 40 days? Complete the following:

Temptation Response of Jesus O.T. Quotation

4. Did the temptation of Jesus end after these three?

Identification by John - John 1:29-36

1. How did John describe Jesus?
2. What did John claim to have seen? What was he told would be the significance of this sign?
3. What did John testify (vs. 34)?

First Disciples - John 1:35-51

1. Why did Andrew and the other disciple of John follow Jesus?
2. What did Andrew say to Simon (Peter)? What did Jesus say to him?
3. What convinced Philip that Jesus was the Messiah (vs. 45)? What finally convinced Nathaneal?

Miracle at Cana - John 2:1-11

1. Who told Jesus there was no wine?
2. What was Jesus' reply to her?
3. What was the reaction to this miracle (vs. 11)?

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Lesson 6

Material:

John 2:12 - 4:42

Luke 3:19-20

Period:

Early Judean Ministry

Events:

First Cleansing of the Temple

Conversation with Nicodemus

Testimony of John the Baptist

Woman at the Well

Imprisonment of John

Introduction:

John is the only writer to record this brief Judean ministry. The early disciples of Jesus accompanied Him on His journey to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. At this point His disciples included Peter, Andrew, James, John, Nicodemus and Philip. The experience of this trip helps to explain their quick response when He later calls them at the Sea of Galilee.

Questions:

First Cleansing of the Temple - John 2:12-22

1. What caused Jesus to go to Jerusalem?
2. What did Jesus find in the Temple? What did He say had been done?
3. What were His disciples reminded of?
4. What sign did Jesus offer? What did He mean? What did the Jews think He meant?

Conversation with Nicodemus - John 2:23 - 3:21

1. What knowledge did Jesus have of men (2:25)?
2. What do we know of Nicodemus?
3. How did Nicodemus address Jesus? What conclusion had he made?
4. What did Jesus say was necessary to see the kingdom?
5. Of what must one be born to enter the kingdom?
6. What was to happen to Jesus (vs. 14)?
7. What is the sign of God's love?
8. What is required to avoid condemnation?

Testimony of John the Baptist - John 3:22-36

1. Jesus continued to work in Judea after He left Jerusalem.
2. How was Jesus described to John (vs. 26)?
3. What does John say of his ministry compared to Jesus'?

Woman at the Well - John 4:1-42

- 1, Why did Jesus return to Galilee (vs. 1-3)? What was His route (vs.4)?
2. Where did He stop? For what did ask the woman?
3. Why was the woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her? What did He offer to give her?
4. What did Jesus tell her that convinced her He was a prophet?

5. What did Jesus teach her about worship?
6. What did the woman do (vs. 28)?
7. What reasons are given for the belief that resulted in this city (vs. 39-42)?

Imprisonment of John - Luke 3:19-20

1. Why did Herod place John in prison?

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Lesson 7

Material:

John 4:43-54

Mark 1:14 - 2:12

Luke 4:12 - 5:26

Matthew 4:12-25; 8:1-4, 14-17; 9:1-8

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Healing of the Nobleman's Son

Rejection at Nazareth

Calling of the Four Fisherman

Miracles in Capernaum

Healing of a Leper

Healing of a Paralytic

Introduction:

Following His brief Judean ministry, Jesus returned to His home territory of Galilee. Although He now had a small group of disciples, it appears that He went to Nazareth alone and the disciples returned to their former jobs. Soon, however, He called them to follow Him, which they would do until the end of His life. Together, they began His Galilean Ministry which would preoccupy the majority of the three years of His public ministry.

Initially, the reactions to Jesus' miracles and teachings were astonishment and amazement. This lesson centers on these early successes. Later, the leaders of the Jews began to criticize and accuse Jesus, particularly regarding His conduct on the Sabbath day.

Questions:

Healing of the Nobleman's Son - John 4:43-54

1. Were the Galileans aware of Jesus' work in Judea?
2. What request did the nobleman make? How did Jesus respond?

Rejection at Nazareth - Luke 4:16-30

1. What was Jesus' custom?
2. What did Jesus say regarding the passage He had read?
3. What did Jesus say about prophets? How did the people respond?

Calling of the Four Fisherman - Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-21, Luke 5:1-11

1. Who were the men called by Jesus? What did he say they would do henceforth?
2. What did Jesus ask Simon to do? Why did he hesitate? What was the result?
3. What did Simon say to Jesus (Luke 5:8)?

Miracles in Capernaum - Matthew 8:14-17; 4:23-25, Mark 1:21-39, Luke 4:31-44

1. What was the reaction to Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-22)? Why?
2. What was the testimony of the unclean spirit? What amazed people about this incident (Mark 1:27)?
3. Describe the extent of Jesus' renown and popularity at this point?
4. Where did He go after leaving Capernaum?

Healing of a Leper - Matthew 8:2-4, Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16

1. Why was leprosy such a dreaded disease?
2. What commandment was given to this man?

Healing of a Paralytic - Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26

1. What was the scene of this miracle?
2. What showed the faith of the four friends?
3. What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man? What was the response of the scribes? Do you think their reasoning was accurate?

4. What is the answer to Jesus question (Mark 2:9)?

5. How did Jesus demonstrate His power? How did all of those present react?

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Lesson 8

Material:

Matthew 9:9-17; 12:1-21

Mark 2:13 - 3:19

Luke 5:27 - 6:16

John 5:1-47

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Calling of Matthew

Controversy regarding Fasting

Pool of Bethesda

Sabbath Controversy

Multitudes Healed

Calling of the Twelve Apostles

Introduction:

While the early works and lessons of Jesus resulted in amazement on the part of both the common people and the Jewish leaders, before long controversies arose with the religious leaders of the day, particularly the Pharisees. After calling Matthew, Jesus ate with the sinners and was sharply criticized. He was questioned about His disciples failure to fast and their eating of grain on the Sabbath day. After Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath day, a conflict arose with the Pharisees which essentially lasted the remainder of His life. As we shall see, Jesus violated no principle of the Law, but the Pharisees viewed Him as a lawbreaker. This section ends with Jesus making the selection of His twelve apostles following a night of prayer.

Questions:

Calling of Matthew - Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32

1. Matthew was also known as Levi.

2. What was Matthew's occupation?

3. Who ate with Jesus and His disciples? Who complained? What was Jesus' answer?

Controversy regarding Fasting - Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:18-22, Luke 5:33-39

1. Who raised the question regarding the disciples' failure to fast?

2. What illustrations did Jesus use to answer the question?

Pool of Bethesda - John 5:1-47

1. Although Jesus' work was centered in Galilee, He did continue to travel to Jerusalem for the required feast days. This occasion was the Passover.

2. How long had the lame man been infirmed?

3. What did Jesus tell the man to do? How long did it take him to do it?

4. What day was it? Why were the Jews upset?

5. For what two reasons did the Jews seek to kill Jesus (vs. 18)?

6. What awaits those who are in the grave (vs. 28-29)?

7. Jesus names four witnesses of Himself. Who or what are they?

Sabbath Controversy - Matthew 12:1-14, Mark 2:23 - 3:6, Luke 6:1-11

1. What criticism was raised against Jesus' disciples?

2. Did the disciples actually do anything wrong?

3. What did Jesus claim to be (Mt. 12:8)?

4. What question did Jesus ask before He healed the man with the withered hand (Mk. 3:4)?

5. What were the emotions of Jesus as He healed the man (Mk. 3:5)?

6. With whom did the Pharisees plot (Mk. 3:6)?

Multitudes Healed - Matthew 12:15-21, Mark 3:7-12

1. To what areas did Jesus go healing multitudes?

Calling of the Twelve Apostles - Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16

1. Who were the twelve Apostles?

2. What was said of Judas?

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Lesson 9

Material:

Matthew 5:1 - 6:5

Luke 6:20-36

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Sermon on the Mount

Introduction:

It is not certain that the sermons in Matthew and Luke are recorded from the same day. But because of their similarity we will deal with them together. While Jesus deals with a variety of topics in this lesson, if there is a common theme, it is the spiritual nature of the kingdom. Jesus introduces a focus on the inward man, establishing new standards of righteous behavior in the realms of prayer, marriage, oaths and the treatment of enemies.

Questions:

Beatitudes - Matthew 5:1-12, Luke 6:20-26

1. Literally what does it mean to be blessed?
2. What will happen to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness?
3. Who shall see God?

Relationship to the Old Law - Matthew 5:13-48, Luke 6:27-36

1. What two things are believers said to be?
2. What had Jesus come to do to the Law?
3. To enter the kingdom of heaven, what must our righteousness exceed?

Teachings on Hatred

4. What was said of old (Matt. 5:21)? What did Jesus say?

5. What should we do before we worship (Matt. 5:23)?

Teachings on Adultery

6. What was said of old (Matt. 5:27)? What did Jesus say?

7. To what extreme does Jesus recommend we go before we sin? Why?

Teachings on Marriage

8. What had been said of divorce (Matt. 5:31)? What did Jesus say?

Teachings on Oaths

9. What was said of old (Matt. 5:33)? What did Jesus say?

10. What are we to do (Matt. 5:37)?

Teachings on Retribution and Enemies

11. What was said of old (Matt. 5:38, 43)? What did Jesus say?

12. What is God's treatment (in general) in this life of the just and unjust (Matt. 5:45)?

13. Who loves those who love them?

Private Acts of Good - Matthew 6:1-5

1. What did the hypocrites do (vs. 2)? What was their reward?

2. What is symbolically said to illustrate the private nature of our good deeds?

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Lesson 10

Material:

Matthew 6:5 - 7:29

Luke 6:37-49

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Sermon on the Mount

Introduction:

Jesus continues His sermon by stressing the conduct and attitude of a member of the spiritual kingdom. He teaches how one should pray, the proper attitude toward the cares of the world, and persistence in addressing God. He speaks of those who claim to be serving the Lord when they are practicing lawlessness. The conclusion of His lesson is the contrast of the wise and foolish men. Once more the hearers were astonished not merely at the content of His teaching, but also at the authority with which He taught.

Questions:***Model Prayer - Matthew 6:5-15***

1. What is the reward of the hypocrites?
2. Where should we pray? What should we not do in prayer?
3. What is a condition of forgiveness?

The True Treasure - Matthew 6:16-34

1. Where will our heart be?
2. Can we serve two masters? Why?
3. What are we not to worry about (vs. 25)? What evidence does He offer that God will provide?
4. What do the Gentiles seek? What should we seek?
5. Why is this passage so hard to apply on a daily basis?

Proper Judgment - Matthew 7:1-6, Luke 6:37-42

1. Why should we avoid judging others (Matt. 7:2)?
2. Do you detect some humor in the illustration Jesus uses in vs. 3, 4?
3. How can we follow the commandments to remove a speck from a brother's eye and avoid casting pearls before swines if we are never to judge someone as being wrong? Be prepared to explain how you would reconcile Matt. 7:1 with Matt. 7:5,6.

Seeking God - Matthew 7:7-12

1. What three things are we to do?
2. What assures us that God will respond?

The Narrow Way - Matthew 7:13-23, Luke 6:43-45

1. By comparison how many find the way to destruction and how many the way to life?
2. How will we recognize false prophets?
3. Who will enter the kingdom of heaven?
4. What will some people claim?

Build on the Rock - Matthew 7:24-29, Luke 6:46-49

1. To whom does Jesus compare those who hear and do His words?
2. To whom does He compare those who only hear His words?
3. What was the response of the people to this sermon?

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Lesson 11

Material:

Matthew 8:5-13, 11:2-30, 12:46-13:53

Mark 3:31 - 4:34

Luke 7:1 - 8:21

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Healing the Centurion's Servant

Raising a Widow's Son

Sermon on John

The Great Invitation

A Sinful Woman's Forgiveness

Jesus and His Relatives

Parables

Introduction:

These events occurred during the second year of Jesus' ministry. His Galilean ministry was still increasing in popularity. Jesus continued to demonstrate His power to be unlimited, even raising a boy from the dead. Nevertheless, there continued to be incidents of opposition. He is criticized in the house of Simon the Pharisee and may even have faced some opposition from His family. During this period Jesus began to teach in parables. This method seems to have weeded out many who were not truly interested in spiritual matters.

Questions:***Healing the Centurion's Servant - Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10***

1. What was a centurion? Who came to Jesus on his behalf?

2. What message did the centurion send to Jesus? Why did Jesus marvel?

Raising a Widow's Son - Luke 7:11-17

1. What are the two large crowds described in vs. 11, 12?
2. Why did Jesus choose to raise this boy (vs, 13)?

3. How did the crowd react to this miracle? To where did the word spread?

Sermon on John - Matthew 11:2-19, Luke 7:18-35

1. Where was John (Matt. 11:2)? What prompted John's question?
2. What was the question? What answer did Jesus send to John?
3. How great was John (Mt. 11:11)? What did Jesus call him (vs. 14)?
4. Why was that generation like children?

The Great Invitation - Matthew 11:20-30

1. Why did Jesus criticize the cities of vs. 21-24?
2. Whom does Jesus invite to come to Him? What does He say of His yoke?

A Sinful Woman's Forgiveness - Luke 7:36-50

1. What did the woman do for Jesus?
2. Why did Simon conclude Jesus was not a Prophet?
3. What question did Jesus pose to Simon? Did he answer it correctly?
4. What was the contrast between the woman and Simon? Why did the woman love Jesus so much?
5. What saved this woman?

Jesus and His Relatives - Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35, Luke 8:1-3, 19-21

1. Who are Jesus' real relatives?

Parables - Matthew 13:1-53, Mark 4:1-34, Luke 8:4-18

1. What parables are recorded in these passages?
2. Which parable does Jesus explain?
3. What reasons are given for teaching in parables?
4. To what things does Jesus compare the kingdom?

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Lesson 12

Material:

Matthew 8:18-34, 9:18 - 11:1

Mark 4:35 - 6:29

Luke 8:22 - 9:9, 9:57-62

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Following Jesus

Stilling the Tempest

Gadarene Demoniacs

Healing a Woman and Jairus' Daughter

Visit to Nazareth

Twelve sent out

Death of John the Baptist

Introduction:

It is easy to sense in these events the difficulties Jesus faced in accomplishing the mission of the Father. We see His physical exhaustion before He stills the Tempest. He is disturbed by the lack of faith in His disciples, and faced rejection by the people of Gadarene who completely misunderstood His character. Great multitudes continue to follow Him, but all too often they are a hindrance to His true purpose. Once more He faced unbelief in His former hometown. The danger He will eventually encounter is highlighted by the death of John the Baptist, His forerunner.

Yet, even in these incidents, we witness the popularity of Jesus increasing overall. However, the peak of this popularity will occur soon.

Questions:

Following Jesus - Matthew 8:18-22, Luke 9:57-62

1. What comforts did Jesus lack?

2. What reasons did some give for hesitating to follow Jesus?

Stilling the Tempest - Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25

1. This scene occurs following a long day of teaching in parables.

2. During the storm where was Jesus?

3. What question did they ask Jesus?

4. What did Jesus do to stop the storm? How did the witnesses react?

Gadarene Demoniacs - Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39

1. Note that there were two possessed individuals, but one of a particularly severe nature.

2. Describe this possessed man:

3. What did the demons call Jesus?

4. Why were the demons named Legion? Where they request to be sent?
5. What happened to the swine? How did the people react?
6. What did the healed man ask of Jesus? What was Jesus' reply?

Healing a Woman & Jairus' Daughter - Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56

1. For what did Jairus ask?
2. Why did Jesus stop before He came to Jairus' home?
3. How long had the woman been afflicted? What did Jesus say about her faith?
4. Who witnessed the raising of this girl?

Visit to Nazareth - Matthew 13:54-58, Mark 6:1-6

1. Why were the people astonished?
2. How did they describe Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus not do many miracles?

Twelve sent out - Matthew 9:35 - 11:1, Mark 6:7-13, Luke 9:1-6

1. What instructions were these men given?
2. What persecutions were they told to expect?

Death of John the Baptist - Matthew 14:1-12, Mark 6:14-29, Luke 9:7-9

1. Whom did Herod speculate that Jesus might be?
2. How was Herod tricked into executing John?

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Lesson 13

Material:

Matthew 14:13-36

Mark 6:30-56

Luke 9:10-17

John 6:1-71

Period:

Galilean Ministry

Events:

Feeding of the Five Thousand

Walking on the Water

Hard Sayings

Miracles at Gennesaret

Introduction:

The feeding of the five thousand was the zenith of Jesus' popularity, at least until the triumphal entry. The day began as the apostles returned from their mission of going out two by two. Apparently, on that same day word reaches Jesus of the death of John the Baptist. Jesus and His apostles attempt to move to private place to discuss the happy news of their mission and the tragedy that had befallen John. However, the crowd seeing their boat not far from their shore, literally outran the boat to remain near Jesus.

Before the day ended they were ready to make Him a king. But Jesus dampened their enthusiasm, first by removing Himself and on the following day by chastising them for seeking physical food rather than spiritual.

Questions:

Feeding of the Five Thousand - Mt.14:13-21, Mk. 6:30-44, Lk. 9:10-17, Jn. 6:1-14

1. Describe how this crowd came together:

2. Why did Jesus begin to teach them (Mk. 6:34)?

3. How much food did the Apostles find in the crowd? How much was left over?

4. How many people were fed?

Walking on the Water - Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:15-21

1. What was the crowd ready to do (John 6:15)?

2. What did Jesus force the apostles to do (Mark 6:45)?

3. Where did Jesus go? What did He do? How long was He there?

4. Why did He walk on water to the apostles?

5. What did the apostles think He was? What did Peter ask to do?

6. Why did Peter begin to sink? Did Jesus hesitate to save him?

7. What was the reaction of those in the boat?

Hard Sayings - John 6:22-71

1. The next day, why did Jesus say the people were seeking Him?

2. For what did the people ask (vs. 30)?

3. What did Jesus claim to be (vs. 35)?

4. What was the reaction to Jesus' comment (vs. 41-42)?

5. What did Jesus claim in vs. 51? What was the reaction?

6. What did Jesus say about His flesh and blood?

7. The disciples of Jesus considered these sayings hard (vs. 60)? What did many do (vs.66)?

8. What question did Jesus ask of His apostles? What was Simon Peter response?

Miracles at Gennesaret - Matthew 14:34-36, Mark 6:53-56

1. Gennesaret was the region of the demoniac of Mark 5.

2. How was Jesus relieved this time?