A Study of “The Life Of Christ”

# ***Part I***

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#### Welcome to our study of the Life of Christ. The reading for this study begins after the 400 years of silence between the Testaments. The first two of the early promises made to Abraham have unfolded and we now come to the time when we will see the last promise, the Promise of the Seed, fulfilled in the birth of God’s Son, Jesus.

We know that the first promise that God made to Abraham was fulfilled in the birth of the nation of Israel from Abraham’s son. Israel was, however, a great disappoint-ment to God in that even though they were His chosen people, they would return to idols time and time again. They were not able to achieve God’s hope for them because they were unable to throw off the desire to be like all the nations around them. Even though God had fulfilled the second Promise by giving them a land of their own, they were unable to withstand the temptations of the foreign gods. The Kings of Israel attempted to be faithful before God but, once again, the nation fell prey to the idolatrous gods of the pagan nations around them. In the Old Testament we read about the prophets and how they pleaded to God’s people to return to the Lord. But, overall, the prophets were ignored and the people fell further away from God.

We know that God finally destroyed the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC by the Assyrians. When the Southern Kingdom continued to be ruled by wicked kings, with only an occasional faithful king, God allowed the army of Nebuchadnezzar to overtake Judah in 586 BC and everything that the Jews held sacred was either destroyed or taken to Babylon.

We then see where the prophets during the exile spoke of one day returning to Jerusalem. God was faithful and 70 years later, they did return to rebuild the Temple and the Wall.

The work of Malachi ended the Old Testament and then came the 400 years of silence. It is right after this period that we begin our study this quarter.

As the New Testament period begins, the Romans rule most of the known world. This is a fulfillment of prophecy from Daniel, over 600 years before.

We now take up the fulfillment of the last promise to Abraham. The coming of the Messiah is the event the Jews had been waiting for, and yet, as we shall see, they don’t recognize Him when he arrives.

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Lesson 1 – Introduction

(Gen. 3:1-15; Gen. 12:1-3; 2 Sam. 7:10-17; Isaiah 7:14; Galatians 4:4-5)

**Memorize:**

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;

 He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

 Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

**Keys to Understanding:**

Define enmity -

**Questions:**

1. In Genesis 3:1-15, who is God speaking to in verse 15? Who is the woman and the Seed that God is referring to in this verse?
2. In Gen. 12:1-3, we see God making His promises to mankind for the first time. Name the 3 promises and be prepared to discuss the significance of each.
3. In reading 2 Sam. 7:10-17, who is the seed that is referred to in verse 12 and what is the promise that is made concerning this seed?
4. In Isaiah 7:14, who is being spoken to and who is being spoken of? Where else do we see the name Immanuel mentioned? What does it mean?

**Thought Question:**

In reading Galatians 4:4-5, explain how can we “receive the adoption as sons” today?

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Lesson 2 – Gabriel Announces John and Jesus

(Luke 1:5-56)

**Memorize:**

### “For with God nothing will be impossible.”

###  Luke 1:37 (NKJV)

**Keys to Understanding:**

Define: betrothed –

**Questions:**

### How are Zacharias and his wife, Elizabeth described in verses 5-7.

1. Where was Zacharias when Gabriel appeared to him?
2. What good news did Gabriel have for Zacharias and what was Zacharias’ reaction?
3. What happened as a result of the way Zacharias reacted?

5. In verses 15-17, Gabriel speaks about John; list a few of the things that Zacharias

 learned about his son.

1. We see in verses 26-27 that Gabriel now visits Mary. She is betrothed to Joseph. In verses 32-33, Jesus is described to Mary. What things were told Mary about her son?
2. What was Mary’s reaction in verses 34-38?

10. Gabriel had also told Mary about Elizabeth. We learn in verse 39 that Mary went to

 Elizabeth. What happened when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary and what did

 Elizabeth say to Mary in verses 42 and 45?

1. How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth?

**Thought Question:**

List a few things from the “Song of Mary” that stand out to you in verses 46-55.

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Lesson 3 – John and Jesus are Born

(Matt. 1:17-25; Luke 1:57-2:24)

**Memorize:**

### “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

###  Matthew 1:23 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. In Matthew 1:18, we see where Mary was found with child of the Holy Spirit. It says

that Joseph planned to put her away secretly. What changed his mind?

1. In Matt. 1:24, what are we told that Joseph did?
2. We have already read in Luke 1 how Mary was told about Jesus and then how she went to visit Elizabeth for 3 months. Our reading takes up again in Luke 1:57 where Elizabeth is ready to deliver her son. What did her neighbors and relatives want to name her son?
3. What did Elizabeth and John say that he should be named and why?
4. What 2 things happened to Zacharias after John was born? (verses 64 and 67)
5. In Luke 2, there was a decree or law that was issued by Caesar Augustus. What was it and how did it affect Mary and Joseph?
6. Who were the first men to seek out Jesus after He was born in Bethlehem?
7. What did the angel of the Lord tell them about Jesus in verses 10-12?

**Thought Question:**

In verse 22 we see where Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to Jerusalem. Why did you think they did this? Can you find a verse in the Old Testament that would help you know why? (Hint: Look at your center references for verses 23-24)

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Lesson 4 – Reactions to the Birth of Jesus

(Matt. 2:1-23; Luke 2:25-38)

**Memorize:**

### “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel…”

###  Luke 2:34 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. What question did the wise men come to Jerusalem asking and why do you think

 it troubled King Herod and all Jerusalem with him?

1. King Herod gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together to ask

them where the Christ was to be born. Why would he think that they would know and

did they know?

1. Can you find where the prophecy that is quoted in verse 6 is found in the Old Testament?
2. King Herod secretly spoke with the Wise men to find out what time the star had appeared. Why would this information be important to King Herod?
3. The Wise men continued until they found the star and went inside to worship Jesus. What gifts did they present and what warning did they receive in a dream in verse 12?
4. After the Wise men had left, Joseph also had a dream. Why was it necessary?

7. What drastic measures did King Herod go to in order to ensure that Jesus was dead?

1. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in verse 19. What information was given to

him and why?

1. In Luke 2:25 we see where a man named Simeon is talked about. Who is he and what does he say he is waiting for?
2. Mary and Joseph arrive at the temple. What commandment were they abiding by?

(Hint: See Luke 2:22-24)

**Thought Question:**

Joseph and Mary marveled at Simeon’s reaction and words about Jesus. What does

Simeon say to Mary in Luke 2:34-35 and explain what you think this means?

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Lesson 5 – Jesus’ Childhood

(Matt. 1:1-17; Luke 2:41-52; 3:23-38; John 1:1-18)

**Memorize:**

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

 (Luke 2:52) NKJV

**Questions:**

1. In Matthew 1, we see where the genealogy of Jesus is recorded. It tells us in verse 17

that there are \_\_\_\_\_\_ generations from Abraham to David, and that from David until

the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in

Babylon until the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are fourteen generations.

1. In Luke 2:41-52, where does it say that Jesus’ parents were and how old was Jesus?
2. How much time had passed before Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was missing?
3. Where did they find him and what was He doing there?
4. What was the reaction from those who were with Jesus in the temple?
5. When Joseph and Mary finally found Jesus, 3 days had passed. They were quite troubled. What did Jesus say to them in verse 49 and what did He mean?
6. In John 1:14, who or what was “the Word” to ultimately become?
7. Why did God send John the Baptist before Jesus and what was his role to be?

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Lesson 6 – John and Jesus Begin Their Work

(Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-34)

**Memorize:**

### “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. “ Matt. 3:17

### “…hear ye Him.” Matt. 17: 5 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. In Matt. 3:1, we see where John is now grown and is preaching in the wilderness of

Judea. He was preaching, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” What does

the word repent mean and what is meant by the kingdom of heaven here in this verse?

1. We see in Matt. 3:5-6, that Jerusalem, Judea and the region all around the Jordan

River were listening to John. How did they respond?

1. Verse 7-8 says that the Pharisees and the Sadducees came to see John. What does John tell them to do and what warning does he give them in verses 9-10? Who is John speaking about in verse 11, when he says, “…He who comes after me is mightier than I...whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.”
2. In verse 11, John says, “I indeed baptize you with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
3. What baptism does John say that Jesus was going to baptize with? (verse 11)
4. In verse 10 we read the example where every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut

 down and thrown into the fire. Now in verse 12 we read of another example where fire

 is used to destroy. What is being thrown into the fire in this example?

1. In verse 10 Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan River. What did John think about this? What did Jesus say about this?
2. If God was well pleased when His Son chose to obey, doesn’t it follow that He will also be pleased with us when we choose to accept His Words and obey Him?

**Thought Question:**

Study the chart below and be prepared to discuss the outcome of those who choose to accept God’s Words and the outcome of those who have decided not to obey Him.

 Baptism - - - - - - (Jews) Those Who Accept God’s Words Will:

 of Acts 2:1-4 Hear, Believe, Confess, Repent, Be Baptized

 Holy Ac. 10:44-47 (Gentiles) & Live a Faithful Life

 Spirit - - - - - - -

 Matthew 7:21 - - - - - - - - - Will have eternal life in heaven

Baptism - - - - - - - Mark 16:16 Those Who Reject God’s Words will NOT:

 Of Matthew 7:21 Hear, Believe, Confess, Repent, Be Baptized

 fire - - - - - - - 2 Thess. 1:8 & Live a Faithful Life

 Rev. 20:15 - - - - - - - - - - But will be condemned & will be cast into fire

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Lesson 7 – Jesus is Tempted

(Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13; John 1:35-51)

**Memorize:**

“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from

 the mouth of God’.”

 Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. We see where Jesus has been led by the Spirit into the wilderness. He fasts for

forty days and forty nights and in verse 2 it says that Jesus was hungry. How does the devil use the fact that Jesus was hungry to tempt Him to sin?

1. What was Jesus’ answer to this suggestion in verse 4?
2. Where does the devil try next? Why do you think he quoted scripture to Jesus?
3. What was Jesus’ answer?
4. Next, the devil took Jesus up on an exceedingly high mountain. What does Satan ask of Jesus this time and what is Jesus’ reply?
5. In verse 11 we read that the devil left Him. Who came to Jesus now?
6. Read Hebrews 4:15. Who is the High Priest talked about here? (Hint: see Heb. 4:14)
7. What does the word sympathize mean in this verse?
8. This verse says that Jesus was tempted in all points just as we are today. Read 1 John 2:15 and write down the 3 ways of sinning that John lists.
9. Did the devil tempt Jesus using any of these?

**Thought Question:**

Name some ways that the devil uses these same 3 strategies when tempting us today.

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Lesson 8 – Jesus in Cana and Capernaum

(John 2:1 – John 3:21)

**Memorize:**

“…Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

 John 3:3 (NKJV)

**Keys to Understanding:**

Passover – the Jewish holiday that helped remind the Jews of when they were freed from slavery in Egypt and when they were instructed to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a lamb so that they would be spared from the 10th plague, death of the firstborn. All Jews, including Jesus, would have made the trip to Jerusalem to celebrate and remember the Passover.

**Questions:**

1. In John 2:1-12, we see where Jesus performs the first miracle. In verse 22 we read

that this is the beginning of the signs that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested

His glory. What does the word manifested mean here?

1. Why is Jesus in Jerusalem in verse 13? What did he find there?
2. Why do you think Jesus had a problem with this? (See verse 16)
3. What did the Jews ask from Jesus in verse 18? What was Jesus’ answer. Did the Jews understand what Jesus was talking about? Do you? Explain. (Hint: See verse 21)
4. In John 3:1-21, Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. What did Nicodemus say to Jesus when he first arrived in verse 2? What was Jesus’ answer?
5. Nicodemus did not understand the answer that Jesus gave him. Be prepared to

discuss in class what you think that Jesus meant in verse 3 and verse 5.

1. Read verses John 3:16-19. We see that those who believe in God’s Son will have everlasting life, but those who do not believe are condemned. Why? (verse 18)

1. Be prepared to discuss verses 19-20 in class. It reads that the light has come into the world, but men have loved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instead of the light. Why? (verse 19)

Give some examples of the darkness that is being referred to in these verses.

1. In verse 21, we read that he who does the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that his deeds may be clearly seen.

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Lesson 9 – Jesus in Judea and Samaria

(Matt. 14:1-5; Luke 3:19-20; John 3:22-4:42)

**Memorize:**

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”

 John 4:24 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. It reads in John 3:22 that Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained and was baptizing. We see that John also was still baptizing when there arose a dispute among some of John’s disciples and the Jews in verse 25. They asked John about Jesus. What did John answer them in verse 28-30?
2. Be prepared to discuss verses 35-36 where John says that God has given all things into Jesus’ hand. Also, prepare to discuss what happens to the one that does not believe in Jesus according to verse 36?
3. Then in John 4:1, we begin reading where Jesus heard that the Pharisees were speaking about how Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (although Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples). Why do you think that Jesus did not do any baptizing Himself?
4. After this we see where Jesus and His disciples leave for Galilee. In John 4:4-26, we read that in order to travel to Galilee, they had to go through Samaria. There Jesus came to Jacob’s well and sat down. A woman of Samaria came to draw water and Jesus ask her for a drink. Why do you think she was so surprised at this? (4:9)
5. What was Jesus’ answer?
6. She pointed out to Jesus that He had nothing to draw the water out of the well with. Then she asked Him where He was going to get the living water that He spoke about. Jesus then told her that whoever would drink of the water He was talking about would never thirst again. What did the woman say to this in verse 15?
7. Jesus then told her to call her husband, but she told him that she had no husband. What did Jesus say to her then? (17-18)
8. What does the scripture say that the woman realized after He said this?
9. In verse 20, the woman has a question for Jesus. What was it?
10. What was Jesus answer in verse 21, 23?
11. The woman said that she knew that the Messiah was coming and that He would

be able to tell them all things that they wanted to know. What did Jesus tell her

in verses 24 and 26?

1. The disciples came back from getting food in verse 27 and they were surprised to see

Jesus speaking with the Samaritan woman too. They wanted Him to eat some of the

food that they had brought back with them. But, what does Jesus tell them in verse

34? What do you think He was trying to teach His disciples with this answer?

1. In verse 39 we see that many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the woman telling them about the conversation that she had with Jesus. Then in verse 42, they told her after they spoke with Jesus that they now believed because they heard it for themselves. What can we learn from the Samaritan woman’s example?

**Thought Question:**

Be prepared to explain the meaning of John 4:24.

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Lesson 10 – The Galilean Ministry

(Matt. 4:12-17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-36; John 4:43-54)

**Memorize:**

“…The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

 Mark 1:15 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Now after John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the gospel. He told them, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. What do you think this means? (Mark 1:14-15)
2. In Luke 4, we read that when Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, that He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. Read this prophecy that Jesus read to them in Luke 4:18-19. Then we read where Jesus closed the book and sat down. He then said to all those who had heard him read it, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Explain what Jesus meant.
3. What did they say when they heard that Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of this prophecy? (Luke 4:22)
4. Jesus then tells them what they are thinking and getting ready to say, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ (This was a common adage or saying among the Jews that meant that they wanted Jesus to give them evidence that He would require from another if they claimed such a thing.) Then in verse 22, Jesus also tells them that they are thinking and about to say, “Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.” Jesus goes ahead and answers the questions that they never got a chance to even ask in verse 24. What does He say?
5. In verses 25-26, Jesus gives them some Old Testament examples of two of the prophets that they would have high regard and respect for, Elijah and Elisa. He reminded them that there were many suffering widows in Israel, but God did not send Elijah to any of them in Israel, but instead he was sent to perform a miracle to on a widow in the region of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a city of heathens.
6. In verse 27, Jesus reminds them that there were many lepers in Israel in the days of

Elisha the prophet, and none of them were cleansed except \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

the Syrian, not an Israelite.

1. What point do you think Jesus was trying to make by citing these two examples?
2. How did all of those that were in the synagogue feel about this? (verse 28)
3. We see how Jesus escaped and passed through the midst of them in verse 30. He then went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, in verse 31. He was teaching them on

 the Sabbath days. Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an

 unclean demon. What did he say to Jesus in verse 34?

1. What did Jesus say to the demon in verse 35 and what happened to the demon?
2. What did the people there in Capernaum say when they saw this miracle?
3. In verse 37, we see where it says that the report of this miracle went out into every place in the surrounding region. Do you think that they heard about it back in Nazareth?

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# Lesson 11 – Jesus Calls, Preaches and Heals

(Matt. 4:18-25; 8:14-17; Mk. 1:16-39; Luke 4:31-5:11)

**Memorize:**

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

 Matthew 4:19 NKJV

**Questions:**

1. In Matthew 4:18 –25, we see where Jesus begins to choose his apostles. Who were they and what was each of their occupations?
2. What did Jesus ask of them and how did they respond?
3. Read about Jesus healing Peter’s mother-in-law and Jesus casting out demons

in Mark 1:21-34. Be prepared to discuss in class.

1. In Luke 5:1-11, we see where Jesus was with the four apostles when he preached

from the boat. When he was done speaking to the multitudes, he told Simon to go out and let down the fishing nets for a catch. What was Simon’s answer?

1. When Simon and the others had done what Jesus said, what happened? (vs. 6-7)
2. After Simon Peter saw what had happened, what did he do and say in verse 8?

1. What did Jesus say to them in verse 10 and what do you think it means?

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# Lesson 12 - More Healing; Call of Matthew

(Matt. 8:2-4; 9:2-13; Mark 1:40-2:17; Luke 5:12-32)

**Memorize:**

“…Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have

 not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

 Luke 5:31-32 NKJV

**Questions:**

1. Read the miracle that Jesus preformed on the leper in Luke 5:12-15. How did the man with leprosy demonstrate his faith in Jesus?
2. Read about the miracle that Jesus performed in Luke 5:17-26. What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of? How did Jesus prove to them that he was able to forgive the paralyzed man of his sins?

1. Read Luke 5:27-32. Matthew is chosen to be an apostle. What was his job?

4. The Pharisees were surprised that Jesus would eat and drink with this crowd. Why?

**Thought Question:**

Read what Jesus’ reply to the Pharisee’s question in verses 31-32 and in your own words, explain what you believe this means.

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# Lesson 13 – Conflicts Over the Sabbath

(Matt. 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22: Luke 5:33-39; John 5:1-47)

**Memorize:**

“…for the works which the Father has given Me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.”

 John 5:36 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. In Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:18-22 and Luke 5:33-39, we read of Jesus being asked

 the question about why His disciples were not fasting like the disciples of John and

 the Pharisees? He answers them with a comparison that they would have all been

 familiar with. What was the comparison Jesus used?

1. In this comparison or analogy, we should know that the festivities of a marriage were

often celebrated for several days, sometimes even a week. Guests that were invited would have gone for the wedding feast and the celebrations. The guests would not think of fasting during such a joyous occasion. This would be most inappropriate. Jesus is comparing himself to the bridegroom and his apostles to the guests. As long as Jesus was with them, it would not be appropriate for them to be sad or mourning, which is associated with fasting. When did Jesus would be the time for them to fast? (Mark 2:20) When do you think this was going to happen?

1. Read Mark 2:21-22. Here Jesus talks about sewing a new piece of unshrunk fabric into an older garment as being an obvious poor choice. He goes on to speak of new wine being put into old wineskins as another most inappropriate choice. Both of these choices would have been obviously inappropriate to people of this day because of the outcome of such choices—a torn garment and burst wineskins.

By Jesus using all three of these examples: the wedding, the mended garment and the wineskins, the Pharisees and John’s apostles could reason and then easily answer their own question of why the disciples of Jesus did not participate in their fastings. Why do you think Jesus’ apostles had not been fasting?

1. Read John 5: 1-15. Be prepared to talk about Jesus healing the man at the Pool of Bethesda in class.
2. After this, the Jews started persecuting Jesus and sought to kill Him. Why? (See John 5:16)
3. In John 5:18, we see where the Jews sought all the more to kill Jesus. Why? (John 5:17-18)
4. “Then Jesus answered and said to them. “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do; for whatever He does, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

For the Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but has committed all judgment to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that all should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who sent Him. (John 5:19-23)

1. According to John 5:27, who has the authority to execute judgment and who gave Him this authority?
2. In John 5:28-30, Jesus explains who will be judged in the last day and how this will happen. What will all those that have done good receive? What about those that have done evil? (Also see John 12:48)
3. In John 5:38, Jesus tells the Pharisees, “But you do not have God’s word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe”. How was it that they were supposed to know that Jesus really was the Son of God? (See John 5:36,46-47)

**Thought Question:**

How can WE know that Jesus really was the Son of God? (See John 5:36; John 20:30-31)

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# Lesson 14 – More Sabbath Conflicts; Apostles

(Matt. 12:1-21; Mark 2:23-3:19; Luke 6:1-16)

**Memorize:**

“ For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

 Matthew 12:8 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matt.12:1-8, Deuteronomy 23:25 and Numbers 28:16-18. What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of?
2. How does Jesus answer them in Matt. 12:6-8?
3. Now read Luke 6:1-11. We see in verse 7 that the scribes and Pharisees were

watching Jesus closely. What were they hoping to be able to do?

1. In verse Luke 6:8, we see that Jesus knew their thoughts and their intentions. What question did Jesus ask in verse 9 that addressed the scribes’ and Pharisees’ thoughts?
2. Once Jesus gave them time to answer his question for themselves, what did He do? (Luke 6:10)
3. How did this make the Pharisees and scribes feel? (Luke 6:11)
4. Where did Jesus go next? (Luke 6:12)
5. In verse 13, we see Jesus choosing 12 apostles. They are listed in verse 14-16. List them.

**Thought Question:**

The Pharisees were the religious leaders of the day, why were they angry with Jesus after seeing him perform a miracle?

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# Lesson 15 – Sermon on the Mount; Beatitudes

(Matt. 5; Luke 6:17-36)

**Memorize:**

### “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

 Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matt. 5:1-12. “And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. What do you think the word “blessed” means?

Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

* Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
* Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
* Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
* Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, For they shall be filled.
* Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.
* Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.
* Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.
* Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
* Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake,
* Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
1. In these verses known as the Beatitudes, Jesus tells us that the outcome of those individuals who possess these certain qualities is that we will be citizens in the kingdom of God. The benefit of being in the kingdom of heaven is the condition of blessedness, a true state of happiness. Define this “kingdom”. Where or what is it?
2. It takes all of these qualities working together within an individual to be able to love and serve God from the heart and that is what God is interested in….our hearts.

Read: 1 Samuel 16:7b) “…For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ appearance, but the Lord looks at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. What kind of hearts will we have if we are truly interested in serving God? (Proverbs 3:5-8)
* Trust in the Lord with all your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and lean not on your own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

We will have a trusting and submissive heart if we are truly interested in serving God. It is the humble seeker, full of the sense of his own emptiness before God, who will receive God’s gift of salvation. It is the sincerely obedient person, acting from the heart, who will worship acceptably before Him.

* How can we achieve the right kind of heart? (Psalm 51:10,17)

1. Read Matt. 5:13-16. What 2 things does Jesus compare Christians to in these verses?
2. We see from these comparisons that Jesus wants us to be an example to others so that others may see and benefit from our good works. What is the end result of a Christian’s good works? (Matt. 5:16)
3. Read Matt. 5:21-48. Jesus talks about the Old Law and what it says and compares it to what Jesus says is good and right now in the kingdom (the church). List the two commandments that Jesus quotes from the Old Law. Compare what Jesus says about these laws with the original law and be prepared to discuss the differences in class?
4. Read Luke 6:46-49. Jesus asks the question, “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say”? He goes on to say that someone who hears Jesus’ sayings and does them is like what? (Luke 6:48)
5. Jesus then says that the man that hears these sayings and does not do them is like a man that built a house on the earth without a foundation. What or who is the foundation” that He is talking about? (See 1 Cor. 3:11) What happened to this man’s house?
6. (Read: James 4:7 and Romans 12:9b; 21)
* “Therefore \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God. Resist the devil and he will \_\_\_\_\_\_ from you.

 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you…”

* “Abhor that which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to that which is good”.
* “Do not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with evil, but overcome evil with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

**Thought Question:**

Jesus said that this man’s foundation was laid on the “rock” (Luke 6:48). What or who is the “rock” and foundation that Jesus is talking about? (See 2 Sam. 22:2)

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##  Lesson 16 – Sermon on the Mount Continued

(Matthew 6)

**Memorize:**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

 Matthew 6:21 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Jesus talks about doing charitable deeds in Matt. 6:1-4. What does the word charitable mean?
2. How does He say that charitable deeds should be done? Why? (vs. 1-4)
3. In verses 5-15, Jesus teaches us how to pray. He warns us not to be like the hypocrites. What is a hypocrite?
4. In verses 5-8, Jesus tells us how we should pray. List some of the ways that Jesus says are the correct and incorrect ways to talk to God.
5. Read verses 9-15 several times before class. Be prepared to discuss the things that Jesus prayed for in class. (Also read: Phil. 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; James 5:16)

 . Praise

. Supplications

. Request for Forgiveness

1. In verses 19-21, Jesus speaks of treasures. Where should we store up our treasure and why?
2. Jesus speaks of our Master in verse 24. Why must we choose only one?

**Thought Question:**

Read Matt. 6:25-34. Jesus tells us how to handle our concerns and worries. What

comforting words does He give us about how to handle our worries? (vs. 33-34) What are some practical ways that we can apply this verse in our lives?

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# Lesson 17 – Sermon on the Mount; Hypocrisy

(Matt. 7; Luke 6:37-49)

**Memorize:**

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who

 does the will of My Father in heaven.”

 Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Jesus begins Matthew 7:1-2 by explaining the dangers of judging to us. We see that the judgment that we use, will be used to judge us. What point is Jesus trying to get us to see in verses 3-4?
2. What name does Jesus call the person that judges another when they have problems of their own that they need to correct? (See verse 5)
3. Jesus gives more advice in verse 6? Think about this verse and be prepared to share your thoughts in class.
4. Read Matthew 7:7-12. Jesus is teaching us that we can ask God for the things that we need and that God will give us those things that are good for us. Who does Jesus compare God to in verse 7:11 and what is the lesson we can learn from this comparison?
5. Read Matt. 7:12. We have all heard this verse many times as the “Golden Rule”. In verses 13-14, Jesus uses gates in comparing the two different ways that we may choose in life. Describe the two different paths that Jesus talks about here.
6. Read Matt. 7:15-20. How does Jesus say that we will be able to tell the difference between false prophets and those who will be teaching the truth?
7. Read Matt. 7:21-23. Who does Jesus tell us will get to enter into the kingdom of heaven?
8. Who will not? Look up the word lawlessness. What does it mean?

**Thought Question:**

Read Matt. 7:24-29. What does Jesus compare a wise man to? What about a foolish man? Be prepared to tell what the wise man did and the results of his actions and then compare it to what the foolish man did and the results of his actions.

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# Lesson 18 – Jesus Heals and Preaches in Galilee

(Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 11:2-30; Luke 7:1-35)

**Memorize:**

“…Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”

 Matthew 8:10 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matt. 8:5-13 and Luke 7:2-10. Jesus was in Capernaum when the centurion

 came to Jesus. What is a centurion and what was his request?

1. Jesus said, “I will come and heal him”, but what did the centurion say about this?
2. The centurion’s suggestion that Jesus “only speak a word and my servant will be healed” made Jesus marvel and say that He had not found such a great faith, not among any of the Jews in Israel. Then in Matt. 8: 11-12, Jesus talks about those that would be sitting with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob one day in the kingdom of heaven. Who do you think Jesus was talking about that would get to sit with these faithful men? (Hint: Jesus had not found this kind of faith among the Jews in Israel. What nationality was the centurion?)
3. Then in verse Matt. 8:13, Jesus says, “the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness…”. Who were the sons of the kingdom?
4. Jesus healed the centurion’s servant and we read in Luke 7:10 that the servant was found to be well. Then in Luke 7:11-17, we read where Jesus had compassion on a woman that was weeping over the death of her son. What miracle did Jesus perform here? What does Luke 7:15 say the son did immediately upon sitting up?
5. Read Matthew 11:2-19. It says here that when John was in prison and heard about all the works of Jesus that he sent two of his disciples to talk with Jesus. What did he tell them to ask Jesus?
6. What was Jesus’ answer?
7. In Matt. 11:7-19, Jesus speaks of John the Baptist and those that heard him preach.

What do you think Jesus meant when he said in verse 11, “…but he who is least in the

kingdom of heaven is greater than he (John the Baptist)? (Hint: What does the kingdom of heaven refer to here, heaven or the church? Did John ever get to be a part of the church?) When we become a citizen in the kingdom of heaven (the church), what relationship do we have with God? When we become a child of God, we receive many spiritual blessings that John did not receive. Therefore, even the least in the church will have richer and fuller blessings than John the Baptist.

1. When Jesus refers to John the Baptist as Elijah in Matt. 11:14, he is referring to the

prophecy in Malachi 4:5. (Also read Luke 1:17). He was not Elijah in the person,

but came in the spirit and power of Elijah to make the people ready for Jesus. He

continues in verse 15-19 and says that the Jews did not listen to John but rather

thought what? (Matt. 11:18)

1. Then Jesus says that they also did not accept Jesus when he came preaching to them

either, but criticized Him too. What remarks did they make about Jesus? (11:19)

1. In Matt. 11:16, Jesus sums up their behavior when he said, “But to what shall I liken

this generation? It is like children playing in the marketplaces…” In other words, they

were behaving like children in that they wanted it their own way or no way. They

were not pleased with the teachings of John nor with the teachings of Jesus. They

were behaving unreasonably and their criticisms of John and Jesus were the result

of their behaving like pouting, sour, disagreeable children. In Luke 7:35, Jesus finishes

his thought on the Jews’ behavior by saying, “But wisdom is justified by all her children.” Think about this comment and we will discuss what this comment means in class.

1. Read Matthew 11:20-24. Jesus is rebuking the cities in which He had done miracles

and yet they did not believe or repent even after seeing the miracles. He said that it

would be better in the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon and Sodom than it would

be for them. What evil things are the cities of Tyre, Sidon and Sodom known for?

**Thought Question:**

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus invites all who hear Him to, “Come to Me, all you who

labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Then He urges them , “…take

My yoke upon you and learn from Me…and you will find rest for your souls.” What

do you think Jesus wants us to learn from Him? (Hebrews. 5:8) What does the word yoke mean and what is Jesus’ yoke that he wants us to take? (John 6:38; 1 John 5:3)

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##  Lesson 19 – Jesus With Simon & Other Pharisees

(Matthew 12:22-50; Mark 3:20-30; Luke 7:36-8:3; Luke 8:19-21)

**Memorize:**

“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”

 Matthew 12:30 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 12:22-30. In these verses we see Jesus healing a blind and mute man. Those that saw the miracle were amazed and asked, “Could this be the Son of David”? What did they mean? Was Jesus the son of David?
2. What did the Pharisees say when they heard what the multitude was saying? (12:24)
3. Who is Beelzebub?
4. Jesus knew their thoughts and told them that it would not make good sense for Him to

be casting out demons by Beelzebub because a kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation and a house divided against itself will not stand. What do you think this means?

1. Jesus states in 12:30, “…whoever is not with Me is against Me…” This goes along with what he we have already studied in Matt. 6:24, when Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters…” There is no middle ground or neutral position. A choice is always made. Even if one fails to choose, a choice is still made. If we don’t ever make the decision to commit our life to God, have we still made a choice?
2. Read Matthew 12:31-37. Jesus draws a conclusion to the above verses and makes an

application to His teaching when he says, “Therefore…every sin and blasphemy against the Son of Man will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. What does the word blasphemy mean?

1. Jesus Christ bore testimony in person that He was the Son of God but He stated that His testimony would be made complete when He would send the Holy Spirit to complete or perfect that testimony. The Holy Spirit’s job was to provide a testimony to man that would guide men into all truth. (John 15:26; 16:7-8, 13) What is the Holy Spirit’s testimony?
2. Jesus is warning them here that they might speak blasphemy to Him right then

(as they did when they said Jesus was casting out demons in the name of Beelzebub)

and they could receive forgiveness for this sin. But, if they rejected the Holy Spirit,

there would be no more forgiveness because there will be no more testimony

after the Spirit. This blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven because

that will be a final rejection of the will of God. After God gave us this final

revelation of God and Jesus by sending it through the Holy Spirit, God’s provisions

of mercy was exhausted. What is the final revelation given to us by the Holy Spirit?

What happens if we reject it? (Matthew 12:30)

1. Read Matthew 12:33-37. Jesus again talks about a tree being known by its fruit. He

says in verse 34 that it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Explain what he meant by this. (See 12:35)

1. Read Matthew 12:38-42. In verse 38 the Pharisees are asking Jesus for a sign. Jesus

tells them that no sign will be given to them. He then tells them how the evil city

of Ninevah repented at the preaching of Jonah and, “indeed a greater than Jonah is

here.” Who was He talking about that was greater than Jonah? What about when He

said, “a greater than Solomon is here”. Who was He talking about?

**Thought Question:**

Read Matthew 12:46-50. Jesus asked his disciples a question in verse 48. What is

the answer to the question, “Who is My mother and who are my brothers?”(vs. 50)

How about us? Are we spiritual brothers and sisters of Jesus?

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# Lesson 20 – Parables; Agricultural Themes

(Matthew 13:3-43; Mark 4:3-32; Luke 8:5-18)

**Memorize:**

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

 Matthew 13:9 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 13:3-9. Verse 3 says that Jesus spoke many things to them in parables. What is a parable?
2. In the parable of the sower, what does the seed represent?
3. Name the 4 places that the seed fell.
4. What happened to the seed in each of the 4 different places that it fell?
5. What does verse 9 mean?
6. Read Matthew 13:10-17. The disciples asked Jesus why He spoke in parables. What was His answer? (13:11-13; Summarize it in your own words.)
7. Read Matthew 13:18-23. This is Jesus’ explanation of the parable of the sower. Summarize Jesus’ explanation in your own words.
8. Read Matthew 13:24-30. What does the grain (wheat) and the tares represent?
9. What happened to each? (vs. 30)
10. Read Matthew 13:36-43. Jesus explains the parable of the tares to his disciples.
11. What does he say the field represents?
12. What do the good seeds and the tares each represent?
13. Who was the enemy?
14. What does the harvest represent?
15. Describe the end for those who practice lawlessness (verse 41)

We’ve seen this word lawlessness before. Can you remember where? What does it mean?

1. Describe the end for the righteous?

What does the word righteous mean?

**Thought Question:**

Read Matthew 13:31-33. Do some research on the mustard seed. What significance does this information have in helping you understanding the meaning of this parable. Be prepared to share your thoughts in class.

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##  Lesson 21 – Parables of the Kingdom

(Matthew 8:23-34; Matthew 13:44-52; Mark 4:33-5:20; Luke 8:22-39)

**Memorize:**

“Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you…”

 Mark 5:19 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 13:44-52. What three things does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven to in these verses?
2. In the first parable, what does the man do when he found the treasure hidden in the field?
3. In the second, what does the merchant do when he found the pearl of great price?
4. In the third parable, the kingdom of heaven is compared to a net that is thrown into the sea. There it gathers both the good and the bad. What happens to the good (verse 48) and what happens to the bad (verse 48)?
5. In verse 49 it says, “So it will be at the end of the age.” What is this referring to? Tell why you think so. Use scripture from other places in the NT to support your answer.
6. Jesus is explaining this and asks in verse 51 if they understand. In verse 52 he tells them that they should take this information that he has just taught them and use it to instruct others, “…bringing forth things new and old…” just like a head of a house provides every material thing needed from his storehouse of treasure for his family. Explain the meaning of the analogy that Jesus is making?
7. Read Mark 4:33-41. What happened to the boat that Jesus was in when the great windstorm arose? Where was Jesus?
8. What question did the disciples ask Jesus?
9. How does Jesus answer them and what do you think the disciples wanted Jesus to do?
10. What question does Jesus ask them in verse 40?
11. Verse 41 said that they feared exceedingly and then what question did they ask each other?
12. Read Mark 5:1-20. Who does Jesus immediately meet when he comes back from this

trip in the boat?

1. What was this man’s problem?
2. What does verse 6 say that this man did? What did he say to Jesus? (verse 7)
3. How did he know who Jesus was?
4. Jesus tells the unclean spirit to come out of the man. What was the unclean spirit’s name and what request does the unclean spirit ask from Jesus? (verse 10)
5. Where did he want to be sent?
6. What happened to the swine that were now demon-possessed?
7. What did the people who heard about it want Jesus to do? (verse 17)
8. The man who had been demon-possessed was now in his right mind. What did he want to do now? (verse 18)
9. What does Jesus tell him to do instead? (verse 19)

**Thought Question:**

In the parables we read for this lesson, Jesus wants us to see that we possess something like a treasure that is also very valuable. What is it and what are some ways that we can share it with others too?

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# Lesson 22 – Individuals are Healed by the Saviour

(Matthew 9:18-34; Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 5:21-6:6; Luke 8:40-56)

**Memorize:**

“A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.”

 Matthew 13:57 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 13:53-58. Jesus was teaching in his own country, in their own synagogue. Why were the people there astonished at his teachings? (verses 54-56)
2. What did Jesus mean when He said, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own

country”?

1. Why didn’t Jesus perform any miracles there? (verse 58)
2. Read Luke 8:40-56. There was a man named Jairus who was a ruler of the synagogue

that came to Jesus. What did he ask Jesus?

1. As Jesus went, a woman that had spent all of her money trying to find a cure for her

condition, came up behind him and touched his garment. What did Jesus say? (verses 45-46)

1. What did Jesus say after she came forward and told what she had done? What do you think he meant and why? (verse 48)
2. While Jesus was still speaking with the woman, someone came from Jairus’ house with a message. What was the message and what happened next? (verse 49-50)
3. What was the situation when Jairus and Jesus arrived at the house? What did Jesus tell everyone that was weeping? (verse 52)

9. What happened when Jesus took the young girl by the hand?

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##  Lesson 23 – The Limited Commission; John Dies

(Matthew 9:35-11:1; Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:6-29; Luke 9:1-9)

**Memorize:**

“…for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you”.

Matthew 10:20 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Mark 6:6-13. Jesus called the twelve apostles to Himself and begin to send them

out to teach, two by two. What were some of the instructions he gave to them?

1. Read Mark 6:14-29. King Herod heard of Jesus and all the things He was doing. Who

did he think was responsible for these mighty works of Jesus? (Mark 6:14-16)

1. In verses 17-29, we read the story of how John the Baptist died. Why had John be put

in prison? (verses 17-18)

1. Herodias, Herod’s wife, had wanted John dead. Why had Herod not killed John instead of just putting him in prison? (verses 19-20)
2. Be prepared to tell how did Herodias got her way and had John put to death. What lessons can be learned from Herod’s behavior?
3. How did Herod feel about having to have John killed? (verse 26)
4. What happened when the disciples heard what had happened? (verse 29)
5. Read Matthew 9:35-38. What did Jesus compare the multitudes that followed him to and why? (Verse 36)
6. What did Jesus mean when He said in verse 37, “The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few.”?
7. What solution does Jesus offer for the problem of too few of laborers? (See verse 38)
8. Read Matthew 10:16-26. What advice does Jesus give his disciples about what to do

and say when they are brought before governors and kings?

12. Read Matthew 10:27-31. What does Jesus tell them about who to fear and why?

**Thought Question:**

Read Matthew 10:32-33. What does Jesus say is the consequence to denying Him before men? Be prepared to share your thoughts about the ways that some deny Jesus today.

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# Lesson 24 – Feeding 5000; Walking on the Sea

(Matthew 14:13-33; Mark 6:30-52; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-21)

**Memorize:**

“…Truly, You are the Son of God.”

Matthew 14:36 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 14:13-21. After Jesus had heard about John’s death, He departed by boat to a deserted place by Himself. Why do you think Jesus wanted to be alone?
2. When the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. We read that when Jesus came out He saw them and had great compassion on them. Why? (See Mark 6:34)
3. When it was evening, His disciples suggested that Jesus send the multitude away to go to the city and find food. What did Jesus tell them to do instead? (Matt. 14:16-18)
4. After taking the five loaves and two fish from the disciples, Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke and gave the loaves back to them. Then the disciples starting handing the food out to the multitudes. How many were fed there that day? Were there any leftovers?
5. Read Matthew 14:22-33. After this happened Jesus immediately made His disciples get into the boat and go on to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. Where did Jesus go then. Why?
6. When Jesus was ready to go to the disciples, it was the fourth watch of the night and they were out in the middle of the sea. How did He go to them?
7. What did they think and do? What did Jesus tell them?
8. What proof did Peter ask for? (verse 28)
9. Was Peter able to walk on the water? (verse 29)
10. Was he able to make it all the way to Jesus? Why or why not?
11. Peter cried out, “Lord, save me”. Jesus stretched out His hand and caught Peter. What did Jesus say to Peter then? (verse 31)
12. After they got in the boat, the wind stopped and what did everyone in the boat say and do?

**Thought Question:**

Using Peter’s walking on the water as an analogy, explain how we can sometimes be like Peter in our daily Christian walk with Jesus. What lessons can we learn from Peter to help keep us from making the same mistake?

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# Lesson 25 – The Crowds Turn Away From Jesus

(Matthew 14:34-15:20; Mark 6:53-7:23; John 6:22-7:1)

**Memorize:**

“…And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

Matthew 15:9 (NKJV)

**Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 14:34-36. How were the people being healed by Jesus in these verses?
2. Read Matthew 15:1-20. What complaint did the Pharisees have with Jesus in verse 2?
3. What question does Jesus ask the Pharisees? (verse 3-6)
4. What does Jesus call them in verse 7? Why?
5. What problem does Jesus say that these Pharisees have? (verse 8-9)
6. Then Jesus calls the multitude near and explains what it is that really defiles a man. What is it? (verses 10-11)
7. When the disciples came and told Jesus that the Pharisees were offended by this saying, what did Jesus tell them and what does it mean? (verse14)
8. Then Peter asked for Jesus to explain what Jesus had said. (verse 17-20) Summarize the explanation and be prepared to discuss in class.
9. Read John 6:22-7:1. Why does Jesus say that the people had followed him 6:26?
10. Jesus tells them not to labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures

 to everlasting life. They ask for a sign like their ancestors had received the manna from heaven to eat. Explain Jesus’ reply. (John 6:26-40)

1. Read John 6:41-59. Then the Jews complain in verse 41 about Jesus saying that He was the bread of life. What does Jesus tell them in verse 51? Do they understand? (verse 52, 60)

**Thought Question:**

In the memory verse (Matthew 15:9), Jesus accuses the Pharisees of teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. In what ways are some religious groups today guilty of doing the same thing?