**Lesson 1 – Introduction to the Life of Christ**

**Text**: John 1:1-14; Genesis 1:26,27

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-3 - We will be memorizing John 1:1-34 this quarter. If you memorize three verses a week you’ll accomplish this task.

**Vocabulary:** prophecy, lineage, Immanuel

**Questions:**

**Prophecies and Lineage**

1. When do we first learn about Christ? Gen. 1:26
2. Read Genesis 3:15. What promise did God make?
3. Read Genesis 12:1-3. What promise did God make?
4. In Micah 5:2 who is said to come from Bethlehem? What tribe?
5. Read Isaiah 53. What does this prophecy foreshadow?
6. Read Matthew 1:1-17. List names that you recognize in the lineage of Christ.

**Research:**

1. What law are the Jewish people under at the birth of Christ?
2. What nation is ruling at this time?
3. Is this a time of war or peace in the nation of Israel?

**Thought Question:**

Why do you think it is important to study the Life of Christ? Give scriptures to back up your response if possible.

**Challenge:**

List as many names used for Jesus in the Bible as you can.

**Lesson 2 – Gabriel Announces John and Jesus; John is Born**

**Text:** Luke 1:5-80

**Memory Work:**  John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 1-3)

**Vocabulary:** providence

**Questions:**

1. List the things we learn about Zachariah and Elisabeth in verses 5-7.

2. What was Zachariah’s reaction to the angel?

3. Describe what the angel told about the baby.

4. Why did Zacharias become mute?

5. Where did Gabriel go next?

6. What does the angel say to Mary? (28-33)

7. What happened when Mary entered Elisabeth’s house?

8. What did Elisabeth call Mary in verse 43?

9. What did Zacharias and Elisabeth name their son?

10. What happened to Zacharias in verse 64?

*Read the prophecy of Zacharias*

**Thought Question:**

What is the difference between Mary’s and Zacharias’s reactions to Gabriel’s announcements?

**Lesson 3 – The Birth of Jesus**

**Text:** Matthew 1:18 – 2:1; Luke 2:1-24

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 4-6)

**Vocabulary:** betrothed, census

**Questions:**

1. What is said about Joseph in Matthew 1:19? Do you think this was helpful with the situation he and Mary were in?

2. Where is the prophecy found in the Old Testament that was mentioned in Matthew 1:23?

3. Why did Mary and Joseph have to go to Bethlehem for the census? Luke 2:1-4

4. Describe the scene with the shepherds. Luke 2:8-14

5. What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus? Luke 2:17

6. What was Mary’s reaction to all that was happening? Luke 2:19

**Thought Question:**

Why do you think Jesus was brought into this world in such a humble manner?

**Lesson 4 – Reactions to the Birth of Jesus**

**Text:** Luke 2:25-38; Matthew 2:1-23

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 4-6)

**Vocabulary:** redemption, frankincense, myrrh

**Questions:**

1. What had been promised to Simeon? Luke 2:26

2. What were Mary and Joseph’s response to Simeon’s words? Luke 2:33-35

3. How is the prophetess Anna described in verses 36-38?

4. Why do you think Herod was troubled by the birth of Jesus? Matthew 2:1-4

5. Did Herod really want to worship Jesus?

6. Why did the wise men go home a different way? Matthew 2:12

7. To where did Mary and Joseph flee? Matthew 2:13

8. What was Herod’s reaction to the deception of the wise men? Matthew 2:16-18

9. After leaving Egypt where did Joseph and Mary end up in verse 23?

**Research:**

In the text there are four prophecies that are fulfilled. List them and where they are found in the Old Testament.

**Thought Question:**

Joseph’s willingness to obey God was a wonderful example for us. Do you think it is easier, harder, or about the same to obey God today?

**Lesson 5 – Jesus’ Childhood**

**Text:** Matthew 2:23; Luke 2:40-52

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 7-9)

**Vocabulary:** Passover

**Questions:**

1. Why did the family travel to Jerusalem?

2. How old was Jesus at this time?

3. What did Jesus do when Mary and Joseph left?

4. Where did they find Jesus? What was He doing?

5. What was the response by those who heard Jesus speaking?

6. What was Jesus’ response to His parent’s concern?

7. Once again we see Mary doing what is verse 51?

8. What are the similarities between verses 40 and 52?

**Thought Question:**

Jesus was Deity. He knew many things His parents did not know, yet He obeyed and respected them. How does this apply to you?

**Lesson 6 – John and Jesus Begin Their Work**

**Jesus is Baptized**

**Text:** Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-23; John 1:6-37; Mal. 3:1;Isa. 40:3-5

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 7-9)

**Vocabulary:** repentance, confession, baptism

*Make sure you read all the accounts of Jesus’ baptism.*

**Questions:**

1. What did John preach? Matt. 3:1.2

2. Describe John. Matt. 3:4

3. List what John said to the Pharisees. Matt. 3:7-12

4. What was John’s response to Jesus’ wanting to be baptized? Matt. 3:14

5. What was Jesus’ reason for being baptized? Matt. 3:15

6. What happened immediately after Jesus was baptized?

7. In Luke 3:19-20 John is put in prison. Why?

8. How old was Jesus when He began his ministry? Luke 3:23

9. Read Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5. Who is this talking about?

**Thought Question:**

John the Baptist and many other preachers in the Bible faced opposition; however they continued to preach. What do these examples mean to us?

**Lesson 7 – Jesus Is Tempted**

**Text:** Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 10-12)

**Vocabulary:** fasting, temptation

**Questions:**

1. What happened to Jesus soon after He was baptized? Luke 4:1-2

2. List the three temptations and how Jesus responded to them.

3. How long had it been since Jesus had eaten? Luke 4:2

4. Who helped Jesus once the devil left? Matthew 4:11

5. In Luke 4:8 Jesus quotes a verse from Deuteronomy 6:13. How does that verse still apply today?

**Thought Questions:**

1. List ways we can be prepared for temptations.

2. What, if any, are the differences between the three temptations?

**Lesson 8 – First Miracle, Temple Cleansing, Nicodemus**

**Text:** John 2:1-3:21

**Memory Work:**  John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 10-12)

**Vocabulary:** miracle, temple, Pharisee

**Questions:**

1. What did Mary ask Jesus to do at the wedding feast?

2. What was Jesus’ response?

3. What was the response in verse 11?

4. What did Jesus do when He saw merchandise being sold in the temple?

5. Was Jesus angry? Isn’t anger a sin?

6. Read verses 18-22. When did Jesus’ disciples understand what Jesus was talking about in verse 19?

7. Did Nicodemus believe in Jesus?

8. How would Nicodemus know what Jesus was talking about just because he was a teacher of Israel? verses 3:10

9. What is Jesus referring to in verse 14?

10. Why did God send Jesus? verse 17

**Thought Question:**

Jesus was very patient with Nicodemus. He could have acted prideful, but He did not. Do we sometimes lose patience when someone does not understand what we are teaching them – i.e. board game, video game, sports.

**Lesson 9 – Jesus in Judea and Samaria**

**Text:** Matthew 14:1-5; Luke 3:19-20; John 3:22-4:42

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 13-15)

**Vocabulary**: Samaritan, prejudice

**Questions:**

1. Read John 3:22-36. What is happening to John’s ministry? What is happening to Jesus’ ministry?

2. According to the passages in Matthew 14:1-5 and Luke 3:19,20 what happens to John and why?

3. John 4:1-42. The woman at the well is surprised that Jesus asked her for a drink. Why?

4. What do you think the “living water” is that Jesus is talking about?

5. Why does the woman think that Jesus is a prophet?

6. What does Jesus reveal to the woman in verse 26?

7. What did Jesus say His food was?

8. What wonderful thing happened in Samaria because of Jesus’ interactions with the woman at the well?

**Thought Question:**

Is it always easy to tell others about Christ? Should we judge people based on their race, social status or religion?

**Lesson 10 – Galilean Ministry**

**Text:** Matthew 4:12-17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-36; John 4:43-54

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34 (focus on verses 13-15)

**Vocabulary:** synagogue, kingdom

**Questions:**

1. Once Jesus begins His ministry He returns to His hometown of what? Luke 4:16

2. After Jesus speaks in the synagogue what do the people of Nazareth do? Luke 4:28-29

3. Where does Jesus go next? Luke 4:31

4. What did the demon-possessed man say to Jesus? Luke 4:34

5. What did the nobleman want with Jesus? John 4:47

6. Did Jesus need to be near the child to heal him? John 4:50-51

7. What affect did Jesus’ miracle have on the nobleman and his household? John 4:53

**Thought Question:**

Read Matthew 4:12-17 and Mark 1:14-15. What is the Kingdom of Heaven Jesus is referring to?

**Lesson 11 – Jesus Calls, Preaches, Heals**

**Text:** Matthew 4:18-25; Mark 1:16-39; Luke 4:31-5:11

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** demon, disciple

**Questions:** *Read all the accounts. Questions will come from Mark.*

1. Who did Jesus see by the Sea of Galilee? What did He tell them? What was their occupation?

2. Did the man with the unclean spirits know who Jesus was?

3. What was the reaction of the crowd?

4. Who did Jesus heal in verses 29-31?

5. What did Jesus do in verse 35?

6. Was Jesus considered popular at this time?

**Thought Question:**

Consider how hard it may have been for the disciples to leave their jobs and families to follow Jesus. What are some things you may need to give up to be a follower of Christ?

**Lesson 12 – More Healing, Matthew is Called**

**Text:** Matthew 8:2-10; 9:2-13; Mark 2:1-17; Luke 5:12-32

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary**: tax collector, centurion, leprosy

**Questions:**

1. What did Jesus tell the leper after He healed him? Mt. 8:4

2. Why did the centurion not want Jesus to come to his house? Mt. 8:8

3. What did Jesus say about the centurion? Mt. 8:10

4. Read the account of the paralytic form Luke 2:1-12. Jesus’ popularity is soaring. How did the men bring the paralytic to Jesus?

5. What did the scribes say about Jesus? Luke 2:5

6. Could Jesus forgive sins?

7. Jesus chose Matthew (Levi) the tax collector to follow Him. While eating dinner with him, what did the scribes and Pharisees say to His disciples? Mark 2:16

8. How did Jesus respond? Mark 2:17

**Thought Questions:**

Do you think the multitudes followed Jesus for physical or spiritual reasons?

Do you think a lot of churches offer what people need spiritually or physically?

**Lesson 13 – Conflicts Over the Sabbath/Jesus’ Authority**

**Text:** John 5

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** Sabbath, witness

**Questions:**

1. Why were the sick people waiting by the pool?

2. How long had the lame man been ill?

3. What did Jesus ask him? What did Jesus tell him?

4. Why do you think the Jews cared about the lame man carrying his bed on the Sabbath?

5. Did the Jews find out who healed the lame man?

6. What did the Jews want to do to Jesus? Why?

7. Read verses 20-23. Name some similarities between the Son and Father.

8. Read verses 24-30. Jesus has authority over many things. What does He state in verse 30?

9. Read verses 31-47. Who or what are the four witnesses of Christ?

**Lesson 14 – Twelve Disciples/More Sabbath Disputes**

**Text:** Matthew 10:1-25; 12:1-21; Mark 2:23 – 3:19; Luke 6:1-16

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** persecution, Son of Man

**Questions:**

1. What power did Jesus give the twelve disciples in Matthew 10:1?

2. List the twelve. 10:2-4

3. Circle all Jesus commanded his disciples in 10:5-15

Don’t enter Samaria Baptize all who believe

Heal the sick Go to the lost sheep of Israel

Preach about divorce Tell the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Stay with anyone who is worthy Carry neither gold nor silver

If they do not receive your words shake the dust off your feet

4. What did Jesus warn about in 10:16-18?

5. Who will speak for these disciples? 10:20

6. What does verse 24 mean?

7. The Pharisees accuse Jesus once again of defiling the Sabbath. What does He say to them in 12:11-12?

**Thought Question:**

Did the twelve whom Jesus called have any training or formal education? What does this say about those who can follow Him today?

**Lesson 15 – The Sermon on the Mount – Part I**

**Text:** Matthew 5; Luke 6:17-36

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** Beatitude

**Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. Do you think people of the world would call the ones described in these verses blessed?

2. What two things are believers described as in verses 13-16?

3. What did Jesus say He came to do in verse 17?

4. Murder is wrong, but what does Jesus also say is wrong in verse 22?

5. Adultery is wrong, but what does Jesus also say is wrong in verse 28?

6. Read verses 33-37. What does it mean to let your yes be yes and your no be no?

7. Who does verse 44 tell us to love?

**Thought Question:**

After reading verses 38-42, do you think God wants us to be taken advantage of and never stand up for ourselves?

**Lesson 16 – The Sermon on the Mount – Part II**

**Text:** Matthew 6

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** Hypocrite

**Questions:**

1. How are we to do charitable deeds?

2. How does the hypocrite pray? How should we pray?

3. How does the hypocrite fast? How should we fast?

4. Where should our treasures be?

5. What does verse 24 say about serving two masters?

6. Instead of seeking worldly things what should we be seeking first?

7. List things we should not worry about?

**Thought Question:**

Read Psalm 139. Does this Psalm and Matthew 6 relate to each other? How?

**Lesson 17 – The Sermon on the Mount – Part III**

**Text:** Matthew 7

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** false prophets, authority

**Questions:**

1.Why is it so important for us to be careful when judging others?

2. Is God a giving God?

3. Read verse 12. What is this verse often referred to as?

4. Describe the two ways mentioned in verses 13 and 14.

5. How do we know whether people are good or bad?

6. What will God say to those who do know Him?

7. What do these things in verses 24-27 represent?

House

Rock

Rain and floods

Sand

8. What did the multitudes think of Jesus’ teachings?

**Lesson 18 – Jesus Heals and Preaches in Galilee**

**Text:** Matthew 11:2-30; Luke 7:11-35

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Questions:** *(all questions taken from the Luke account)*

1. What did Jesus do in verses 11-17? What was the reaction of the people?

2. What did John want to know about Jesus?

3. What was Jesus’ response?

4. Who did Jesus say John was?

5. What did the Pharisees and lawyers do with the Word of God?

**Thought Question:**

The Kingdom of Heaven has been discussed in this scripture and other passages we have looked at. What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

**Lesson 19 – Jesus with Simon and other Pharisees**

**Text:** Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 7:36-50

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** Beelzebub, blasphemy

**Questions:**

1. What do the Pharisees say Jesus is casting out demons by? Matt. 12:24

2. Did Jesus know what they were thinking?

3. What happens to the house that is divided against itself?

4. Where do the words we speak come from?

5. Read verses 33-37. How important is our speech?

6. What does Jesus compare in verses 38-42?

7. Luke 7:36-50. What did the woman do in verses 36-38?

8. Be able to retell the parable of the creditor in verses 41-47.

9. What does Jesus say to the woman in verse 48?

**Challenge:**

Find other scriptures that talk about the importance of taming the tongue.

**Lesson 20 – Parables (Agricultural Theme)**

**Text:** Matthew 13:3-43; Mark 4:3-32; Luke 8:5-18

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** parable, leaven

**Questions:**

1. Match the following:

Sower snatched away

Seed choked by riches

Wayside You

Stony hears and understands

Thorns the Word

Good no root

2. Why did Jesus say He talked in parables? Matt. 13:14-15

3. Who do you think the enemy is in the parable of the wheat and tares?

4. What is the kingdom of heaven compared to in verses 31 and 32? Why?

5. What are the similarities between all these parables?

**Thought Question:**

After reading these parables how does it make you feel about teaching others the Gospel?

**Lesson 21 – Parables of the Kingdom/Three Miracles**

**Text:** Matthew 8:23-34; Mark 4:35-5:20; Luke 8:40-56

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** region of the Gadarenes

**Questions:** *Questions will come from all three accounts*

1. What is so remarkable about the miracle in Matt. 8:23-27?

2. Did the demon recognize Jesus?

3. What did the people want to Jesus to do after they heard what He did to the demons?

4. Is it strange that a ruler of the synagogue would ask for Jesus’ help?

5. What happened on His way to heal Jairus’ daughter?

6. What news came to Jairus on the way?

7. Who went with Jesus into the house?

8. What did Jesus do to the girl?

**Thought Question:**

How can our faith be little like the disciples on the boat?

**Lesson 22 – Individuals are Healed by the Savior**

**Text:** Matthew 9:18-34; 13:54-58; Mark 5:21-6:6; Luke 8:4-56

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary**: honor, circuit

**Questions:**

*Read the scriptures above and be ready to discuss the miracle of Jairus’ daughter and the woman with the issue of blood in more depth.*

1. After Jesus healed the rulers daughter where did He go? Mark 6:1 What is this place?

2. Did the people there know Him?

3. Who did they know Him as? Mark 6:3

4. What does Jesus say in Mark 6:4?

5. Why did Jesus marvel? Why do you think the people of His own country had such a great unbelief?

**Thought Question:**

If Jesus were to come to the earth for the first time in today’s time do you think He would be accepted as God’s Son or rejected like He was in Nazereth?

**Lesson 23 – The Limited Commission, John is Killed**

**Text:** Matthew 9:35-11:1; 14:1-12, Mark 6:6-29, Luke 9:1-9

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** confess, tetrarch

**Questions:**

1. Name the twelve disciples and what did Jesus give them power to do? Matt. 10:1-4

2. Who did Jesus tell them to go to?

3. What were they to preach? What were they to do?

4. What were they not to take with them?

5. What were they to do if they were not received?

6. What does Jesus warn them about in verses 16-26?

7. What does Jesus tell them not to fear?

8. What will Jesus do if we confess Him before men?

9. Moving on to chapter 14 of Matthew, who does Herod think Jesus is?

10. Why had Herod put John to death?

**Thought Question:**

Go back and read Matthew 10:34-39. Can you think of examples of this happening today? How hard do you think it would be to go against your family because they do not believe the way you do? Why?

**Lesson 24 – Jesus Withdraws**

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

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** faith

**Questions:**

1. What did Jesus feel for the people that came to him?

2. What did the disciples want the people to do?

3. What instructions did Jesus give to the disciples about feeding the multitude?

4. What miraculous event occurred at this time?

5. Where did Jesus go to pray?

6. What supernatural event occurred next out on the sea?

7. What made Peter lose his faith?

8. What does it say in Mark 6:52 about the disciples?

**Thought Question:**

Jesus has been with the disciples for some time now, yet they still doubted. Describe how you think you would feel if you were a disciple of Jesus at this time.

**Lesson 25 – The Crowd Turns Back**

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

**Memory Work:** John 1:1-34

**Vocabulary:** scribe, betray

**Questions:**

*From the Matthew account*

1. What happened to those who touched the hem of Jesus’ garment?

2. What did the scribes and Pharisees accuse Jesus’ disciples of?

3. What did Jesus accuse them of holding to instead of God’s commands?

4. Who did Jesus quote in verses 8 and 9? Tell in your own words what this means.

5. What defiles a man?

6. What will happen if a blind man leads a blind man?

7. Where do the things that come out of our mouths come from?

*From the John account*

8. What did the disciples think the “bread of heaven was”? What did Jesus say it was?

9. Name some differences between the two types of bread and list some qualities of the true “Bread of heaven”.

10. What do you think verses 53 – 58 are talking about?

11. What happened to some of the disciples once Jesus talked about these things? Does the same thing happen today when people hear how hard it can be to be a Christian?

**Be ready for a review for lesson 26.**