**Lesson 1 – Jesus’ Final Sentencing, Crucifixion, and Burial**

**Text:** Matt. 27:14-66; Mark 15:6-47; Luke 23: 13-56; John 18:39-19:42

**Memory Work:** (7 sayings of Jesus on the cross) *“Father forgive them for they know* *not what they do”* Luke 23:34; *“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in* *Paradise”* Luke 23:43; *“Woman behold your son,… Behold your mother”* John 19:26-27; *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me”* Matt. 27:46; *“I thirst”* John 19:28; *“It is* *finished”* John 19:30; *“Father into Your hands I commit My Spirit”* Luke 23:46

**Vocabulary:** Paradise, Golgatha

**Questions:** *These questions will be taken from the Matthew account, but please read all the accounts to get the full picture.*

1. What was the custom of the Passover concerning prisoners?

2. Who did the crowd want released?

3. What did Pilate’s wife have to say about Jesus?

4. After Pilate asked “What should I do with Jesus”?, what did the crowd say?

5. What was the purpose of Pilate washing his hands before the people?

6. List the evil things the soldiers did to Jesus in verses 27 – 31.

7. What did those passing by say to him?

8. What happened from the 6th hour to the 9th hour?

9. What happened to the veil in the temple once Jesus died? What does this signify?

10. What did the centurion and those with him say once they felt the earth quake and the dead rising from their graves?

11. Who volunteered to see to Jesus’ burial?

12. What were the chief priests and Pharisees afraid would happen?

**Thought Question:**

Many prophecies are fulfilled throughout these scriptures. List at least two and where they were prophesied. Why do you think Jesus was willing to fulfill these prophecies?

**Lesson 2 – Resurrection and Appearances During 40 Days**

**Text:** Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-13; Luke 24:1-43; John 20,21

**Memory Work:** *“Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”* John 20:29

**Vocabulary:** anoint, resurrect

**Questions:**

Matthew account

1. What day of the week did the women go to the tomb?

2. What did the guards do when they saw the angel?

3. What did the angel tell the women? What did he tell them to do?

4. What two emotions did the women feel?

5. Where did Jesus want them to go?

6. What did the chief priests give to the soldiers who were watching the grave? What did they tell them to say?

Luke account

7. What were the two men on the road to Emmaus discussing?

8. What were they hoping Jesus had come to do?

9. Had they heard that Jesus was missing from the tomb?

10. What did the men say when Jesus revealed Himself to them? Who did they go tell about this?

11. Did the disciples readily believe it was Jesus when He appeared to them?

John 21

12. What miracle occurred when Jesus met his disciples at the sea?

13. Tell about the exchange between Jesus and Peter?

14. What does John say about all that Jesus did in verse 25?

**Thought Question:**

After the disciples saw Jesus, they returned back to their normal lives and went fishing. How do we, like them, hear something we need to do to change or get busy doing, yet we go right back to what we normally do without changing?

**Lesson 3 – Ascension and Final Instructions**

**Text:** Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1

**Memory Work:** *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who is believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”* Mark 16:15

**Vocabulary:** gospel, lots

**Questions:**

1. In the Matthew, Mark, and Luke accounts what does Jesus rebuke the 11 about?

2. Where was the preaching of the gospel to begin? Luke 24:49

3. Who was the writer of Acts?

4. Who was to wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father?

5. What was this Promise they were waiting for?

6. Where would the disciples be witness?

7. What did the two men tell the disciples in verse 11?

8. What scripture needed to be fulfilled according to Peter?

9. What were the requirements of becoming a candidate for apostleship?

10. What were the names of the ones proposed? Who was chosen?

11. Was he chosen by the lots that were cast or by God’s will?

**Thought Question:**

The great commission was given to the apostles at the end of the gospel accounts. Does this commission apply to us today?

**Lesson 4 – The Church Established**

**Text:** Acts 2

**Memory Work:** *Acts is an important book to know what happened in each chapter. The next few weeks you will learn a little something from each chapter in a rhyming chant that will help you.* **Acts 1** – Jesus earth time is done; Matthias is one, **Acts 2** – Spirit promise comes true; Apostles baptize a crew

**Vocabulary:** Day of Pentecost, doctrine, proselyte

**Questions:**

1. Who is the “they” that are mentioned in verse 1?

2. What happened once the Holy Spirit filled them?

3. Why were there so many people from different nations in Jerusalem at this time?

4. Which apostle spoke for the other apostles?

5. Where was this occurrence in Acts 2 prophesied?

6. What did Peter preach to them?

7. What prophet does Peter mention? Did all the things that this prophet foretold come to pass?

8. After the multitude heard what Peter said how did they feel?

9. What did they ask and what was Peter’s response?

10. Read Matthew 28:19, 20. Isn’t this what Jesus wanted?

11. After the crowd heard the words what did they do?

12. Who’s doctrine did they continue in?

13. Why do you think they had to sell their possessions and share?

**Thought Question:**

Because we want to obey what the Bible says, how important do you think it is to still follow the apostles doctrine today? Is this something you see every denomination doing? Give some examples.

**Lesson 5 – Peter and John’s Ministry**

**Text:** Acts 3:1 – 4:31

**Memory Work: Acts 3** –the lame man’s plea, **Acts 4** – The jailhouse door, then free once more

**Vocabulary:** converted, iniquities, cornerstone

**Questions:**

1. Some of the people in Jerusalem may have seen Jesus performing miracles. Now his disciples are performing miracles. Whose name do they say they are doing these miracles in?

2. What was the lame man’s reaction to what happened? What was the reaction of those in the temple?

3. What does Peter continue to preach to the people after the lame man was healed?

4. What does Peter tell the people to do in verse 19? So far we have seen in Acts that you must hear the word Acts 2:37, Repent Acts 2:38; 3:19; and be baptized Acts 2:38.

5. Why do you think it is so important that Peter brings up the prophets and Moses and Abraham?

6. What happened to Peter and John in the first part of chapter 4? Why?

7. When Peter and John were questioned, who again does Peter give credit to?

8. What is the only way we can have salvation?

9. What rule did the rulers come up with to hold over Peter and John? What was their response to it? What did the rulers end up doing with them?

10. What did the apostles pray for?

**Thought Question:**

Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, and Baptism. These are the five steps of conversion. After a person has completed these steps is there any more he or she has to do? Can you back that up with scripture?

**Lesson 6 – Ananias and Sapphira; Apostles Persecuted; Seven Chosen**

**Text:** Acts 4:32 – 6:6

**Memory Work: Acts 5 –** Ananias and Sapphira no longer alive; angels andapostles jive, **Acts 6 –** widows in a fix, **Acts 7 –** Stephen sees heaven

**Vocabulary:** indignation, Hellenist

**Questions:**

1. Explain what the brethren were doing at the end of chapter 4.

2. Was there anything wrong with Ananias and Sapphira keeping back part of the money they received from selling their possession? What was so wrong with what they did?

3. Who did Peter say they had lied to?

4. Why do you think there was great fear upon all the church?

5. List some of the wonderful things that were happening in the early church.

6. Were the apostles doing what Jesus had commanded them to do?

7. What powerful statement does Peter and the other apostles make in verse 29 after the conversation with the high priest?

8. What great advice does Gamaliel give?

9. What made the apostles rejoice?

10. Did they do as the council instructed them?

11. What was the complaint by the Hellenists? How was it resolved?

12. What was the job of the apostles?

**Thought Question:**

We can see in these verses that God has a plan. His plan never fails. In the church today does God have a plan regarding the leadership in each congregation. Can you explain it?

**Lesson 7 – Stephen’s Ministry**

**Text:** Acts 6:7 – 8:4

**Memory Work: Acts 8 –** Phillip to Samaria’s gate; the sorcerer’s fate; theeunuch won’t wait, **Acts 22, 26 and 9 –** Saul goes blind

**Vocabulary:** blasphemous, stiff-necked, havoc

**Questions:**

1. Verse 7 is interesting. Who does it say became obedient to the faith?

2. What did the men of the Synagogue of the Freedman have to do in order to indict Stephen?

3. What did Stephen’s face look like?

4. When asked if the accusations were true how did Stephen respond? (Hint: It’s a historical story, but whose?)

5. Give some highlights of this historical account?

6. Why do you think Stephen would have answered in this manner?

7. Of all people shouldn’t the high priest and the council know these facts?

8. What does Stephen accuse them of in verse 51?

9. In verse 54 it says they were cut to the heart, but it wasn’t the same reaction that the believers in Acts 2 had. What was their reaction?

10. Who held the coats of the ones stoning Stephen?

11. What did Stephen say in verse 60?

12. Describe Saul at this point?

**Thought Question:**

After reading the recount of the history of the Jews, it is obvious that men do not want to hear anything that make them look bad. Does the same thing happen today? How should we react if someone confronts us with a wrong doing?

**Lesson 8 – Phillip’s Ministry**

**Text:** Acts 8:5-40

**Memory Work: Acts 10 –** First Gentiles come in, **Acts 11** – Brethren; Antioch Gentiles will see heaven

**Vocabulary:** sorcerer, eunuch

**Questions:**

1. Where did Phillip go preach? What is the significance of this? Who do you remember from Jesus’ ministry that He met here?

2. What was Simon’s claim to fame?

3. What did Simon do when he heard Phillip’s preaching?

4. Who then came to Samaria? What did they do to those who had been baptized?

5. What was Simon’s reaction to the apostle’s laying on of hands?

6. What was Peter’s response?

7. What did Simon ask Peter?

8. Where did the angel tell Phillip to go?

9. Who did he meet? What was this man doing? What did Phillip ask him? What was his response?

10. In verse 34 what does the eunuch ask Phillip? How does Phillip respond?

11. When they came to water what does the eunuch ask? What does Phillip say he must do?

12. After the eunuch was baptized what happened to Phillip? Where did he end up?

**Thought question:**

The eunuch was joyful once he was baptized. This encounter was not a coincidence. We can see God’s hand in this. Locate Jerusalem, Gaza and Ethiopia on a map. Explain the significance of this man being saved.

**Lesson 9 – Saul’s Conversion**

**Text:** Acts 9:1-31

**Memory Work: Acts 10 + 2 –** James killed, but not Peter too; worms chew, **Acts 13 and 14 –** Paul’s first trip exhorting

**Vocabulary:** the Way, goad, vessel

**Questions:**

1. What did Paul ask for from the high priest? Why?

2. What happened on the road to Damascus?

3. What did the voice say? Who was it speaking?

4. What did the Lord ask Saul to do?

5. What happened to Saul’s sight? How long?

6. What did the Lord say to Ananias in the vision?

7. How did Ananias reply to this request? What was the Lord’s response?

8. Did Ananias ask any more questions?

9. Once Saul received his sight what did he do?

10. Why were the people in the synagogue amazed?

11. What happens in verses 23-25?

12. What happened when Saul returned to Jerusalem? Who helped him out?

13. What do we see happening to the church in verse 31?

**Thought Question:**

Saul was a vessel for Christ. After seeing what the word vessel means how do you think we can become vessels for Christ?

**Lesson 10 – Peter’s Ministry**

**Text:** Acts 9:32 – 10:23

**Memory Work: Acts 10 + 5** – Old Law must not survive, **Acts 16, 17, and 18 –** The jailor and Apollos believing

**Vocabulary:** tunic, centurion

**Questions:**

1. What happened to the people of the Lydda and Sharon when they saw the healing of Aeneas?

2. How does the writer describe Dorcas?

3. What was the reaction of the people of Joppa to Dorcas’ death?

4. As with Aeneas, what did the people of Joppa do when they witnessed the raising of Dorcas?

5. Decribe Cornelius.

6. What did the angel of God tell Cornelius to do in the vision?

7. Describe Peter’s vision.

8. What did the voice tell him to do? Was he willing?

9. While Peter was wondering about the vision who arrived?

10. Was Peter willing to go with them?

**Thought Question:**

In these verses we read how miracles helped in bringing people to God. We do not witness these same miracles today, so how do we come to believe in the gospel of Christ. Read John 20:24-29

**Lesson 11 – Cornelius’s Conversion**

**Text:** Acts 10:24 – 11:18

**Memory Work: Acts 19 –** John’s disciples hung in between, **Acts 20 and 21 –** Paul’s third trip is done, **Acts 22 –** Paul’s conversion is true

**Vocabulary:** tanner, alms

**Questions:**

1. Who did Cornelius call to be with him when Peter came?

2. What did Peter say when Cornelius fell and worshipped him?

3. What did Peter say in verse 28 was unlawful? Why did he forego that law?

4. What does Cornelius explain to Peter?

5. What does Peter say God shows none of?

6. Who does Peter say is to preach to all the people?

7. What happened while Peter was speaking?

8. Why was it such a big deal that this happened to the Gentiles?

9. After Peter preached what did the Gentiles immediately do?

10. Why did Peter have to explain himself when he returned to Jerusalem?

11. Peter shows his great faith in verse 17. What does he say?

12. What was the reaction of the people Peter was talking to?

**Thought Question:**

Peter has come a long way since his denial of Christ before the crucifixion. How can we as God’s children learn from Peter?

**Lesson 12 – Herod**

**Text:** Acts 11:19 – 12:25

**Memory Work: Acts 23 –** Paul and soldiers flee, **Acts 24,25, and 26 –** Agrippa, Festus, and Felix, **Acts 27 and 28 –** Paul approaches the Roman gate; the transport ship’s fate

**Vocabulary:** Barnabas,oration

**Questions:**

1. Who did the church in Jerusalem send out? What did he do when he saw the grace of God?

2. Who did Barnabas go and get?

3. What were the disciples first called in Antioch?

4. What did Agabus show by the Spirit? What did the disciples do?

5. What did Herod do in 12:1-3?

6. What happened to Peter while he was in prison? What did he think was happening?

7. When he reached the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark what happened?

8. What did Herod command happen to the guards?

9. Why was Herod so violently killed?

10. Who did Saul and Barnabas take with them once they returned?

**Thought Question:**

The disciples were praying for the release of Peter, yet when Rhoda told them that Peter was at the door, they doubted her. Can you find a scripture that tells us about how we should pray with faith that our prayers will be answered.