

Series Title: The Life of Christ

Week 1

Period: The Early Years

Lesson Title: Events Leading Up To The Birth of Jesus

Memory Work: "In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," John 1:1.

- DAY 1** The source of the accounts and the preexistence of Christ.
- A. The accounts were written to record the events of Jesus' life and teachings. Two apostles, Matthew and John, and the inspired prophets, Mark and Luke, wrote of His life from birth to his ascension into heaven, Mark 1:1; Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25.
 - B. John described Jesus before He became man, John 1:1-18.
- DAY 2** The genealogy of Jesus and the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist.
- A. The human ancestry of Jesus can be traced from Adam to Mary and Joseph.
 - 1. Matthew traces the lineage from Abraham to Joseph, Matthew 1:1-2, 17-18.
 - 2. Luke traces the lineage through Mary back to Adam, Luke 3:23, 38.
 - B. The announcement of the birth of the prophet John to prepare the people for Jesus, Luke 1:5-25.
- DAY 3** The announcement of the birth of Jesus to Mary in the hill country of Judea.
- A. The announcement by the angel Gabriel, Luke 1:26-38.
 - B. Mary visited Elizabeth, John the Baptizer's mother, Luke 1:39-45.
 - C. Mary prophesied of the deeds of her baby, Luke 1:45-56.
- DAY 4** Birth and childhood of John the Baptizer, Luke 1:57-80.
- DAY 5** Joseph told of the birth of Jesus to Mary, the woman he was engaged to marry, Matthew 1:18-25.

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Week 2

Period: The Early Years

Lesson Title: Events Leading Up To The Birth of Jesus

Memory Work: "And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men," Luke 2:52.

DAY 1 Birth of Jesus and events immediately following.

- A. The birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-7.
- B. Praise of Angels and homage of Shepherds given to Jesus, Luke 2;8-20.

DAY 2 Jesus presented in the temple.

- A. Circumcision of Jesus even days after his birth according to the covenant made with Abraham, Luke 2:21; Genesis 17:9-10.
- B. Jesus was present to the Lord in the temple 40 days following his birth as required by the Law. There he received homage, Luke 2:22-38.

DAY 3 Visits by Magi and flight to Egypt.

- A. Wise men from the east visited Jesus at his parent's home in Bethlehem over a year after his birth.
- B. Jesus was carried to safety in Egypt, Matthew 2:13 -18; Hosea 11:1.

DAY 4 Return to Nazareth and childhood there.

- A. Joseph returned his family to Nazareth from Egypt and Jesus lived his childhood there, Luke 2:39-40.
- B. Visit of the boy Jesus to Jerusalem at age 12, Luke 2:41-50.
- C. Jesus matured into a man of 30 years at Nazareth, Luke 2:51-52.

DAY 5 Where Jesus lived and traveled.

A. Locate on a map the following places of Jesus' day.

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| 1. Judea | 7. Egypt |
| 2. Galilee | 8. Jerusalem |
| 3. Samaria | 9. Bethlehem |
| 4. Jordan River | 10. Nazareth |
| 5. Sea of Galilee | 11. Perea |
| 6. Dead Sea | 12. Tyre |

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Week 3

Period: Opening Events of His Ministry

Lesson Title: John the Baptizer Preceded Jesus

Memory Work: "And it came about in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized in the Jordan," Mark 1:9.

- DAY 1** The beginning of John the Baptizer's ministry.
- A. John began preparing the way for Jesus, Mark 1:1; Luke 3:1-2.
 - B. The message of John, Mark 1:2-3; Luke 3:3-6.
 - C. A sample of John's pointed teaching, Luke 3:7-14.
- DAY 2** John and Jesus as Jesus began His ministry.
- A. John taught the people about the coming Christ, Luke 3:15-18.
 - B. Jesus came to John to be baptized, Matthew 3:13-17.
 - C. The Holy Spirit led Jesus into a wilderness area to be severely tempted, Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 4.
- DAY 3** John gave witness to the identity of Jesus as the Christ.
- A. The Jewish leaders questioned who John was, John 1:19-28.
 - B. John bore witness to his disciples that Jesus was the "Lamb of God," "Son of God," John 1:29-34.
- DAY 4** Jesus called five men to be His disciples.
- A. The first three men to follow Jesus were Andrew, John and Peter, John 1:35-42.
 - B. Jesus asked two more men to follow Him, Philip and Nathanael, John 1:43-51.
- DAY 5** Jesus' first miracle was done in Galilee.
- A. Jesus, His disciples and mother with him, turned water into wine at a marriage feast, John 2:1-11.
 - B. Jesus stayed in Capernaum of Galilee on the north of the Galilean Sea a few days before leaving to preach in Judea, John 2:12.

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Week 4

Period: The Early Judean Ministry

Lesson Title: The Brief Judean Ministry of Jesus

Memory Work: "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through Him," John 3:17.

- DAY 1** The first cleansing of the temple.
- A. Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover and cleaned out the merchants from the temple grounds, John 2:13-17.
 - B. He prophesied that the ultimate sign of His authority to do such a thing would be His resurrection, John 2:18-22.
- DAY 2** The discussion between Nicodemus and Jesus.
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- A. During the Feast of days many believed in Jesus as a prophet because of his signs, John 2:23-25.
 - B. Nicodemus was such a believer and questioned Jesus about the coming kingdom of God, John 3:1-21.
- DAY 3** Jesus and John both preached concerning the coming kingdom.
- A. Jesus remained in Judea to teach and baptize, John 3:22-24; John 4:1-2.
 - B. John defended the popularity of Jesus over His own, John 3:24-36.
- DAY 4** Jesus departed Judea after about four months of teaching.
- A. The arrest of John caused Jesus to leave Judea to continue preaching in Galilee, Matthew 4:12; 14:3-5.
 - B. Review the places Jesus lived and traveled from Week 2, Day 5.
- DAY 5** On the way to Galilee, Jesus taught Samaritans.
- A. Jesus talked with a Samaritan woman and revealed to her He was the Messiah, John 4:26.
 - B. He taught the people of her city for two days, John 4:27-42.

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Week 5

Period: The Galilean Ministry

Lesson Title: Jesus Returned to Galilee To Teach

Memory Work: "And Jesus said unto them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.' And they immediately left the nets and followed Him," Mark 1:17-18.

- DAY 1** Jesus arrived in Galilee to preach the kingdom.
- A. Jesus left Judea to preach in Galilee after John was arrested, Mark 1:14-15.
 - B. The second sign He did in Galilee was again in Cana from where he healed a royal official's son who was sick in Capernaum, John 4:46-54.
 - C. Jesus visited His home synagogue in Nazareth and was violently rejected, Luke 6:16-31.
- DAY 2** Jesus made Capernaum His new home.
- A. Capernaum was by the Sea of Galilee where Peter, Andrew, James and John lived, Matthew 4:13-16.
 - B. These four fishermen were called by Jesus to leave their work and follow Him to become His disciples, Luke 5:1-11.
- DAY 3** Jesus taught and healed in Capernaum
- A. Note the excitement in the synagogue on the Sabbath because Jesus taught and healed, Luke 4:31-37.
- DAY 4** Jesus made His first preaching tour through Galilee
- A. Jesus took his four disciples into other cities of Galilee as He preached, Mark 1:35-39.
 - B. A leper was healed and thus the healing fame of Jesus caused Him to stay out of the cities and teach those who came to him in the desert areas, Mark 1:40-45.
 - C. Jesus returned to Capernaum after His preaching tour and people sought His healing power, Mark 2:1-12.
- DAY 5** Jesus angered the Pharisees by not keeping their company or traditions
- A. Matthew was called to be the next disciple, Mark 2:13-14; Luke 5:28.
 - B. In teaching, Jesus did not associate with priests, but with sinners, Luke 5:28-32.
 - C. In three parables, he defends His disciples for feasting instead of fasting, Luke 5:33-39.

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Week 6

Period: The Galilean Ministry

Lesson Title: Jewish Leaders in Jerusalem Seek to Destroy Jesus

Memory Work: Memorize the apostles' names - Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot.

- DAY 1** Jesus began having opposition from Jews in Jerusalem.
- A. Jesus returned to Jerusalem for a feast day and healed a crippled man on the Sabbath at the Pool of Bethesda, John 5:1-9.
 - B. The Jews began persecuting Jesus for healing on the Sabbath and calling God His father, John 5:10-18.
 - C. Jesus defended His actions and teachings, John 5:19-47.
- DAY 2** The religious leaders disliked Jesus and planned to destroy Him.
- A. Controversy with the Pharisees because the disciples picked grain to eat on the Sabbath, Mark 2:23-28.
 - B. Jesus continued to heal on the Sabbath and the religious leaders serving King Herod counseled on how to destroy Him, Mark 3:1-6.
- DAY 3** Jesus returned to Galilee.
- A. The wide-spread fame of Jesus, Matthew 4:23-25.
 - B. Great crowds from Galilee and Judea sought His healing. Since so many were coming only to be healed, Jesus tried to get them not to make Him known, Mark 3:7-12; Matthew 12:15-21.
- DAY 4** Jesus selected twelve apostles.
- A. After a night of prayer Jesus selected twelve to be apostles, Mark 3:15-19.
 - B. Memorize the names of the twelve, as above.
- DAY 5** Jesus began His famous "Sermon on the Mount."
- A. Jesus went into a mountain to preach to the multitudes, who were following Him, Matthew 5:1-2.
 - B. He began by preaching that there are eight characteristics that a child of God should have so he will be "blessed" (happy), Matthew 5:3-12.

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Period: The Galilean Ministry
Lesson Title: The Sermon on the Mount

Week 7

Memory Work: "Do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for you body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?" Matthew 6:25.

- DAY 1** The theme of the sermon: Christ's Standard of Righteousness.
- A. Jesus pronounces "woes" upon those who put their own comfort and happiness first, Luke 6:24-26.
 - B. He taught we must be of value, Matthew 5:13-16.
 - C. Jesus came to complete and fulfill the purpose of the Law of Moses and the prophets, Matthew 5:17-18.
 - D. Jesus warned that our righteousness would have to exceed that of the Pharisees, Matthew 5:19-20.
- DAY 2** Jesus taught the Law of His kingdom by comparing it to the Law of Moses.
- A. Killing, hate and attitudes toward one another, Matthew 5:21-26.
 - B. Adultery, divorce and a man's attitude toward a woman, Matthew 5:27-32.
- DAY 3** Teaching by comparison continued.
- A. Law pertaining to oaths and vows, Matthew 5:33-37.
 - B. Law of forbearance and kindness versus retaliation, Matthew 5:38-42.
 - C. The law of love for our enemies, Matthew 5:43-48.
- DAY 4** Description of righteousness before God.
- A. Real righteousness (giving, praying and fasting) is not done to be seen by others, Matthew 6:1-5; 18-18.
 - B. Jesus taught how we should pray, Matthew 6:6-15.
- DAY 5** Faith, as opposed to worldly anxieties, are a part of the Christian's attitude.
- A. Real treasures described, Matthew 6:19-21.
 - B. "Be not anxious" but have faith in God's care over us; serve the kingdom first, Matthew 6:22-34.

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Week 8

Period: The Galilean Ministry

Lesson Title: Jesus Taught and People Failed to Repent

Memory Work: "Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent," Matthew 11:20.

- DAY 1** Sermon continued on judging and prayer.
- A. Jesus cautioned against unfair and self-righteous judgment against another, Matthew 7:1-5
 - B. Don't waste time teaching those unappreciative of the gospel, Matthew 7:6.
 - C. Assurance that God answers prayer, Matthew 7:7-12.
- DAY 2** Conclusion to the sermon.
- A. Few will travel the difficult road to heaven, Matthew 7:13-14.
 - B. "Beware of the false teachers," Matthew 7:15-20.
 - C. Only those who obey will enter heaven. A preview of judgment and a parable, Matthew 7:21-27.
 - D. The people were astonished at the authority Jesus displayed during His sermon, Matthew 7:18-8:1.
- DAY 3** Jesus continued doing His mighty signs.
- A. Jesus healed a believing Roman army officer's servant, Luke 7:1-10.
 - B. He raised a widow's dead son, Luke 7:11-17.
- DAY 4** A message from John the baptizer to Jesus.
- A. John asked from prison if Jesus was the Messiah, Luke 7:18-23.
 - B. Jesus spoke highly of John, Luke 7:24-35.
- DAY 5** Jesus began rebuking cities where He had done so many miracles for not repenting.
- A. Cities in Galilee, Matthew 11:20-24.
 - B. Jesus prayed and offered rest from our weight of sins, Matthew 11:25-30.

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Week 9

Period: The Galilean Ministry

Lesson Title: Kingdom Taught Using Parables

Memory Work: "For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor any thing secret that shall not be known and come to light," Luke 8:17.

- DAY 1** Jesus visited the house of a Pharisee.
- A. A sinful woman anointed Jesus' feet during a meal, Luke 7:36-39.
 - B. Jesus used the episode to teach on the subject of brotherly love and forgiveness, Luke 7:40-50.
- DAY 2** Jesus made a second preaching tour through Galilee with his twelve disciples.
- A. Jesus visited cities healing the sick and casting out demons, Luke 8:1-3.
 - B. Jesus taught in a house. Pharisees who hated Jesus claimed the power Jesus healed with was of Satan. ("Beelzebub" means "king of flies"). Mark 3:20-21; Matthew 12:22-30.
 - C. Jesus said their speaking evil ("blasphemy") of the Holy Spirit would not be forgiven them. Such a hardened and hateful person would have a seared conscience and be past repenting, Matthew 12:31-37.
- DAY 3** Continued teachings of Jesus in the houses.
- A. The scribes and Pharisees demanded a further sign of Jesus that he was from God, Matthew 12:38-45.
 - B. His family came to the crowded house and sent a message inside asking for him. Jesus defined His true family, Matthew 12:46-50.
- DAY 4** Jesus moved from the house to the seacoast to continue teaching the crowds.
- A. There he taught in parables (the teaching of a spiritual truth by paralleling it with a commonly known situation or happening), Mark 4:1-2.
 - B. The parable of the sower, Matthew 13:1-9.
 - C. The reason Jesus taught in parables, Matthew 13:10-17.
 - D. The parable of the sower explained, Matthew 13:18-23.
- DAY 5** Jesus taught four more parables.
- A. The parable of the lamp, Mark 4:21-25.
 - B. The parable of the seed, Mark 4:26-29.
 - C. The parable of the tares, Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43.
 - D. The parable of the mustard seed, Matthew 13:31-32.

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Week 10

Period: The Galilean Ministry

Lesson Title: Jesus Taught and Healed by the Galilean Sea

Memory Work: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field," Matthew 13:44.

DAY 1 Jesus taught the kingdom using five more parables, making a total of twelve.

- A. The parable of the leaven, Matthew 13:33-35.
- B. The parable of the hidden treasure, Matthew 13:44.
- C. The parable of the pearl of great value, Matthew 13:45-46.
- D. The parable of the fishing net, Matthew 13:47-50.
- E. The parable of the householder, Matthew 13:51-53.

DAY 2 Jesus stopped a storm on the Galilean Sea.

- A. Jesus commanded his twelve disciples to leave the crowd and cross the sea by boat, Matthew 8:18.
- B. A storm arose and Jesus stopped it and rebuked His disciples for the lack of faith, Mark 4:35-41.

DAY 3 Jesus removed many demons from a possessed man.

- A. Once across the sea, Jesus was met by a man possessed of demons whom he healed by allowing them to depart into 2000 pigs, Mark 5:1-13.
- B. This caused the people to be afraid and they begged Jesus to leave, which He did, Mark 5:14-20.

DAY 4 Jesus healed two believing people.

- A. After having crossed back over the Galilean Sea, a great crowd awaited him, Mark 5:21.
- B. Jesus healed the daughter of a synagogue ruler and a woman suffering from hemorrhage for twelve years, Mark 5:22-43.

DAY 5 Jesus continued to be opposed by jealous religious leaders.

- A. Jesus continued to heal and the Pharisees told the people it was by the power of the Devil, Matthew 9:27-34.
- B. The last visit to Nazareth ended again in His being rejected, Mark 6:1-6.

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Week 11

Period: The Galilean Ministry

Lesson Title: The Third Tour of Galilee by Jesus

Memory Work: "Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man," Matthew 15:11.

- DAY 1** The third preaching tour of Galilee by Jesus and the twelve.
- A. Jesus again traveled the cities of Galilee preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing, Matthew 9:35.
 - B. The twelve disciples were given the power of healing and sent out by twos to preach the kingdom, Matthew 9:36-10:15.
 - C. They were warned of persecution and reminded of God's care over them, Matthew 10:16-40; 11:1.
- DAY 2** John was killed and Jesus sought rest.
- A. The guilty fears of Herod Antipas about Jesus because he beheaded John the baptizer, Mark 6:14-29.
 - B. The twelve return and Jesus retires with them beyond the Sea of Galilee to rest, Mark 6:30-32.
 - C. They were found, and many from the cities ran after them. After teaching them, Jesus fed 5000 late in the day, Mark 6:33-44.
- DAY 3** The people constantly sought Jesus for healings.
- A. The people tried to force him to be their earthly king, John 6:14-15.
 - B. He sent the twelve disciples away by boat and went up the mountain to pray, mark 6:45-46.
 - C. Later, at night, Jesus walked across the Galilean Sea to join His twelve disciples, Matthew 14:24-26.
 - D. After He arrived across the sea, the people sought His healing power, Mark 6:53-56.
- DAY 4** Jesus rebuked them and many left because of His teachings.
- A. The 5000 used boats on the sea to locate Jesus and found Him at Capernaum, John 6:22-25.
 - B. Jesus rebuked them for seeking Him only because of His healing power and the free food they ate, John 6:26-27.
 - C. Jesus taught them to seek the real bread of life, Himself, John 6:28-51.
 - D. The Jews argued among themselves over this teaching, John 6:52-59.
 - E. Many of His disciples refused His teaching and left, except the twelve, John 6:52-71.
- DAY 5** Jesus warned against the religious leaders.
- A. Jews from Jerusalem met with Him and again criticized His disciples for not performing the traditional washing, Mark 7:1-13.
 - B. Jesus warned the people that it is not what goes in, but what comes out of the mouth that condemns, Mark 7:14-23.

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Lesson Title: Special Training of the Twelve

Week 12

Memory Work: "He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God,'" Matthew 16:15-16.

- DAY 1** The people sought His healing, the rulers His destruction.
- A. He rested in cities of the Gentiles where He healed a Gentile, Mark 7:24-30.
 - B. Jesus returned to Galilee and again healed many who came to Him and fed 4000, Matthew 15:29-38.
 - C. The religious rulers again tempted Jesus to show a sign from heaven, Matthew 15:39-16:4.
 - D. Jesus warned against the rulers and criticized the disciples for their lack of understanding the warning, Matthew 16:5-12.
- DAY 2** Jesus revealed His identity and death to His twelve disciples.
- A. Jesus healed a blind man, Mark 8:22-26.
 - B. Jesus tested His disciples, Matthew 16:13-20.
 - C. He foretold of His rejection, death and resurrection, and the fact that the kingdom would come to Israel in their lifetime, Matthew 16:21-28.
- DAY 3** Jesus proved to be the Son of God and John to be the returned Elijah.
- A. Jesus took three disciples onto a mountain and was transfigured before them, Luke 9:28-36.
 - B. He explained the prophecy concerning Elijah's coming, Matthew 17:9-13.
 - C. The only failure of the twelve to heal caused Jesus to rebuke them for their "little faith," Matthew 17:14-20.
- DAY 4** Jesus prepared the twelve for His death and their work in the kingdom.
- A. Jesus again foretold His death and the disciples still did not comprehend it, Luke 9:43-45.
 - B. The temple tax was miraculously paid by Jesus, Matthew 17:24-27.
 - C. The twelve disputed over who should be greatest in the kingdom, Mark 9:33-37.
- DAY 5** Jesus taught our obligation to brethren who sin.
- A. God is concerned about those who fall away from Him and those who might be the cause of it, Matthew 18:6-14.
 - B. His teachings on the pattern for saving a brother in sin, Matthew 18:15-19.
 - C. How often we must forgive is taught, Matthew 18:20-35.

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Lesson Title: REVIEW

Week 13

Memory Work: "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing any more, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men," Matthew 5:13.

- DAY 1**
1. Who was Jesus before He became man? Wk 1-D1.
 2. List the events of the birth and early childhood of Jesus. Wk 1-D2-5; Wk 2-D1,4.
 3. What was John the Baptizer's mission? Wk 3-D1, 3.
 4. Tell the account of Jesus' calling His first five disciples. Wk 3-D3.

- DAY 2**
1. What was Jesus' first miracle in Galilee? Wk 3-D5.
 2. Why did Jesus become angry in the temple? Wk 3-D1.
 3. How long did Jesus preach in Judea and why did He leave? Wk4-D4.
 4. When Jesus went home to Nazareth as a teacher, what did His friends and neighbors think of Him? Wk5-D1.

- DAY 3**
1. Why did the Pharisees dislike Jesus and of what faults did they accuse Him? Wk 5-D5; Wk6-D1,2.
 2. Why did Jesus teach us not to be anxious about obtaining our food and clothes? What does "anxious" mean? Wk7-D5.
 3. How many people did Jesus say will go to heaven? Wk8-D2.
 4. What signs did Jesus do; why did He do them? Wk 6-D3;Wk 8-D3,5; Wk 9-D2.

- DAY 4**
1. How did Jesus use an humble woman to teach a Pharisee a lesson in brotherly love and forgiveness? Wk9-D1.
 2. Where did the Pharisees claim Jesus got His power to do miracles? Wk 9-D2; Wk 10-D5.
 3. Define a parable. What is your favorite parable? Wk 9-D4, 5; Wk 10-D1.
 4. When did the twelve disciples start doing miracles? How much were they to charge? Wk11-D1.

- DAY 5**
1. Why did so many people seek Jesus and follow Him? Wk 11-D3, 4.
 2. Why did most of Jesus' disciples leave Him? Wk 11-D4.
 3. What did Jesus tell the twelve concerning His death? Wk 12-D2, 4.
 4. When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, who did He talk to? About what? What was the disciples' reaction? Wk 12-D3.