

JESUS' RETURN TO BETHANY

Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 19:11-28; John 11:55-12:11

As Jesus traveled with the Passover crowds toward Jerusalem, His ministry drew to a close. Notice the various attitudes people had toward Him at this time.

A. Jesus' Approach to Jerusalem: Read Luke 19:11-28

1. As Jesus neared Jerusalem, what parable did He tell the crowds? Luke 19:12

2. Why did He tell this parable? Luke 19:11b

3. Where did Jesus go after telling this parable? Luke 19:28

B. The Crowd's Arrival in Jerusalem: Read John 11:55-57

1. As some of the crowd arrived in Jerusalem before Jesus did, what did they wonder? John 11:55, 56

2. What command had the Pharisees and chief priests given concerning Jesus? John 11:57

C. Jesus' Arrival in Bethany: Read John 12:1-8

1. When did Jesus arrive in Bethany? John 12:1

2. What day of the week would this be? Compare Mark 15:42

3. What did they do for Jesus (probably Saturday evening after the Sabbath ended at sundown)? John 12:2a

4. In whose house was this event held? Mark 14:3

5. Who was one of those who served? John 12:2b

6. Who was one of the guests? John 12:2c

7. What did Mary do at this time? John 12:3

8. What was Judas' reaction to this? John 12:4-6

9. Why did Jesus say Mary had done this? John 12:7; Mark 14:8

10. What did Jesus say would happen because of her action? Mark 14:9

D. The Reactions to Jesus' Arrival: Read John 12:9-11

1. What did the crowds do when they heard of Jesus' arrival in Bethany?

John 12:9a

2.

Whom did they especially want to see? John 12:9b

3. What did many of the Jews do at this time? John 12:11

4. As a result of this, what additional plan did the Pharisees make? John 12:10

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How many different attitudes toward Jesus were expressed during these days? Which were pleasing to God?

2. What is my real heart attitude toward Jesus? Could Jesus commend it?

SUNDAY: JESUS' ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19

As a result of the events connected with Jesus' arrival in Bethany, the interest of the crowds in Jerusalem was thoroughly aroused. Read to see what they did to express this interest:

A. The Procession from Jerusalem: Read John 12:12, 13

1. On the day following Simon's feast in Bethany, what news reached the crowds in Jerusalem? John 12:12

2. What did they do when they heard this? John 12:13

B. The Procession from Bethany: Read Matthew 21:1-8

1. As Jesus left Bethany, to what two places did He come on His journey? Matthew 21:1

2. Find the Mount of Olives on a map of Jerusalem. Locate the road Jesus used.

3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do at this time? Matthew 21:2

4. What did the disciples do after this? Matthew 21:7

5. Why did Jesus permit them to do this? Matthew 21:4, 5

6. What did the crowds with Jesus do? Matthew 21:8

C. The Meeting of the Two Crowds: Read John 12:17-19

1. What crowd accompanied Jesus from Bethany? John 12:17

2. What other crowd did they meet on the way? John 12:18

3. What did both crowds do as they met? Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9

4. For what were they especially looking? Mark 11:10a

5. What did some of the Pharisees ask Jesus to do? Luke 19:39

6. What was Jesus' answer to them? Luke 19:40

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D. Events Near Jerusalem: Read Luke 19:41-44

1. What did Jesus do as He drew near the city of Jerusalem? Luke 19:41, 42

2. What did He predict would happen to the city? Luke 19:43, 44

3. Why would these things happen? Luke 19:44b

E. The Entrance Into Jerusalem: Read Matthew 21:10, 11; Mark 11:11

1. What happened as the procession entered into Jerusalem?
Matthew 21:10, 11

2. Where did Jesus go when He reached Jerusalem? Mark 11:1a

3. Then what did He do, and why? Mark 11:11b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did the crowds realize what Jesus would do to their personal lives if He should become king?

2. Do I realize what is involved in having Jesus reign over me?

MONDAY: JESUS' VISIT TO THE TEMPLE AND LESSON FROM THE FIG TREE

Matthew 21:12-22; Mark 11:12-26; Luke 19:45-48

After spending Sunday night in Bethany with the twelve, Jesus returned to Jerusalem on Monday morning. Study now what happened on the next day:

A. The Journey Into Jerusalem: Read Mark 11:12-14

1. How is Jesus described as He entered into the city? Mark 11:12

2. What did He do to try to remedy this situation? Mark 11:13

3. What did He say when this attempt was unsuccessful? Mark 11:14

B. Monday in Jerusalem: Read Matthew 21:2-17

1. What did Jesus do first when He entered the city? Matthew 21:12
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. What did He say the people had made of God's house by these things? Matthew 21:13b

3. What was it supposed to be? Matthew 21:13a

4. What did Jesus do for the rest of this day? Matthew 21:14

5. What did the children do at this time? Matthew 21:15

6. As a result of these events, how did the chief priests and scribes feel? Matthew 21:15b

7. What did they ask Jesus? Matthew 21:16a

8. What was Jesus' answer? Matthew 21:16b

9. What did they try to do afterwards? Mark 11:18, Luke 19:47

10. Why did they not actually do this? Luke 19:48

11. What did Jesus do when evening came? Mark 11:19

12. Where did he stay that night? Matthew 21:17

C. The Return to Jerusalem Tuesday Morning: Read Matthew 21:20-22;
Mark 11:20-26

1. What did the disciples see as they returned to Jerusalem on Tuesday morning? Mark 11:20

2. What did they do when they saw it? Matthew 21:20

3. Who spoke to Jesus concerning this? Mark 11:21

4. From this event, what did Jesus teach the disciples that they should do? Mark 11:22

5. If they would do this, what did Jesus promise would be possible for them to do? Mark 11:23; Matthew 21:21

6. What part of their lives would this faith especially affect? Mark 11:24a

7. What would be the result of such faith? Mark 11:24b; Matthew 21:22

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could Christians today benefit from a genuine faith in God--the kind of faith that moves mountains?

2. Have I begun to develop such a faith through prayer, believing God is concerned with the small and large events of my life? (See Matthew 21:22)

TUESDAY: TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE

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Matthew 21:23-22:10; Mark 11:27-12:12; Luke 20:1-18

Shortly after Jesus reached the temple on Tuesday morning, He was approached by those who questioned what He had done there on Monday. Read about this below:

A. The Occasion of Jesus' Teachings: Read Matthew 21:23-27

1. What did the chief priests, scribes and elders ask Jesus as He arrived at the temple?

Matthew 21:23

2. What question did Jesus in turn ask them? Matthew 21:24, 25a
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3. What did they fear would happen if they answered

a. "From heaven?" Matthew 21:25b _____

b. "From men?" Luke 20:6 _____

4. When they refused to answer His question, what did Jesus tell them? Matthew 21:27
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5. Notice that Jesus gave the following parables as a result of this incident:
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B. The Parable of the Two Sons: Read Matthew 21:28-32

1. What did the man ask his first son to do? Matthew 21:28
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2. What was the son's answer? Matthew 21:29a
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3. Yet what did he later do? Matthew 21:29b
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4. What did the second son say when presented with the same request? Matthew 21:30a
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5. Yet what did he later do? Matthew 21:30b
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6. When Jesus asked which son had actually done his father's will, what did they answer? Matthew 21:31a
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7. Who did Jesus say was like the first son? Matthew 21:31b
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8. But who were the chief priests and elders like? Matthew 21:32b
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C. The Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen: Read Matthew 21:33-46

1. After this householder had done everything to make his vineyard fruitful, what did he ask the husbandmen in whose care he had left it to do?

Matthew 21:33, 34

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2. What did they do instead? Matthew 21:35, 36

3. Whom did the householder finally send to them? Matthew 21:37

4. What did the husbandmen do to him? Matthew 21:38, 39

5. When Jesus asked His hearers what would happen to such husbandmen, what did they answer? Matthew 21:41

6. Who did Jesus say was like these husbandmen? Matthew 21:43, 45

7. What did they want to do as a result? Matthew 21:46a

8. Why did they not do this? Matthew 21:46b

D. The Parable of the Marriage of the King's Son: Read Matthew 22:1-10

1. What did those who were invited to the wedding of the king's son do when his servants called for them? Matthew 22:3b

2. What did they do when he sent the second group of servants to them? Matthew 22:5, 6

3. How did the king therefore feel? What did he do? Matthew 22:7

4. Who were then invited to take the places of those who were not worthy? Matthew 22:9, 10

5. Who do you think were like those first invited?

6. Who were like those who took their places?

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Have I accepted God's gracious invitation, done His will, and rendered unto Him the fruits He deserves from His investment in me?

2. If not, what may I expect to happen to me?

TUESDAY: QUESTIONS IN THE TEMPLE
Matthew 22:15 - 23:36; Mark 12:13 - 40; Luke 20:19 - 47

Shortly after Jesus reached the temple on Tuesday morning, He was approached by those who questioned what He had done there on Monday. Read about this below:

A. The First Question: Read Matthew 22:15-22

1. After Jesus' three parables of warning, what did the Pharisees decide to try to do?
Matthew 22:15

2. What did they hope eventually to do? Luke 20:20b

3. Therefore, what question did their spies ask of Jesus? Matthew 22:16, 17

4. Notice the trap in this question: Whom would Jesus offend if He answered?
 - a. "Yes?" (*THINK!* Who did not want to pay taxes to Rome?) _____
 - b. "No?" (*THINK!* Who would require that these taxes be paid?) _____
5. Instead of answering their question either way, what did Jesus prove to them? Matthew 22:18-21a

6. Then what answer did He give? Matthew 22:21b

7. What did Jesus' answer cause the people to do? Matthew 22:22

B. The Second Question: Read Matthew 22:23-33

1. After the Pharisees had been shamed by Jesus, who next decided to question Him?
Matthew 22:23a

2. The Sadducees were modernistic religious leaders of the Jews. In what Old Testament teaching did they not believe? Matthew 22:23

3. In framing their question, what example did they give? Matthew 22:25-27

4. What was their question? Matthew 22:28

5. After rebuking them for their ignorance of the Scriptures and of God's power, what did Jesus say about resurrected people? Matthew 22:29, 30

6. When Jesus further taught the Sadducees about the resurrection, what was the reaction of the multitudes? Matthew 22:31-33

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C. The Third Question: Read Matthew 22:34-40

1. What question did one of the Pharisees, who was a lawyer (or scribe), ask Jesus?
Matthew 22:34-36

2. From what source did Jesus' answer come? Compare Matthew 22:37-39 with
Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18b.

3. What did the lawyer say about Jesus' answer? Mark 12:32a

D. Jesus' Unanswered Question: Read Matthew 22:41-46

1. What question did Jesus then ask the Pharisees? Matthew 22:41, 42a

2. What did the Pharisees answer? Matthew 22:42b

3. What was Jesus' second question? Matthew 22:45

4. What was the Pharisees' reaction to this question? Matthew 22:46

5. What is the only real answer to this question? (*THINK!*)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Even though Jesus' enemies were completely defeated in these discussions, was their
attitude toward Him changed at all?

2. "A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still." What is the only message
for such people? Matthew 23:13-16, 23, 25, 27

TUESDAY NIGHT, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: PREPARATIONS FOR JESUS' DEATH

**Matthew 23:37-26:25; Mark 12:41-14:21;
Luke 21:1-22:30; John 13:1-30**

After Jesus had completely silenced the religious leaders' questions, He left the temple for the last time. Notice now the events which happened as He left, and afterwards:

A. Jesus' Prediction: Read Matthew 23:37-24:4, 26:1, 2

1. How did Jesus feel about the city of Jerusalem after the events of Tuesday?

Matthew 23:37-39

2. Whom did He commend as He left the temple? Why? Mark 12:41-44

3. On what subject did Jesus teach His disciples as He returned to the Mount of Olives Tuesday evening? Matthew 24:3

4. When Jesus had finished these teachings, what did He predict would happen? Matthew 26:1, 2
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B. The Fulfillment Begun: Read Matthew 26:3-5, 14-16

1. What were the leaders planning at this very time, or possibly at some time on Wednesday? Matthew 26:3, 4

2. What did they decide about the time for doing this? Matthew 26:5

3. What happened as they were making their plans? Matthew 26:14, 15

4. How did the leaders feel when this happened? Mark 14:11

5. What did Judas spend his time doing from this point forward? Matthew 26:16; Luke 22:6b
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C. The Passover Feast: Read Luke 22:7-30; John 13:1-17

1. On the next day, Thursday, who prepared the Passover feast for Jesus and His disciples? Luke 22:8

2. Where did they prepare it? Luke 22:12
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3. As they began the feast, what question arose among the disciples?
Luke 22:24

4. What did Jesus say the one who would be greatest among them should do? Luke 22:26

5. Who had been their example in doing this? Luke 22:27b

6. After the supper had already begun, what did Jesus do? John 13:4, 5

7. Why did Jesus say He had done this? John 13:14-17

D. Jesus' Prediction at the Feast: Read Matthew 26:21-25

1. As they continued the supper, what did Jesus tell them? Matthew 26:21

2. How did this make the disciples feel? Matthew 26:22a

3. What did they begin to say? Matthew 26:22b

4. What was Jesus' answer? Matthew 26:23; John 13:26

5. What happened to Judas at that time? John 13:27a

6. What else did Jesus say to Him? John 13:27b

7. Why did the disciples not understand Jesus' prediction? John 13:28, 29

8. What did Judas do after this? John 13:30

9. Why had Jesus made this prediction? John 13:18,19

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. In spite of the awful suffering which awaited Jesus in the near future, what was His main concern at this time?

2. Do I appreciate Jesus' efforts to prepare me for coming events in my life?

THURSDAY EVENING: JESUS' BETRAYAL AND ARREST
Matthew 26:26-56; Mark 14:22-52; Luke 22:31-54; John 13:31-18:4

After Judas left the Passover Feast, Jesus and the other eleven disciples continued in the upper room for some time. Read now to see what happened after this:

A. Events After the Supper: Read Matthew 26:26-35; John 13:33-38

1. After Judas had left, what ceremony did Jesus observe with the eleven? Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

2. What new commandment did Jesus give at this time? John 13:34, 35

3. What three things did He say would happen that night?
 - a. To Him: Mark 14:27b _____
 - b. To all the disciples: Mark 14:27a, c _____
 - c. To Peter: Luke 22:31, 32, 34 _____
4. After this, Jesus gave three great sermons ,or discourses, to the eleven, recorded for us in John 14-16. Then what did He do? John 17:1

5. What did they all do just before leaving the upper room? Matthew 26:30

B. Early Events in the Garden: Read John 18:1; Matthew 26:30, 36-46

1. Where did Jesus and the eleven go from the supper room? John 18:1; Luke 22:39

2. What did He tell the eight disciples to do? Luke 22:40

3. After going a little further with Peter, James and John, what did He tell them to do? Matthew 26:37, 38

4. Then what did He do? Matthew 26:39

5. What happened after this? Luke 22:43, 44

6. What did He find the disciples doing after this? Matthew 26:40

7. What did He tell them to do? Matthew 26:41

8. How many times did Jesus repeat His prayer? Matthew 26:42, 44

9. Then what did He tell the eleven? Matthew 26:45b, 46

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C. Later Events in the Garden: Read John 18:2-12; Matthew 26:47-56

1. What happened even as Jesus was speaking? Matthew 26:47

2. How did Judas know where to look for Jesus? John 18:2

3. Even before Judas had a chance to point out Jesus to the officers, what did Jesus tell them?
John 18:4-8

4. By what sign did Judas show Jesus to the officers? Matthew 26:48, 49

5. What did Jesus call Judas, even after this? Matthew 26:50

6. What did Peter do as soon as the officers arrested Jesus? Matthew 26:51; John 18:10

7. What did Jesus tell him to do? Matthew 26:52, 53

8. Then what did Jesus do? Luke 22:51b

9. Why did Jesus tell the crowds that they had come out against Him?
Matthew 26:55, 56a

10. What did the disciples do when Jesus surrendered to the officers?
Matthew 26:56b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What made the difference between Jesus' attitude in the face of great danger and temptation, and the attitude of the disciples? (See Matthew 26:41)

2. Is my prayer life such that it keeps me constantly prepared to overcome temptations?

EARLY FRIDAY MORNING: JESUS' TRIALS AND CONDEMNATION

**Matthew 26:57-27:26; Mark 14:53-15:15;
Luke 22:54-23:25; John 18:15-19:16**

Having arrested Jesus, the officers brought Him back into the city of Jerusalem about midnight Thursday night. Notice what happened after this:

A. Jesus Before Annas: Read John 18:13-24

1. How many disciples followed Jesus to His trial? John 18:15

2. After Jesus answered Annas' questions, what did one of the officers do to Him? John 18:22

B. Jesus Before Caiaphas: Read Mark 14:53-72

1. Who had assembled with Caiaphas by the time Jesus arrived in the courtroom? Mark 14:53

2. What happened when they tried to find witness against Jesus? Mark 14:55-59

3. What did Jesus do when He was questioned? Mark 14:61

4. When Jesus later answered that He was the Christ, what did the council call his answer? Mark 14:64a

5. What was His sentence for this? Mark 14:64b

6. How was Jesus then treated? Mark 14:65; Luke 22:64, 65

7. What happened after this "trial" ended? Mark 14:66-72

8. What did it take to make Peter realize His sin, so that He broke down and wept bitterly? Luke 22:61, 62

C. Jesus Before the Sanhedrin (Jewish Supreme Court): Read Luke 22:66-71

1. Notice that this was exactly the same group which had assembled during the night, and that exactly the same verdict was reached. What was the only difference between this "trial" and the previous one? Luke 22:66a

2. What did Judas do when he heard the outcome of this "trial"?
Matthew 27:3-10

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D. Jesus Before Pilate: Read John 18:28-38

1. Notice that although the Jewish leaders had said Jesus was worthy of death, they could not execute Him. Only the Romans could do that. What four charges were brought against Him before Pilate? John 18:30; Luke 23:2

2. After Pilate had privately questioned Jesus, what was his verdict? John 18:38

3. When Pilate heard that Jesus was from Galilee, what did he do? Luke 23:6, 7

E. Jesus Before Herod: Read Luke 23:8-12

1. Why was Herod glad to see Jesus? Luke 23:8

2. What did Jesus do in his presence? Luke 23:9

3. How was Jesus treated after this? Luke 23:11

F. Jesus Before Pilate Again: Read Matthew 27:15-26

1. When Jesus was returned to Pilate, what did Pilate again say of Him? Luke 23:14, 15

2. When Pilate offered to release either Jesus or Barabbas, why did the crowds choose Barabbas? Matthew 27:20

3. How was Jesus then treated? John 19:1-3

4. Although Pilate made repeated efforts to release Jesus (John 19:4, 6,12,15), what did he finally do? Matthew 27:24-26

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was there anything to justify Pilate's decision concerning Jesus?

2. What decision have I made concerning Jesus? Was it a just decision?

FRIDAY: JESUS' CRUCIFIXION, DEATH AND BURIAL
Matthew 27:27-61; Mark 15:16-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:16-42

After Pilate had *scourged* (whipped) Jesus, he turned Him over to the soldiers. Read now to see how they treated Him, and what happened after they left Pilate's court:

A. The Procession Out of the City: Read Matthew 27:27-33; Luke 25:26-34

1. How was Jesus treated before He left Pilate's court? Matthew 27:28-31

2. As the procession left the court, who carried Jesus' cross at first? John 19:17a Later? Mark 15:21

3. As the crowds followed Jesus, weeping for Him, for whom did Jesus say they ought to be weeping? Luke 23:28

4. What was the name of the place where Jesus was crucified?
 - a. Latin name: Luke 23:33 _____
 - b. Hebrew name: John 19:17b _____
 - c. English translation: John 19:17a _____

B. Jesus' Crucifixion: Read John 19:18-25

1. What title did Pilate put over Jesus' cross? John 19:19, 20

2. Who objected to this title? John 19:21, 22

3. What did the soldiers do with Jesus' clothing? John 19:23, 24

4. What groups of people watched Jesus' crucifixion? Note what each said or did.
 - a. Luke 23:36, 37 _____
 - b. Matthew 27:39, 40 _____
 - c. Matthew 27:41-43 _____
 - d. Luke 23:39-41 _____
5. Notice the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross:
(1) Luke 23:34; (2) Luke 23:43; (3) John 19:26, 27;
(4) Mark 15:34; (5) John 19:28; (6) John 19:30; (7) Luke 23:46.
For whom do these show that Jesus was concerned?

C. Jesus' Death:

1. What events in connection with Jesus' death took place at the following hours:
 - a. Third (Probably 9 a.m.): Mark 15:25 _____
 - b. Sixth (Probably 12 noon): Mark 15:33 _____

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- c. Ninth (Probably 3 p.m.): Mark 15:34-37 _____
2. What important events took place at the time of Jesus' death?
- a. Matthew 27:51a _____
- b. Matthew 27:51b _____
- c. Matthew 27:52, 53 _____
3. How did the following react to Jesus' death?
- a. The centurion: Luke 23:47; Matthew 27:54 _____
- b. The crowds: Luke 23:48 _____
- c. The women who had ministered to Him: Luke 23:49 _____
4. Who bore testimony to the fact that Jesus actually died? John 19:32, 33, 35
- _____

D. Jesus' Burial: Read Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:38-42

1. What two men buried Jesus? Luke 23:50-54; John 19:39, 40
- _____
2. Where was Jesus buried? Mark 15:46; John 19:41, 42
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. For whom did Jesus endure all these agonies? (See 1 Corinthians 15:3b)
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2. Have I accepted the atonement that Jesus made for my sin on the cross?
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RESURRECTION AND APPEARANCES
(FORTY DAYS, BEGINNING WITH RESURRECTION SUNDAY)
Matthew 27:62 – 28:15; Mark 16:1 – 14;
Luke 23:56 – 24:49; John 20 20:1 - 31

Only three hours remained after Jesus' death until the Sabbath began at sundown. After His burial, the time was even shorter. See what was done during this time, and in the days which followed:

A. Events Between the Burial and the Resurrection: Read Matthew 27:62-66

1. After the women saw where Jesus was buried, what did they do that same afternoon?
Luke 23:56a

2. What did they do after the Sabbath began at sundown? Luke 23:56b

3. What did the Jewish officials do on the sabbath day? Matthew 27:62-66

4. What did the women do when the Sabbath was past, probably at sundown on Saturday?
Mark 16:1

5. When did they come to the tomb? John 20:1; Mark 16:2

6. What were they discussing on their way to the tomb? Mark 16:3

B. Events on Resurrection Morning: Read Matthew 28:1-15

1. What happened probably just before the women arrived at the tomb? Matthew 28:2-4

2. What important event had already happened before this? (*THINK!*)

3. When they saw the tomb already opened, which of the women ran back to tell Peter and John what had happened? John 20:1, 2

4. What message was given to the other women, that Mary Magdalene seems to have missed? Matthew 28:4-6; Mark 16:6

5. Of what did the angel also remind the women? Luke 24:6-8

6. To whom were they to carry the message that Jesus would meet them in Galilee?
Matthew 28:7; Mark 16:7

7. What feelings overwhelmed the women as they left the tomb? Matthew 28:8; Mark 16:8

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8. When Peter and John came to the tomb in response to Mary Magdalene's message, how did they react? Read John 20:3-10
- a. Luke 24:12 (Peter) _____
 - b. John 20:8 (John) _____
9. How did the disciples react when they heard the report of
- a. the women? Luke 24:9-11 _____
 - b. Mary Magdalene? Mark 16:9-11 _____
10. What did the Jewish leaders do when they heard what had happened?
Matthew 28:11-15
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C. Events Following the Resurrection: Read John 20:19-31

- 1. To what others did Jesus appear on resurrection afternoon?
 - a. Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5 _____
 - b. Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-33a _____
 - 2. To whom did He appear on resurrection evening? Mark 16:14; Luke 24:33b-43; John 20:19, 20 _____
 - 3. To whom did He appear a week later? John 20:26-29
(Three other appearances of Jesus following His resurrection will be studied in connection with the following lesson.)
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

- 1. Could there be any possible doubt that Jesus really rose from the dead?
(See Acts 1:3a)
 - 2. What emotion does the certainty of Jesus' resurrection bring to my heart?
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LAST COMMISSION AND ASCENSION

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:44-53;

John 20:21, 21:1-25; Acts 1:1-14

Having proved by His many appearances to His disciples in Jerusalem that He had indeed risen from the dead, Jesus continued to appear at intervals for over a month after His resurrection. Study now the events connected with the last three of His earthly appearances which are recorded for us:

A. Jesus' Appearance at the Sea of Galilee (Sea of Tiberias):

Read John 21:1-17

1. How many of the disciples were present at this time? John 21:2

2. What did Peter decide to do? John 21:3a

3. What did the others also decide? John 21:3b

4. What was the result of their efforts? John 21:3c

5. In the morning, who stood on the shore? John 21:4

6. What did He tell them to do? John 21:6a

7. What was the result of obedience to His orders? John 21:6b

8. What did John decide as soon as he saw what had happened? John 21:7a

9. After they had had breakfast together, to whom did Jesus begin to speak? John 21:15

10. What did He tell this disciple to spend his time doing from now on, if he really loved Him? John 21:15b, 16b, 17b

B. Jesus' Appearance on a Mountain in Galilee: Read Matthew 28:16-20

1. Who were present at this appearance of Jesus? Matthew 28:16

2. What did those present do when they saw Him? Matthew 28:17

3. What did Jesus tell them on this occasion? Matthew 28:18

4. Therefore, what three things did He tell them they were to do from now on?
 - a. Matthew 28:19a _____
 - c. Matthew 28:19b _____

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d. Matthew 28:20a _____

5. What did He promise to all who would do this? Matthew 28:20b

C. Jesus' Appearance in and Near Jerusalem: Read Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:1-12

1. What had the Scriptures predicted must happen after Jesus rose from the dead? Luke 24:47

2. For what must the disciples wait before they could begin this work? Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8a

3. What happened after Jesus led the disciples out to Bethany on the Mount of Olives? Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9

4. What did the disciples do as this happened? Acts 1:10a, 11a; Luke 24:52a

5. What message was given to them at this time? Acts 1:10, 11

6. Where did the disciples then go? Luke 24:52b; Acts 1:12, 13

7. What did they spend their time doing for the next few days?

a. Luke 24:53 _____

b. Acts 1:14 _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jesus leave any room for doubt as to what He wanted His followers to do after He left them to return to heaven?

2. Am I concerned about doing that which Jesus has left me on earth to do?
(See 2 Corinthians 5:15)

JESUS ' LAST APPEARANCE TO THE DISCIPLES

Acts 1:1 -11

The book of Acts is a continuation of the narrative begun in the four Gospels. It begins with some of the same events mentioned at the end of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. See now what these events are, and relate them to your previous studies in the Gospels:

A. The Prologue of the Book of Acts: Read Acts 1:1-5

1. To whom was the book of Acts written? Acts 1:1a and *THINK!*

2. This name means "lover of God." What does this show you about this person?

3. What other book had also been written to this person? Luke 1:3c and *THINK!*

4. What do you learn about this person from the two words preceding his name in Luke 1:3c? (See Acts 23:26, 24:3, 26:25 and *THINK!*)

5. What events had been included in the author's first *treatise*? (systematic narrative in writing)? Acts 1:1

6. Where did that narrative end? Acts 1:2a

7. List the events which the author mentions had taken place before this time:
 - a. 1:2b _____
 - b. 1:3a _____
 - c. 1:3b _____
 - d. 1:3c _____
 - e. 1:4a _____
 - f. 1:4b _____
 - g. 1:4c _____
8. What prediction had Jesus made before the day He was taken up? Acts 1:5b

9. If the Gospels tell what Jesus *began* to do and teach, what would you think the book of Acts would tell?

10. Would Jesus do this in person?_____ Through whom might He do it? (*THINK!*)

11. In your future studies, discover where these people would get the power for this task. Copy here when you have found the answer:

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B. Jesus' Appearance to the Apostles: Read Acts 1:6-11

1. What question did the disciples ask Jesus when they were gathered together with Him?
Acts 1:6

2. What was Jesus' answer to them? Acts 1:7

3. But what did He tell them would happen, and when? Acts 1:8a, b

4. What would they then be? Acts 1:8c

5. In what four places would this be true? Acts 1:8d, g

6. After Jesus had said these things, what two things happened while they watched? Acts 1:9

7. What did the disciples do as Jesus went up? Acts 1:10a

8. Then what most unusual thing happened? Acts 1:10b

9. What question did these men ask the disciples? Acts 1:11a, b

10. What promise did they make concerning Jesus? Acts 1:11c, d

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was Jesus' statement about being witnesses only a prediction? Or was it also a command? Did it apply only to the apostles? Or to other Christians too? How?

2. What should I be primarily concerned about: The time of future events, or witnessing for Jesus? Do I *want* to do this? What will be the results if I do? If I do not? Is it easy to witness for Jesus? What are some of the hindrances? Is it worthwhile to overcome these hindrances? How can I witness *now*? In the future?

DETAILED OUTLINE OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST

As this study has progressed, a detailed outline of Christ's Life has become evident, through the headings and sub-headings of the individual lessons. This larger outline is now summarized for you in detail, so that you may see how the individual events fit into the broad outline. Whether or not you memorize this outline, you will find it very valuable for years to come as a means of keeping before you the overall picture of Christ's life:

PRE-EXISTENCE (Eternal)

PREPARATION (30 Years)

- A. Ancestry And Infancy:
 - Annunciation to Mary
 - Marriage of Joseph and Mary
 - Jesus' Birth in Bethlehem
 - Visit of Shepherds to Manger
 - Presentation in the Temple
 - Visit of Wise Men to House
 - Flight into Egypt

- B. **Childhood And Youth:**
 - Childhood Years at Nazareth
 - Visit to Temple at Age Of 12
 - Four-fold Development as a Youth

- C. **Young Manhood:**
 - Forerunner and Baptism
 - Temptation
 - First Disciples
 - First Miracle

MINISTRY (3 Years)

- A. **PRELIMINARY MINISTRY** (6-8 Months: From the First Passover to the Settlement at Capernaum)
 - In Judea:
 - Cleansing the Temple
 - Many Miracles
 - Talk with Nicodemus
 - In Samaria:
 - Talk with Woman at Well
 - In Galilee:
 - Teaching in Synagogues
 - Healing the Nobleman's Son at Cana
 - Teaching in Nazareth

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B. SETTLED MINISTRY (In Galilee)

First Period: (4-6 Months: From The Settlement At Capernaum to the Second Passover)

At Capernaum:

Call of Fishermen to Services

A Day of Miracles

Throughout Galilee:

Healing a Leper

Back at Capernaum:

Healing the Palsied Man

Call of Matthew

Second Period: (1 Year: From The Second Passover to the Third Passover)

To Jerusalem and Return:

Sabbath Controversies

To Mt. of Beatitudes and Return:

Ordination of 12 Apostles

Sermon on the Mount

Healing the Centurion's Servant

Through Southern Galilee and Return:

Raising the Widow of Nain's Son

To the Gerasenes and Return:

Stilling the Tempest

Healing a Demon-Possessed Man

In Capernaum Again:

Healing the Woman who Touched His Garment

Raising Jairus' Daughter

Healing Two Blind Men

Healing a Man Made Dumb by Demons

The 12 Sent Throughout All Galilee

To Bethsaida and Return Through Gennesaret:

Feeding the 5,000

Walking on the Water

Healing Many in Gennesaret

Many Disciples Forsake Jesus

C. SPECIALIZED MINISTRY (Special Training Of The Twelve):

(6 Months: From the Third Passover to the Feast of the Tabernacles)

In Capernaum and Phoenicia:

Healing a Demon-Possessed Girl

Through Decapolis:

Feeding the 4,000

In Dalmanutha (Magadan):

Pharisees and Sadducees Ask for a Sign

Near Bethsaida:

Healing a Blind Man

Near Caesarea-Philippi:

Peter's Great Confession

Jesus Foretells His Death

Jesus' Transfiguration

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Through Galilee to Capernaum:
Questions About the Temple Tax
Dispute About Who Was the Greatest

D. CONCLUDING MINISTRY: (6 Months: From the Feast of Tabernacles To the Fourth Passover)

In Jerusalem:

Conflicts with Jewish Rulers at the
Feast of Passover

Healing the Man Born Blind

Throughout Judea:

Sending Out the 70 and 12

Visiting With Mary and Martha

Healing the Woman Bowed Together
For 18 Years

Back At Jerusalem:

Conflicts With Jewish Rulers at the
Feast of Dedication

In Perea:

Evangelization of Perea Begun

Interrupted by Message about Lazarus

To Bethany:

Raising of Lazarus

Through Ephraim, Samaria And Galilee:

Cleansing the Ten Lepers

Through Perea:

Healing Great Multitudes

Blessing the Children

Teaching a Rich Young Ruler

Through Jericho:

Healing a Blind Man

Visit With Zacchaous

Return to Bethany: (Friday)

Feast at Simon's House (Saturday)

CLOSING EVENTS (47 Days)

A. THE PASSION WEEK: (7 Days - The Week of the Fourth Passover)

Sunday (Palm Sunday):

Triumphal Entry

Monday:

Withering of the Fig Tree

Second Cleansing of the Temple

Healing in the Temple

Tuesday:

Teaching in the Temple

Questions in the Temple

Teaching the Disciples on the Mount Of Olives

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Wednesday (?):

Jewish Leaders Plot to Kill Jesus

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Thursday:

Passover Feast:

Foot washing

Prediction of Betrayal

Lord's Supper

Prediction of Denial

Discourses, Prayer, Hymn

Prayer in Gethsemane

Betrayal

Friday:

Trials by Jewish and Roman Officials:

Peter's Denial

Judas' Suicide

Crucifixion, Death And Burial

Saturday:

Tomb Sealed, and Guard placed by it

B. RESURRECTION AND APPEARANCES (40 Days)

Resurrection Morning:

To Mary Magdalene at the Tomb

To Other Women on Way to the City

Resurrection Afternoon:

To Peter

To Two on the Way to Emmaus

Resurrection Evening:

To Ten Apostles, Thomas Absent

One Week Later:

To Apostles, with Thomas Present

Some Time Later:

To Fishermen at Sea Of Galilee

Still Later:

To the Eleven on Mt. in Galilee

On Ascension Day:

To Disciples and Others, in Jerusalem and on Mount of Olives

C. LAST COMMISSION AND ASCENSION