

BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

Between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New, about 400 years elapsed. This period is called the “four hundred silent years,” because during this time there was no direct message from God to His people. However, there were events which vitally affected the Bible story. Study about these events below:

A. Events at the Close of the Old Testament Era:

1. Through the seventy years' captivity, **Babylon** had **caused the Jews to realize and turn from their great sins of idolatry and immorality**, so they would be a pure nation, ready to receive the Messiah when He would come.
2. When **Persia** succeeded Babylon in world leadership, she had **permitted the Jews to return to their own land**, rebuild their temple and the city of Jerusalem, and enjoy religious freedom and some degree of self-government under their high priest. This continued for about 100 years after the close of the Old Testament story.

B. Events Between the Testaments:

1. Alexander the Great of **Greece united the world under one common language**. He conquered the Jewish homeland in 333 B. C. and planted the Greek language there. Under Alexander's rule, many of the Jews were moved to cities in Egypt where Greek culture flourished. In 285 B. C. a group of Jews who had settled in Alexandria, Egypt, **translated the Old Testament into the Greek language**. This translation, called the Septuagint (LXX), was studied carefully by many Jews everywhere, so that there was an increasing expectation in all nations of the coming Messiah.
2. In the conflict which followed the division of Alexander's empire at his death, the Jewish homeland eventually fell to **Syria** in 198 B. C. This country **made the great geographical divisions** referred to in the New Testament: Galilee, Samaria, Judea, and Perea. Later, Antiochus Epiphanes tried to supplant the Jewish religion with Greek idolatry, but loyal Jews revolted. After a long struggle, the Maccabees led the Jews in gaining national independence in 142 B. C. This continued until 63 B. C.

C. Events Just Before the New Testament Era:

1. In 63 B. C., the **Romans** under Pompey took possession of the Jewish homeland, **made the Jews a part of their great world government, and linked them to their great world-system of roads**. Some Jews became Roman citizens.
2. The Romans still ruled the world when the New Testament story began.

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. For what great event did each of these nations prepare the world?

2. If Jesus had been born even 100 years sooner, what might have happened?

GREAT FACTS ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament has **27** books, that were written in the **Greek** language by **8 or 9** different writers, during a period of **50** years (A. D. 50 to 100), concerning events that happened during about **100** years (4 B. C. to A. D. 100). It includes several types of literature: Biography, poetry, history, letters, sermons, and prophecy. Its books may be classified in five great divisions, as follows:

Gospels: 4 books: Matthew - John, written by those whose names they bear.

History: 1 book: Acts, written by Luke.

Pauline Letters: 13 or 14 books: Romans - Philemon, written by Paul; and possibly (if not probably) Hebrews, the authorship of which is uncertain.

General Letters: 7 or 8 books: Hebrews, the authorship of which is uncertain; and James - Jude, written by those whose names they bear.

Prophecy: 1 book: Revelation, written by John the beloved disciple.

The greatest fact about the New Testament is that it **centers in Christ**. While the central theme of the Old Testament is "Christ is coming," that of the New Testament is "Christ has come."

INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT GEOGRAPHY

Before you begin the study of the New Testament itself, you will need to have an understanding of some basic facts about the land in which its story begins. Study Map 1 and seek to master the important facts as follows:

A. The Names of the Land:

1. The area pictured on the map was known in early Old Testament days as the land of **Canaan**, after the Canaanites, outstanding inhabitants of the area at that time (Genesis 12:5, 6).
2. Later, it was called the **Promised Land**, since it was promised to Abraham and his descendants as their national homeland (Genesis 15:7, Deuteronomy 27:3).
3. After Abraham's descendants conquered the Canaanites and took possession of the land, it was called **Israel** because of their national name, the Israelites (See Genesis 32:28, Joshua 11:23 for the origin of this name).
4. When the nation Israel was divided in the days of Solomon's son, the northern part was called Israel and the southern part was called **Judah**. After the northern part was carried into captivity, the southern part became known as **Judea**, since only Judah remained there. This name was still used for the southern part in the days of Christ (Ezra 5:8, Matthew 2:1).
5. Three hundred or more years after the time of Christ, the area began to be called **Palestine**, after the ancient Philistines who inhabited the coastal section of the land (Genesis 13:17, Exodus 15:15). It is by this name that the whole area is commonly known today.
6. In 1948, a small part of this area was given back to Abraham's descendants, the Jews (2 Kings 16:6), as their national homeland. It is called by their ancient name, **Israel**.

B. Outstanding Geographical Features of the Land:

1. Learn the names and locations of the following:
 - a. The sea on which the land borders.
 - b. The mountain that juts out into the sea.
 - c. The three important bodies of water within the land.
 - d. The important river that connects these bodies of water.
 - e. The four main geographical divisions during the time of Christ.
2. Be able to draw in the dotted lines that separate these divisions.
3. From a relief map, tell:
 - a. What is the chief characteristic of this land?
 - b. What makes it fertile?

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How much of the earth's surface is included in this map?

2. Why is this tiny spot so important in world history?

PRE-EXISTENCE (ETERNAL)

In the Life of Jesus, there are two things that are different from the lives of all others: (1) What happened before His birth, and (2) what happened after His death. Study now in detail the things that happened before His birth:

A. "The Word" Described: Read John 1:1-5

1. When did the Person who is called "The Word" live? John 1:1a

2. With Whom did He live? John 1:1, 2

3. What work did He do then? John 1:3

B. The Word's Action: Read John 1:14

1. What unusual thing did "The Word" do? John 1:14a

2. Who is the only one who fits the description given above, who ever did this? (*THINK!*)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What did it cost Jesus to leave heaven? Philippians 2:5-8

2. If Jesus was willing to give up all this for me, what should I be willing to give up for Him?

THE ANCESTRY AND INFANCY OF JESUS

Matthew 1 - 2; Luke 1 - 2

In tracing the earthly life of Jesus, it is necessary to begin far back in His ancestry. As you study, notice why this is so important; and then study the first events of His earthly life:

A. The Ancestry in Matthew: Matthew 1:1-17

1. From what two important Old Testament characters is Jesus' ancestry traced in Matthew 1:1?

2. Glance through this **genealogy** (list of ancestors), listing the names of any others you recognize:

3. Which of Jesus' earthly parents' ancestors are listed in Matthew? Matthew 1:16

4. Who begat (became the physical father of) Joseph? Matthew 1:16a

B. The Ancestry in Luke: Luke 3:23-38

1. In Luke, of whom is Joseph said to be the son? Luke 3:23

2. Notice that this ancestry is the same as that in Matthew, after it reaches what important person in Luke 3:31? _____
3. It goes back farther, however, to what person in Luke 3:38?

4. Since the genealogies in Matthew and Luke are different, what must we conclude concerning them? (*THINK!* In what sense could Joseph have been called "The son of Heli"? Compare this with a similar relationship in 1Samuel 24:16).

C. The Infancy of Jesus: The following seems to be the order of events connected with Jesus' infancy. Read the passages in the order given, noting exactly what the Bible says about each event, and tracing events on Map 2.

1. Luke 1:
 - a. Announcement) of John the Baptist's birth to Zacharias in the temple at Jerusalem.

 - b. Annunciation of Jesus' birth to Mary at Nazareth.

 - c. Mary's visit with Elizabeth (probably at Hebron).

 - d. Birth of John the Baptist (probably at Hebron)

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2. Matthew 1:18-24: Marriage of Joseph and Mary (probably at Nazareth).

3. Luke 2:

a. Their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. _____

b. Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. _____

c. Visit of the shepherds to the manger in Bethlehem.

d. Circumcision and naming of Jesus at eight days of age.

e. Presentation of Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem at 40 days of age.

f. Adoration of Simeon and Anna in the temple at Jerusalem.

4. Matthew 2:

a. Visit of the wise men to a house in Bethlehem. (How many wise men?)

b. The flight into Egypt. _____

c. Herod's slaughter of the children in Bethlehem. _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How was Jesus received when He came to earth to live? How was He treated?

2. Do I have room in my heart for Jesus? Do I worship and praise Him, or do I fear, like Herod, that He will take away something I want for myself?

THE CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH OF JESUS

Matthew 2:19 - 23; Luke 2:39 - 52

After the supernatural events connected with Jesus' birth, He began the slow process of growing up. As you study the following, notice how His childhood and youth compared with that of others:

A. Jesus As a Child: Read Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:39, 40

1. How long was Jesus kept in Egypt? Matthew 2:19, 20

2. For what two reasons did His earthly father not return to Judea and Bethlehem?

Matthew 2:21, 22

3. To what territory and city did He go instead? Matthew 2:22b, 23a

4. Why did He go there? Matthew 2:23b

5. Luke 2:40 describes Jesus' childhood development. Copy the words that show

a. His physical growth: _____

b. His mental growth: _____

c. His spiritual growth: _____

B. Jesus As a Boy of Twelve: Read Luke 2:41-51

1. To what place was Jesus taken when He was twelve years old?

Luke 2:41, 42

2. When His parents began to return home, what did Jesus do? Luke 2:43

3. After His parents missed Him, where did they find Him? Luke 2:44-46a

4. What was He doing there? Luke 2:46b

5. How did the learned people feel about Jesus, even at this very early age? Luke 2:47

6. How did His parents feel when they saw Him? Luke 2:48

7. What was Jesus' relationship to His earthly parents throughout His teen-age years? Luke 2:51a

C. Jesus As a Youth: Read Luke 2:52

1. With what one word is Jesus' youthful development described? Luke 2:52

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2. Copy the words which indicate His

- a. mental development: _____
- b. physical development: _____
- c. spiritual development: _____
- d. social development _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was there any part of Jesus' life which was not fully developed during His early years?

2. Am I increasing in all four of these ways? Or is my development limited to one, two, or three of these areas?

THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTISM OF JESUS

Matthew 3; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:15-34

No further details of Jesus' life are given after the description of His youth until He was nearly grown. Read the following to discover what happened just before He reached the age when He was considered fully grown:

A. The Appearance of John the Baptist: Read Matthew 3:1-6; Luke 3:1-14

1. Where had John the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth grown up? (See Luke 1:80)

2. What did he wear? Matthew 3:4a

3. What did he eat? Matthew 3:4b

4. What two things did he begin to do after he was fully grown? Matthew 3:1, 6a

5. What was the main theme of John's message to the people? Luke 3:3b

6. What did he say that the people should do? Luke 3:8a

7. What three groups of people were among those who came to hear John?

a. Luke 3:10 (See also Matthew 3:7)_____

b. Luke 3:12_____

c. Luke 3:14_____

8. Notice how John suited his message to the exact needs of each group.

B. The Effect of John's Work: Read Luke 3:15-18; John 1:19-28

1. What attitude was aroused in the hearts of people because of John's work? Luke 3:15a

2. Who did they think he might be? Luke 3:15b

3. When he confessed that he was not, then who did they think he must be? John 1:21a, b

4. Who did John say he was? John 1:23

5. For what purpose did John say he came? John 1:31

C. The Climax of John's Work: Read Matthew 3:13-17

1. Where was Jesus when John began his work? Matthew 3:13

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2. When Jesus came asking to be baptized by John, how did John feel? Matthew 3:14

3. Why was Jesus baptized? Matthew 3:15

4. What two things happened when Jesus came up out of the water?

a. Matthew 3:16 _____

b. Matthew 3:17 _____

5. What three divine Persons were present on this occasion? (*THINK!*)

6. Because of this event, what did John later tell the people about Jesus? John 1:32-34

7. What did John later say about the relationship between himself and Jesus? John 3:30

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was the purpose of John's coming? (See B-5 above)

2. What is *my* chief purpose in life? What should it be? (See Revelation 4:11b)

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

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

Although the events which followed Jesus' baptism had definitely established that He was the Son of God, there was one thing yet which was necessary before He was perfectly prepared to enter upon His public ministry. Read about this below:

A. The Cause of Jesus' Temptations: Read Matthew 4:1

1. Who led Jesus to be tempted? Matthew 4:1a _____
2. Who actually tempted Jesus? Matthew 4:1c _____

B. The First Temptation: Read Matthew 4:2-4

1. Where did Jesus' first temptation occur? Matthew 4:1b

2. What happened for forty days before this temptation came? Matthew 4:2a

3. How did Jesus feel after this? Matthew 4:2b

4. What did the tempter suggest that He do? Matthew 4:3b

5. Had God given Jesus supernatural power in order that He might use it to:
 - a. Meet His own needs? _____
 - b. For what purpose was it given? _____
6. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:4

C. The Second Temptation: Read Matthew 4:5-7

1. Where did the second temptation take place? Matthew 4:5 _____
2. What did the tempter suggest that Jesus do? Matthew 4:6a

3. Why did the tempter suggest that this would be safe? Matthew 4:6b

4. What would have happened if Jesus had yielded to this temptation? What would the people below have done?

5. What would have happened to God's plan for Him that He should die for the sins of the world? _____
6. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:7

D. The Third Temptation: Read Matthew 4:8-10

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1. Where did this temptation take place? Matthew 4:8

2. What did the tempter suggest that Jesus do? Matthew 4:9b

3. What did he promise Jesus if He would do this? Matthew 4:8b-9a

4. If Jesus had yielded to this temptation, could He have died for our sins?

5. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:10

E. The Results of Jesus' Temptations:

1. Did Jesus yield to any of His temptations? (See Hebrews 4:15)

2. Where did Jesus get the answers which gave Him victory?
Matthew 4:4a, 7a, 10a _____
3. What is Jesus now able to do, because He endured these temptations? Hebrews 2:18

4. In what specific way could Jesus help a person who was being tempted? (*THINK!*)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is it necessary for a Christian ever to yield to any temptation? (See 1 Corinthians 10:13;
2 Corinthians 2:14) _____
2. _____
2. How well must I know the scriptures, in order to use them successfully in overcoming
my temptations? (See Psalm 119:11)

THE TRANSITION TO JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY

John 1:35 - 2:11

Beginning with John the Baptist's ministry, Jesus began gradually to emerge as an important figure in the life of His nation. Notice in today's lesson the events which began to bring Him into prominence, and focus all eyes upon Him:

A. Events in Bethany Beyond the Jordan: Read John 1:35-51

1. What happened when John the Baptist told two of his disciples that Jesus was the Lamb of God? John 1:35-37

2. What was the name of one of these men? John 1:40

3. Can you guess who the other one was? (*THINK*)

4. What did they decide about Jesus after they had spent one day with Him? John 1:39-41

5. Whom did one of them bring to Jesus? John 1:41a

6. What did Jesus tell him as soon as He met him? John 1:42

7. Whom did Jesus Himself then call to follow Him? John 1:43

8. Whom did this man afterwards seek to win to Jesus? John 1:45a

9. What was this man's opinion of Jesus before he met him? John 1:46a

10. What did he decide about Jesus after just a few words with Him? John 1:49

11. What wonderful promise did Jesus make to this man? John 1:50, 51

B. Events in Cana of Galilee: Read John 2:1-11

1. After these disciples had traveled with Jesus from the Jordan River back to Galilee, where did they all go? John 2:1, 2

2. What embarrassing problem arose at this time? John 2:3a

3. What did Jesus do to solve this problem? John 2:3-10

4. What did this miracle show about Jesus? John 2:11a

5. What happened as a result of this miracle? John 2:11b

C. The Results of These Events:

1. Compare Jesus' popularity at the beginning of this lesson with His popularity at the end of it. What had happened in just a few short days?
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2. What do you think was the reason for this great change?
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How long were these people with Jesus before they accepted Him as God's Son and followed Him?
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2. If I have never accepted Jesus as God's Son and started following Him, what could be the reason?
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IN JUDEA: MIRACLES AND TALK WITH NICODEMUS

John 2:12 - 3:36

Although Jesus had begun to show Himself as the Messiah in a private way at Bethany beyond the Jordan, and in a semi-private way at Cana of Galilee, the truly public part of His ministry began later. Read about this below:

A. Opening Events of Jesus' Public Ministry: Read John 2:12-25

1. After His first miracle in Cana, where did Jesus, His family and His disciples visit for a short time? John 2:12 _____
2. Where did Jesus and His disciples go after this? John 2:13b _____
3. What important event in the history of Israel was about to be celebrated with a feast there? John 2:13a; Exodus 12:12, 13 _____
4. What condition did Jesus find upon His arrival there that distressed Him? John 2:14 _____
5. What did He do to remedy this situation? John 2:15, 16 _____
6. What else did Jesus do during this visit to Jerusalem? John 2:23c _____
7. What happened as a result of this? John 2:23b _____

B. Opening Conversation of Jesus' Public Ministry: Read John 3:1, 2

1. Who came to visit Jesus shortly after this? John 3:1 _____
2. What was his religion, and his position among the Jews? John 3:1 _____
3. What had he seen (or heard about) that caused him to come to see Jesus? John 3:2b _____
4. What did he already believe about Jesus when he came? John 3:2a _____

C. Jesus' Message About Earthly Things: Read John 3:3-13

1. In spite of Nicodemus' religion, position, and belief about Jesus, what did Jesus say he needed? John 3:3 _____
2. What would be true of him if he did not do this? John 3:3c _____
3. Did Nicodemus understand what Jesus was talking about? John 3:4 _____
4. To what did Jesus compare the new birth? John 3:8 _____

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5. Did Nicodemus understand this illustration? John 3:9, 12

6. What could have been one reason for this? 1 Corinthians 2:14

D. Jesus' Message About Heavenly Things: Read John 3:14-21, 36

1. What did Jesus say must happen to Him? John 3:14b (See Numbers 21:4-9)

2. What would this make possible for those who believe? John 3:15-17

3. What is true of those who do not believe? John 3:18

4. Who is the "light" that came into the world? John 3:19; 1:4, 9; 8:12

5. Why do some not come to Him? John 3:19b

6. Into what two groups does God divide all the world? John 3:36

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could Nicodemus' position, religion, and belief about Jesus save Him?

2. What is my condition in God's sight? Do I need to be born again?

IN SAMARIA: TALK WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

John 4

Having begun His public ministry in Jerusalem and Judea, Jesus was not content just to stay in that one place. Read now about His next place of service:

A. Jesus' Journey: Read John 4:1-6

1. What caused Jesus to decide to leave Judea? John 4:1-3a

2. To what place did Jesus decide to go? John 4:3b

3. Through what territory did He decide to go? John 4:4

4. What was unusual about this route? (Remember the geography of the land, and *THINK!*)

5. At what city did He pause for refreshment? John 4:5

6. Where did Jesus' disciples go? John 4:8

7. Where did Jesus wait for them? John 4:6

8. Why did He wait there? John 4:6 _____

B. Jesus' Conversation: Read John 4:7-27

1. Who came to the well at this time? John 4:7 _____

2. What request did Jesus make of her? John 4:7b

3. Why was it unusual for Jesus to make such a request? John 4:9

4. When the woman expressed surprise, what did Jesus say He was able to give her? John 4:10b

5. After the woman expressed a desire for this (John 4:15), what did Jesus next talk to her about? John 4:16-18 (especially 18)

6. When she tried to change the subject by asking about the correct *place* of worship, what did Jesus show her was more important than the *place* of worship? John 4:23, 24

7. When she indicated that she believed the Messiah or Christ would settle all her religious questions when He came, what did Jesus tell her? John 4:26

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8. How did the disciples feel when they returned and found Jesus talking with the woman?
John 4:27 _____

C. The Woman's Testimony: Read John 4:28-30

1. Whom did the woman tell of her experience? John 4:28

2. Whom did she believe she had found? John 4:29

3. Notice how her opinion of Jesus had gradually developed during her conversation.
What had she asked at first? John 4:12a

4. What had she later believed Jesus to be? John 4:19

D. Jesus' Message to the Disciples: Read John 4:31-38

1. When the disciples tried to get Jesus to eat, what did He say was His food? John 4:34

2. What did Jesus ask the disciples to do? John 4:35b

E. The Results of Jesus' Conversation: Read John 4:39-52

1. What two things happened because of the woman's testimony?
 - a. John 4:39 _____
 - b. John 4:40 _____
2. Before Jesus continued on His journey to Galilee, what had happened?
John 4:41, 42

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What caused Jesus to *have* to take the rugged route through Samaria?

2. Do I love others enough to show concern for them even when I am weary?

IN GALILEE: TEACHING AND HEALING

Luke 4:14 - 30; John 4:43 - 54

After meeting the need of the Samaritan woman and her friends, Jesus continued on His journey to Galilee as planned. Discover now what happened on His arrival there:

A. Jesus' Return to Galilee: Read Matthew 4:12; Mark 1:14a; Luke 4:14a; John 4:43-45

1. What phrase describes how Jesus returned to Galilee after His ministry in Judea and Samaria? Luke 4:14a

2. What reception should Jesus expect, since He was returning to His own country? John 4:44; Luke 4:24

3. How did the Galileans treat Him at first? Why? John 4:45

B. Jesus' Teaching in Galilee: Read Luke 4:14b, 15

1. How far did Jesus' fame spread? Luke 4:14b

2. Where did Jesus teach? Luke 4:15a

3. What was the general response to His teaching? Luke 4:15b

C. Jesus' Second Miracle at Cana: Read John 4:46-54

1. Who came to see Jesus while He was at Cana? John 4:46, 47a

2. What did he ask Jesus to do? John 4:47b

3. What was Jesus' first answer? John 4:48

4. When the man repeated his request, what did Jesus tell him? John 4:50a

5. What two things did the man do after this? John 4:50b

6. What striking fact did he learn on his way home? John 4:51-53a

7. What happened as a result of this miracle? John 4:53b

D. Jesus' Teaching in Nazareth: Read Luke 4:16-30

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1. Where and when did Jesus preach in Nazareth? Luke 4:16

2. From what Old Testament book did Jesus read? Luke 4:17 _____
3. After He had read the Scripture, what did all the people do? Luke 4:20

4. Read Luke 4:18, 19. What did Jesus tell them about this Scripture? Luke 4:21

5. What was their first reaction to this? Luke 4:22

6. What did they later ask? Luke 4:22

7. Was Jesus surprised at their reaction? Luke 4:23-24

8. What people did He say had missed blessings in Old Testament days because of a similar attitude? Luke 4:25-27

9. How did the people feel after this? Luke 4:28

10. What did they try to do? Luke 4:29, 30

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was Jesus content to be received as a good man who spoke wonderful words?

2. If I do not acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world, and the Lord of my own life, will He be pleased with my praise?

AT CAPERNAUM: OPENING EVENTS

Matthew 4:13 - 22; Mark 1:14 - 20; Luke 4:31a, 5:1 - 11

After His open rejection in Nazareth, Jesus could no longer make His headquarters there. Discover now where He moved, and what happened after He arrived there:

A. Jesus' Move from Nazareth: Read Matthew 4:13-17; Luke 4:31a

1. What city was chosen for Jesus' new headquarters? Matthew 4:13; Luke 4:31

2. Locate this city on a map. What was one reason that this city was chosen? Matthew 4:14-16

3. Also, what four important people lived in this city? Matthew 4:18, 21

B. Jesus' General Ministry in Capernaum: Read Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14b, 15

1. What did Jesus begin to do as soon as He arrived in Capernaum? Matthew 4:17a

2. What was His message? Matthew 4:17b; Mark 1:14b, 15

C. A Specific Incident: Read Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

1. To what place did Jesus go? Mark 1:16

2. Notice another name for this place in Luke 5:1.

3. What happened as Jesus was walking there? Luke 5:1

4. What did Jesus do because of this? Luke 5:3

5. When Jesus had finished speaking, what did He ask Simon Peter to do? Luke 5:4

6. Why did Peter hesitate to do this at first? Luke 5:5

7. What happened when he agreed to obey? Luke 5:6

8. What did Peter have to do after this? Luke 5:7

9. What did Peter realize after this? Luke 5:8

10. How did all the fishermen feel? Luke 5:9, 10

11. What did Jesus tell them after this? Luke 5:10

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12. What did the fishermen do as a result? Luke 5:11; Matthew 4:20, 22

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did the disciples make excuses when Jesus called them to follow Him? What caused them to obey immediately?

2. Am I willing to leave all in order to follow Jesus?

A DAY OF MIRACLES

Mark 1:21 - 38; Luke 4:31b - 44; Matthew 8:14 - 17

The account of one day of Jesus' ministry in Capernaum is recorded for us in full by one of the gospel writers, and in part by two others. Study below what happened during this day:

A. In the Forenoon, at the Synagogue: Read Mark 1:21-28

1. Since this was the sabbath day, what did Jesus do first? Mark 1:21

2. How did the people react to His teaching? Why? Mark 1:22

3. Who else was in the synagogue? Mark 1:23a

4. What did he do during the service? Mark 1:23b, 24

5. What did Jesus tell the evil spirit in the man? Mark 1:25

6. What three things did the evil spirit then do? Mark 1:26

7. How did the people feel about what Jesus had done? Mark 1:27

8. What happened as a result of His teaching and healing? Mark 1:28

9. What did this incident show about the relative power of Jesus and demons? Which is greater?

B. In the Afternoon, in Peter's House: Read Mark 1:29-31

1. What problem did Jesus find when He came home with Peter after the morning service? Mark 1:30

2. What did He do to solve this problem? Mark 1:31a

3. What happened as He did this? Mark 1:31b

4. What was the "sick" woman able to do immediately? Mark 1:31c

C. In the Evening, at the Door of the House: Read Mark 1:32-34

1. As soon as the sabbath was over at sundown, what happened? Mark 1:33

2. What two groups of people were brought to Jesus? Mark 1:32

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3. What do you suppose caused people to bring their friends and relatives to Jesus?
(*THINK*)

4. What did Jesus do for them? Mark 1:34a

5. How did Jesus limit the devils? Mark 1:34b

6. Why did Jesus do this? Luke 4:41b

D. The Next Morning: Read Mark 1:35-39

1. What did Jesus do the next morning? Mark 1:35

2. What did the disciples tell Him? Mark 1: 36, 37

3. What was Jesus' answer? Mark 1:38

4. Where did Jesus then go? Mark 1:39

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was there any case too hard for Jesus to cure? Did any go away unhealed?

2. What is there in my life that needs to be changed or healed? Would this be too hard for Jesus? (See Luke 1:37; Mark 10:27)

THROUGHOUT GALILEE AND BACK AT CAPERNAUM

Matthew 4:23, 24, 8:2-4, 9:2-8; Mark 1:39-2:12; Luke 5:12-26

After opening His settled ministry in such a spectacular way, Jesus left the city of Capernaum to visit other cities and towns of Galilee. Read the following to see some of the things that happened during this tour, and on His return to Capernaum:

A. The Tour Throughout Galilee In General: Read Matthew 4:23, 24; Mark 1:39

1. What three things did Jesus do as He toured through Galilee? Matthew 4:23
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. What happened as a result of this? Matthew 4:24

B. A Specific Incident: Read Luke 5:12-16; Mark 1:40-45

1. Who was one of those who came to Jesus? Luke 5:12a

2. What did he do when he saw Jesus? Luke 5:12b

3. What did he believe Jesus could do? Luke 5:12c

4. How did Jesus feel when He saw this man? Mark 1:41a

5. What did Jesus do for him? Mark 1:41b, 42

6. What two things did Jesus tell the man to do? Mark 1:44

7. What did the man do instead? Mark 1:45a

8. What happened as a result? Mark 1:45b

9. What did Jesus then do? Luke 5:16

C. Jesus' Return to Capernaum: Read Mark 2:1-2; Luke 5:17

1. As Jesus was teaching (probably in the synagogue), how many people came to hear Him? Mark 2:2

2. Who were among the crowds that came? Luke 5:17

D. A Specific Incident: Read Mark 2:3-13; Luke 5:18-26

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1. While Jesus was teaching, who was brought to Him? Mark 2:3a

2. Who brought him? Mark 2:3b

3. What did they discover after they arrived? Mark 2:4a; Luke 5:19a

4. What did they do to solve this problem? Luke 5:19b

5. What did this show Jesus that they had? Luke 5:20a

6. Because of this, what did Jesus say to the sick man? Luke 5:20b

7. What did the scribes and Pharisees think of this? Luke 5:21

8. Notice that Jesus knew their thoughts. How did He answer them?
Luke 5:22, 23

9. What did Jesus do to prove that He had power from God? Luke 5:24, 25

10. What three ways did the people react to this miracle? Luke 5:26

11. Where did Jesus have to go to teach after this? Mark 2:13

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What did the leper and the palsied man's four friends have in common?

2. Do I have a faith that causes me to come to Jesus with my problems, and trust Him to solve them in spite of the difficulties and impossibilities?

AN IMPORTANT EVENT AT CAPERNAUM

Matthew 9:9 - 17; Mark 2:13 - 22; Luke 5:27 - 30

Shortly after Jesus had healed the man who was sick of the palsy, he showed His love for another man in Capernaum. Read what happened as a result of His action:

A. Jesus' Call: Read Luke 5:27

1. Whom did Jesus see as He left the lakeside where He had been teaching? Find his two names in Matthew 9:9, and Luke 5:27

2. What was his business? Luke 5:27

3. What did Jesus say to him? Luke 5:27

B. Matthew's Response: Read Luke 5:28, 29

1. What did he do as a result? Luke 5:28

2. What did he later do for Jesus? Luke 5:29

3. What others were invited to this event? Luke 5:29; Matthew 9:20

C. The Pharisees' Questions: Read Luke 5:30-36

1. What did the Pharisees do because of this? Luke 5:30a

2. What question did they ask? Luke 5:30b

3. What was Jesus' answer to them? Luke 5:31, 32

4. What other question did they ask? Luke 5:33

5. Why did Jesus say His disciples did not act like the Pharisees and John's disciples? Luke 5:34b

6. When did He say His disciples would fast? Luke 5:35

D. Jesus' Parables: Read Luke 5:36-39

1. What new thing did Jesus say should not be used to patch an old thing? Luke 5:36

2. What new thing did Jesus say should not be put into old containers? Luke 5:37

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3. Whose teachings did the new things represent? (*THINK!*)
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4. Whose teachings did the old things represent? (*THINK!*)
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5. What happened when the Pharisees tried to patch up their beliefs with Jesus' teachings, or make His teachings fit into their system of doing things? Luke 5:36, 37
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6. How did the Pharisees feel about Jesus' way of doing things, as compared with their own? Luke 5:39
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could the Pharisees understand Jesus' actions, attitudes, and teachings? Why? (See 1 Corinthians 2:14)
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2. Can I make Jesus and His ways fit into my old way of doing things? (See 2 Corinthians. 5:17)
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TO JERUSALEM AND RETURN: SABBATH CONTROVERSIES

John 5:1-18; Matthew 12: 1-14; Mark 2:23 - 3:6; Luke 6:1-11

As Jesus' ministry continued, the Pharisees' misunderstanding of Him continued. Notice the events which next attracted their attention and what they did about each.

A. Healing a Sick Man on the Sabbath: Read John 5:1-18

1. Where did this event take place? John 5:2

2. Why had Jesus gone there? John 5:1

3. Who had gathered in this place? John 5:3

4. What did they believe that caused them to stay there? John 5:4

5. What was wrong with one man who was there? John 5:5

6. When Jesus saw the man, what did He ask him? John 5:6

7. Why did the man not expect to be healed? John 5:7

8. What did Jesus tell him? John 5:8

9. What did the man do? John 5:9

10. What did the Jews tell the man? John 5:10

11. When the Jews discovered that Jesus had told the man to do this, what two things did they do? John 5:16

12. What was another reason they wanted to do this? John 5:17, 18

B. Plucking Ears of Grain on a Sabbath: Read Matthew 12:1-8

1. What three things did the disciples do with some corn on a Sabbath day? Luke 6:1

2. Why did they do this? Matthew 12:1

3. What did the Pharisees say about their actions? Matthew 12:2

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4. Who did Jesus say had broken some of God's rules when he was hungry, and yet he was not condemned? Matthew 12:3, 4

5. Who did He say broke the Sabbath rules and were not held guilty? Matthew 12:5

6. Why did Jesus say the Sabbath was made? Mark 2:27

7. Who did Jesus say that He was? Matthew 12:8

C. Healing a Withered Hand on the Sabbath: Read Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6

1. Why were the Pharisees concerned about what Jesus did on the Sabbath day? Matthew 12:10b

2. What did Jesus prove to them by His question and illustration? Mark 3:4; Matthew 12:11, 12

3. Then what did he do? Matthew 12:13

4. What did the Pharisees do after this? Mark 3:6

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the main difference between Jesus' concern and that of the Pharisees? (See 1 Samuel 16:7b)

2. Am I more concerned about my outward behavior than I am about my heart?

TO THE MOUNT OF BEATITUDES AND RETURN

Matthew 12:15-21, 4:25-:29; Mark 3:7-19; Luke 6:12-49

Since the *Pharisees* ("orthodox" religious leaders of the Jews) and *Herodians* (political leaders of the Jews) were plotting how they might kill Jesus, it became necessary for Him to leave the area of Jerusalem and withdraw to more distant places. Read now to see where He went and what He did:

A. Jesus' Withdrawal from Jerusalem:

1. Where did Jesus go from Jerusalem? Mark 3:7

2. What happened as He withdrew from Jerusalem? Mark 3:7b, 8; Matthew 12:15a, 4:25

3. What did Jesus do for many? Mark 3:10; Matthew 4:24

4. When Jesus saw the crowds, where did He go? Matthew 5:1a; Mark 3:13a

5. What did He do there? Luke 6:12

6. After this, whom did He call to Him? Luke 6:13a

7. From among these, how many did He choose? Luke 6:13b

8. What were they afterwards called, besides disciples? Luke 6:13c

9. What three things did Jesus want these men to do? Mark 3:14a, b, 15

10. Learn the names of these 12 apostles.

B. Jesus' Sermon on the Mountain: Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:17-49

1. To whom was this sermon given? Matthew 5:1, 2; Luke 6:20

2. What people did Jesus say would be *blessed* (enjoy spiritual happiness)?
Matthew 5:5-11 _____
3. Notice that Jesus' teachings went much deeper than the Pharisees'.
They taught against: Matthew 5:21,27

Jesus taught against: Matthew 5:22, 28, 32

4. Read Jesus' warnings concerning giving *alms* (charitable gifts), Matthew. 6:1-4; praying, Matthew 6:5-7; and fasting, Matthew 6:16-18. Against what did He warn in each case?

5. Why did Jesus warn against laying up treasures on earth? Matthew 6:21

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6. What did He say should be the Christian's main concern in life? Matthew 6:33
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. If the Pharisees had written the beatitudes, what people would they have said would enjoy spiritual happiness?
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2. Am I really happy spiritually? Or am I just striving to keep outward rules?
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THROUGH SOUTHERN GALILEE AND RETURN
Matthew 8:1, 5-13, 11:2-19, 12:22-13:3; Mark 3:19-4:2;
Luke 7:1-8:4

After instructing His disciples concerning His principles and methods, in contrast with those of the Pharisees, Jesus returned to the City of Capernaum. Read now about what happened on His return to that city and afterwards:

A. Jesus' Return to Capernaum: Read Matthew 8:1; Luke 7:1-10

1. Who followed Jesus down from the mountain? Matthew 8:1

2. As Jesus entered the city, what request was pressed upon Him? Luke 7:2, 3

3. Why did the people say this man was worthy of Jesus' help? Luke 7:4, 5

4. As Jesus neared the man's house, what message did the man send Him? Luke 7:6, 7

5. Why did the man believe that Jesus could do this? Luke 7:8

6. What did Jesus say about this man as a result? Luke 7:9

7. What did the messengers discover when they returned to the man's house? Luke 7:10

B. The Journey through Southern Galilee: Read Luke 7:11-23

1. To what city did Jesus travel the next day? Luke 7:11a

2. Locate this city on a map. Who accompanied Jesus on this trip? Luke 7:11b

3. As Jesus neared this city, who was coming out? Luke 7:12

4. How did Jesus feel when He saw this? Luke 7:13a

5. What two things did Jesus then do?
 - a. Luke 7:13b _____
 - b. Luke 7:14 _____
6. What happened as a result? Luke 7:15

7. What two things did the people do as a result of this miracle? Luke 7:16

8. Who was among those who heard of this miracle? Luke 7:18

9. Where was he at this time? Luke 3:19, 20

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10. As Jesus continued on his journey, who accompanied Him and helped pay His expenses? Luke 8:1-3

C. The Return to Capernaum: Read Matthew 12:22-30

1. When Jesus returned to Capernaum this time, what happened? Mark 3:19b, 20

2. What did His friends say about Him because of this? Mark 3:21

3. What did Jesus do after this? Matthew 12:22

4. After this, who did some believe He might be? Matthew 12:23

5. Were the Pharisees willing to admit this? How did they explain His supernatural power? Matthew 12:24

6. What often-quoted saying did Jesus use in answering this charge? Matthew 12:25b

7. After this, how did Jesus teach the people? Matthew 13:1-3

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Notice the different reactions to Jesus' miracle power. Of which would Jesus approve? Of which would He *not* approve?

2. What is *my* reaction to Jesus' miracle power? Do I have utmost faith in it? Do I give glory to God for it? Or do I discount it, as the Pharisees did?

TO THE GERASENES AND RETURN

Matthew 8:18, 23-34; Mark 4:35 - 5:20; Luke 8:22-39

After Jesus' miracles, which brought so much opposition from the Pharisees, Jesus left Capernaum the same day for another trip. See now where He went and what happened:

A. The Trip Begun: Read Mark 4:35-41

1. Where did Jesus decide to go that evening? Mark 4:35

2. Who else also went? Mark 4:36b

3. What happened as they traveled? Mark 4:37

4. Where was Jesus at this time? Mark 4:38a

5. What did His disciples do when the storm arose? Mark 4:38b

6. What did Jesus do after this? Mark 4:39a

7. What happened as a result? Mark 4:39b

8. What did Jesus then say to the disciples? Mark 4:40

9. What did the disciples do after this? Mark 4:41

B. The Visit in Gerasa: Read Mark 5:1-20

1. Notice that this place is also called the country of the Gerasenes, Gergesenes, and Gadarenes. Who met Jesus there as He came out of the ship? Mark 5:1, 2

2. Where did he live? Mark 5:3a

3. What two things had people tried unsuccessfully to do to him?
Mark 5:3b,4b

4. How did he spend his life? Mark 5:5

5. What did he do when he saw Jesus coming? Mark 5:6

6. What did Jesus say to the spirit in him? Mark 5:8

7. What did the man do as a result? Mark 5:7

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8. What was the name of the spirit in the man? Why? Mark 5:9

9. What did the demons ask after Jesus commanded them to come out? Mark 5:10-12

10. What happened when Jesus gave permission for this? Mark 5:13

11. What happened when the keepers of the *swine* (hogs and pigs) told what had happened?
Mark 5:14

12. Describe the man after the demons had come out of him: Mark 5:15

13. What did some of the people ask Jesus to do as a result? Mark 5:17

14. What did the man who had had the demons ask that he might do? Mark 5:18

15. What did Jesus tell him he must do? Mark 5:19

16. What happened when he obeyed Jesus? Mark 5:20

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jesus' presence make any difference to the people in the boat, and to the man of Gerasa?

2. What difference could Jesus' presence make in *my* life? (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, 18a)

IN CAPERNAUM AGAIN

Matthew 9:1, 18-34; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

After completely transforming the life of the demon-possessed man of Gerasa, Jesus returned to the City of Capernaum. Notice now what happened on His return:

A. Jesus' Arrival in Capernaum: Read Mark 5:21-23

1. Who greeted Jesus as He returned to Capernaum? Mark 5:21

2. What special person also came to see Jesus? Mark 5:22

3. What did he ask Jesus to do? Mark 5:23a

4. What did he believe would happen if Jesus did this? Mark 5:23b

B. The Journey to Jairus' House: Read Mark 5:24-36

1. As Jesus went toward Jairus' house, who followed Him? Mark 5:24

2. Who was among those who followed? Mark 5:25, 26

3. What did she do? Mark 5:27

4. What did she believe would happen as a result? Mark 5:28

5. What actually did happen as a result of her action? Mark 5:29

6. What effect did her action have upon Jesus? Mark 5:30

7. What did Jesus say had made the woman well? Mark 5:34

8. What disturbing message was brought to Jairus as Jesus thus lingered on the way to his house? Mark 5:35

9. What encouraging message did Jesus give to Jairus? Mark 5:36

C. At Jairus' House: Read Mark 5:37-43

1. When Jesus arrived at Jairus' house, what did He find the people doing? Mark 5:38

2. What did Jesus tell them about the girl? Mark 5:39

3. What was their reaction to this statement? Mark 5:40a

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4. What did Jesus therefore do with them? Mark 5:40b

5. What five were permitted to enter the girl's room? Mark 5:40c; Luke 8:51

6. What two things did Jesus do to the girl? Mark 5:41

7. What happened as a result? Mark 5:42a

8. How did those who saw this miracle feel afterwards? Mark 5:42b

9. What two commands did Jesus give after this? Mark 5:43

a. _____

b. _____

D. Other Events in Capernaum: Read Matthew 9:27-34

1. What others were healed as Jesus continued His stay in Capernaum?

a. Matthew 9:27 _____

b. Matthew 9:32, 33 _____

2. Of what did Jesus make sure before He healed the first of these? Matthew 9:28, 29

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What did all of those who came to Jesus for miracles have in common?

2. What is *my* part in seeing miracles accomplished today--in my own life, and in the lives of others? (See Hebrews 11:6)

THE TWELVE SENT THROUGHOUT ALL GALILEE

Matthew 13:54-58, 9:35-11:1, 14:1-12; Mark 6:1-30; Luke 9:1-10

After performing many miracles in Capernaum, Jesus decided to leave that city for a time. Read now to discover where He went and what He did:

A. Jesus' Last Visit to Nazareth: Read Mark 6:1-6

1. What did Jesus do when He returned to His childhood home? Mark 6:2

2. What three words describe the reaction of the people to His teachings? Mark 6:2, 3, 6

3. How did their attitude affect Jesus' ministry among them? Mark 6:5

B. Jesus' Last Tour Through Galilee: Read Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1

1. Where did Jesus go on this journey? Matthew 9:35a

2. What two things did He do there? Matthew 9:35b

3. How did He feel when He saw all the people who gathered around Him? Matthew 9:36a

4. To what did He compare them? Matthew 9:36b

5. What did He tell His disciples after this? Matthew 9:37

6. What did He say the disciples should do about this fact? Matthew 9:38

7. What did Jesus do immediately after that? Matthew 10:1, 5a

C. The Twelve Sent Out: Read Matthew 10:5-42

1. How were the disciples sent out? Mark 6:7

2. Notice that Jesus instructed them as to where to go (vs. 5, 6), what to do (vs. 7, 8), how to meet their expenses (vs. 9, 10), and where to stay (vs.11). To what did He compare them as they went out? Matthew 10:16

3. How did Jesus warn that they would be treated as they went out?
 - a. Matthew 10:17-20 _____
 - b. Matthew 10:22a, 23a _____
4. In spite of this, how were they to feel? Matthew 10:26a, 28a, 31a

5. What things must the disciples be willing to do for Jesus?

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- a. Matthew 10:32, 33_____
 - b. Matthew 10:37_____
 - c. Matthew 10:38_____
 - d. Matthew 10:39b_____
6. What did Jesus promise to those who would do this? Matthew 10:39b, 41, 42

 7. Did the disciples do as they were told? Mark 6:12, 13

 8. What did Jesus do after this? Matthew 11:1

 9. When the news of Jesus' activities reached Herod, who did He think Jesus was? Mark 6:14-16

 10. What terrible thing had happened to John the Baptist? Mark 6:17-29, Matthew 14:12

 11. What did the disciples do after this? Mark 6:30

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How did Jesus feel about the lost condition of the world of His day? What two things did He want the disciples to do about it? Matthew 9:36-38

2. Am I burdened because of the lost condition of the world of my day? Am I praying for reapers, and doing all I can to reap the harvest myself?

THE JOURNEY TO BETHSAIDA AND RETURN THROUGH GENNESARET

Matthew 14:13-36; Mark 6:31-56; Luke 9:11-17; John 6:1-7:1

After the disciples had returned from their trip throughout Galilee, Jesus suggested that they take another trip. Notice the different purpose for this trip, and yet the similar events which occurred:

A. The Reason for the Journey: Read Mark 6:31-34

1. What did Jesus suggest that the disciples do after they returned from their trip? Mark 6:31 _____
2. What was one reason that this seemed so necessary? Mark 6:31b

3. Where did they go? Mark 6:32; Luke 9:10b

B. Events Near Bethsaida:

1. When the crowds saw them leaving, what did they do? Mark 6:33

2. Why did they do this? John 6:2

3. Where were all these people going? John 6:4, 5a

4. How did Jesus feel when He saw them? Mark 6:34a; Luke 9:11

5. What two things did He do for them all day long? Mark 6:34b; Luke 9:11b

6. Toward the close of the day, what great miracle did Jesus perform for them? John 6:5-14

7. After this miracle, what did the crowds want to do to Jesus? John 6:15

8. However, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do? Matthew 14:22a

9. What did He do to the crowds? Matthew 14:22b

10. Notice that although the crowds went on to the Passover Feast in Jerusalem, Jesus Himself did not go. Instead, what did He do? Matthew 14:23

C. The Return Trip through Gennesaret: Read Matthew 14:22-36

1. What kind of trip did the disciples have as they crossed the sea in their boat? Matthew 14:24

2. How did Jesus cross the sea? Matthew 14:25

3. Who else, because of his faith, was able to do this? Matthew 14:26-33

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4. What did Jesus do in Gennesaret before returning to Capernaum? Matthew 14:34-36

D. Events in Capernaum: Read John 6:22-7:9

1. The next day, when the people saw that Jesus was no longer near Bethsaida, what did they do? John 6:24

2. Why did Jesus say they did this? John 6:26

3. For what did Jesus say they ought to be working? John 6:27

4. What did Jesus say they should do if they wanted to work the works of God? John 6:28, 29

5. Who did Jesus say He was? John 6:35, 48-51

6. Where was this sermon given? John 6:59

7. What did many of Jesus' disciples do after this sermon? John 6:66

8. This event is often called "The Great Galilean Crisis." What shows how great a crisis it really was? John 6:67

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Does Jesus today always do things the way I think He should?

2. Am I ever tempted to turn back from Him on such occasions? (See Luke 9:62)

THE FIRST TOUR

Matthew 15:1 - 16:12; Mark 7:1 - 8:26

At the time of the Great Galilean Crisis, the third Passover of Jesus' ministry was at hand. Read now to see what happened at this time, and afterwards:

A. In Capernaum and Phoenicia: Read Mark 7:1-30

1. What did Jesus do when the Passover season arrived? Why? (See John 2:13, 12:12)

2. What happened next, probably shortly after the Passover? Mark 7:1

3. For what did they find fault with Jesus at this time? Mark 7:5

4. What did Jesus say that they sometimes did? Mark 7:9

5. What did Jesus say was their real trouble? Mark 7:6b, 20-23

6. Where did Jesus go from Capernaum after this? Mark 7:24a

7. When He tried to have privacy there, what happened? Mark 7:24b-26

8. Why did Jesus not help her at first? Matthew 15:24

9. To what was the woman willing to be compared, in order to gain help? Mark 7:27, 28

10. What happened as a result of this? Mark 7:29, 30

B. Through Decapolis: Read Mark 7:31-8:10

1. Where did Jesus go after He left Tyre and Sidon? Mark 7:31

2. Who was brought to Him there? Matthew 15:29-31

3. What did Jesus do for one of them? Mark 7:32-35

4. What was the result of this miracle? Mark 7:36, 37

5. Why was Jesus concerned about the multitudes which followed Him at this time? Mark 8:1-3

6. What did He do for them? Mark 8:4-9

C. In Dalmanutha (Magadan): Read Matthew 15:39-16:4

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1. When Jesus arrived in Magadan or Dalmanutha, what did the Pharisees and Sadducees ask Him to do? Why? Matthew 16:1

2. What was Jesus' answer to them? Matthew 16:4 (See also Matthew 12:39, 40)

D. Near Bethsaida: Read Mark 8:13-26

1. Against what did Jesus warn the disciples as they were travelling to the other side of the sea? Mark 8:13-15

2. What did He mean by this? Matthew 16:12

3. When they reached Bethsaida, who was brought to Jesus? Mark 8:22

4. What did Jesus do for him? Mark 8:23

5. What was unusual about Jesus' healing of this man? Mark 8:24, 25

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jesus always perform His miracles in the same way?

2. Is it possible for me to imagine the infinite variety of ways God can work?

THE SECOND TOUR

Matthew 16:13- 17:23; Mark 8:27-9:32; Luke 9:18-45

Having used miracles to train His disciples on the first tour, Jesus was now ready to give them more specific personal training. Read to see where He went, and what His training included:

A. Peter's Great Confession: Read Matthew 16:13-20

1. To what place did Jesus go after He left Bethsaida? Matthew 16:13a

2. What was He doing there? Luke 9:18a

3. When Jesus asked His disciples who men said He was, what was their answer? Matthew 16:14

4. When He asked their own opinion, what did Peter answer? Matthew 16:16

5. Who had revealed this fact to Peter? Matthew 16:17b

B. Jesus' Teaching to the Disciples: Read Matthew 16:21-27

1. What four things did Jesus begin to teach His disciples at this time? Matthew 16:21

2. What did Peter do after this? Matthew 16:22

3. What did Jesus indicate was wrong with Peter's thinking? Matthew 16:23

4. What did Jesus say one must do if he would follow Him? Matthew 16:24

5. When did Jesus say His followers should expect their rewards? Matthew 16:27

C. Jesus' Trip to the Mountain: Read Luke 9:28-36

1. After six days, whom did Jesus take with Him up into a high mountain? Luke 9:28

2. What happened to Jesus as He was praying? Luke 9:29

3. Who then came to talk with Him? Luke 9:30

4. About what did they talk? Luke 9:31

5. What did Peter ask to do when He saw this? Luke 9:33

6. Why did he ask this? Luke 9:32a, 33b; Mark 9:6

7. What wonderful thing happened even while Peter was talking? Luke 9:34, 35

8. When did Jesus say they might tell about this vision they had seen? Matthew 17:9

9. Who did Jesus say was the Elijah who must come before the Messiah came (See Malachi 4:5, 6)? Matthew 17:10-13

10. How did Jesus teach that He would be like this one? Matthew 17:12b

D. Jesus' Return from the Mountain: Read Mark 9:14-33a

1. What did Jesus find the nine disciples trying to do when He came down from the mountain? Mark 9:17, 18

2. Why could Jesus do what they were not able to do? Mark 9:29b; Matthew 17:20

3. What did Jesus again teach them as they journeyed toward Capernaum? Mark 9:30, 31

4. What was the disciples' reaction to this teaching? Mark 9:32

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did the disciples' failure to learn these lessons affect their later life?

2. What will happen to me if I fail to learn the lessons God is teaching me now?

EVENTS IN CAPERNAUM

Matthew 17:24 – 18:35; Mark 9:33-50; Luke 9:46-50

As Jesus brought His specialized ministry to a close in Capernaum, two events took place. Read to discover what they were:

A. The Temple Tax: Read Matthew 17:24-27

1. What did the collectors of the half-shekel for the support of the temple worship ask Peter upon his return to Capernaum? Matthew 17:24c

2. Why did Jesus say they should pay this tax? Matthew 17:27

3. What did Jesus tell Peter to do in order to pay this tax? Matthew 17:27

B. The Disciples' Argument: Read Luke 9:46-50; Mark 9:33b-50; Matthew 18:1-35

1. About what did the disciples argue as they traveled? Luke 9:46

2. What did Jesus say one must be if he would be first? Mark 9:35

3. What did Jesus use as an example in this sermon? Mark 9:36, 37

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did the disciples understand Jesus' statement about being last?

2. What would Jesus say about your attitude towards others around you?

NOTES

CONFLICTS WITH JEWISH RULERS AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Matthew 19:1a; Mark 10:1a; Luke 9:51-62; John 7:1-8:59

After Jesus' intensive training of the twelve in the outlying regions beyond Galilee, He turned toward the evangelization of other sections of Palestine. Read now to discover where He went and what methods He used for reaching these people:

A. Jesus' Final Departure from Galilee: Read John 7:1-10; Luke 9:51-62

1. From Capernaum, where did Jesus decide to go? Matthew 19:1b; Mark 10:1a _____

2. For what event did He make this trip? John 7:2

3. Notice why His brothers asked Him to make this trip: John 7:3, 4. Why did they speak in this manner? John 7:5

4. In what manner did Jesus go to Jerusalem? John 7:10b

5. What had the Jewish rulers tried to do ever since Jesus' last visit to Jerusalem (probably about 18 months previously)? John 7:1

6. In spite of this, what did Jesus do? Luke 9:51

7. Through what province did He travel? Luke 9:52

8. What did James and John want to do when these people did not receive Him on this journey? Luke 9:53-56

9. Notice what Jesus said to those who wanted to follow Him: Luke 9:57-62

B. Before the Feast: Read John 7:11-13

1. As the crowds in Jerusalem sought Jesus at the feast, what two opinions were expressed concerning Him? John 7:11, 12

2. How was this discussion carried on? John 7:13

C. Jesus' Arrival at the Feast: Read John 7:14-36

1. When did Jesus arrive at the feast? John 7:14

2. What did He do after He arrived? John 7:14

3. What was the reaction of the crowds to His teaching? John 7:15, 25

4. Although the rulers did nothing about Jesus' teaching at first, what did they later try to do? John 7:30

5. Why were they not able to do this? John 7:30

D. The Last Great Day of the Feast: Read John 7:37-53, 8:12-59

1. Later, who were sent to arrest Jesus? John 7:32

2. Why did they not do this? John 7:44-46

3. Who spoke up for Jesus when some of the Pharisees spoke against Him? John 7:50, 51

4. As Jesus continued teaching openly in the temple, why did no one harm Him? John 8:20

5. In the course of Jesus' teachings, what three things did He claim to be?

a. John 7:37

b. John 8:12

c. John 8:28, 29, 55-58

6. As a result of this last claim, what did the Jews try to do? John 8:59

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could anyone have killed Jesus before God's time for Him to die?

2. If I obey God's rules and serve Him, need I fear dying before my work is done?

FURTHER CONFLICTS IN JUDEA

Matthew 11:20-30; Luke 10:1- 13:21; John 9:1-10:39

After the conflicts at the Feast of Tabernacles in October, Jesus continued His ministry in Jerusalem and Judea. Notice what happened as a result of His work there:

A. In Jerusalem: Read John 9:1-10:21

1. Whom did Jesus see shortly after the feast? John 9:1

2. What did Jesus do for this man? John 9:6, 7

3. Why did the Pharisees object to this miracle? John 9:14, 16a

4. What did they say about Jesus as a result? John 9:16a, 24b

5. Why were the man's parents afraid to say anything about this miracle?
John 9:22

6. What happened to the man because he acknowledged that Jesus was of God? John 9:33,
34

7. After Jesus compared the Pharisees to thieves and robbers and hirelings who care not for
the sheep, of what did many of the people accuse Him? John 10:19-21

B. Throughout Judea: Read Luke 10:1-42, 13:10-17

1. As Jesus began His efforts to evangelize the rest of Judea, whom did He choose besides
His 12 apostles to help Him? Luke 10:1

2. Where did He tell these to go? Luke 10:1

3. What statement did He repeat at this time? Luke 10:2

4. With whom did Jesus visit on this tour? Luke 10:38-42

5. Notice that many of Jesus' teachings are recorded in Luke 11 and 12. What happened as
He was teaching on one occasion? Luke 13:10-13

6. Why did the ruler of the synagogue object to this miracle? Luke 13:14a

7. What illustration did Jesus use to silence his objections? Luke 13:15-17

8. When the seventy returned, for what reason were they rejoicing? Luke 10:17

9. For what reason did Jesus say they should be rejoicing? Luke 10:20

10. What gracious invitation did Jesus issue at this time? Matthew 11:28-30

C. Back at Jerusalem: Read John 10:22-39

1. For what occasion did Jesus return to the city of Jerusalem? John 10:22a

2. What season of the year was it? John 10:22b

3. What did the Jews ask Jesus to do at this time? John 10:24b

4. For what two reasons did Jesus say they should know this already? John 10:25

5. What had been their reaction to both of these evidences? John 10:25, 26

6. What further claim did Jesus make at this time? John 10:29, 30, 36b, 38b

7. What did the Jews try to do to Jesus as a result of this claim? John 10:31, 39

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was Jesus' main concern during these last months of His life on earth?

2. What is *my* main concern in life? Would it have been under circumstances similar to those Jesus faced? (See Acts 20:24)

EVANGELIZATION OF PEREA BEGUN AND INTERRUPTED

Luke 13:22 - 17:10; John 10:40 - 11:54

After Jesus' conflicts with the Jewish rulers at the Feast of Dedication in December, He left Judea to evangelize still another part of Palestine. Study now about where He went and what happened shortly after He began this ministry:

A. Jesus' Move to Perea: Read John 10:40-42; Luke 13:22-17:10

1. After the feast of Dedication, where did Jesus go? John 10:40

2. To what three groups of people did Jesus especially minister?
 - a. Luke 13:23-14:24 (See Luke 14:3) _____
 - b. Luke 14:25-16:31 (See Luke 14:25, 15:1) _____
 - c. Luke 17:1-10 (See Luke 17:1) _____
3. Find two phrases that describe the results of Jesus' ministry in Perea: John 10:41, 42

B. The Perea Ministry Interrupted: Read John 11:1-16

1. As Jesus ministered in Perea, what urgent message came to Him? John 11:1-3

2. What did He do after He heard this message? John 11:6

3. What happened in the meantime? John 11:11-14

4. Why did Jesus say He was glad He had not been there? John 11:15

5. What had Jesus previously said was the purpose for this illness? John 11:4

C. The Trip to Bethany: Read John 11:17-37

1. When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany, what did Martha say to him? John 11:21

2. What did Jesus promise Martha? John 11:23

3. When did Martha expect this to happen? John 11:24

4. What did Jesus tell her about those who truly believed in Him? John 11:25, 26

5. When Mary came, followed by many weeping Jews, what did she say? John 11:32

6. What three things did Jesus do when He saw the people's sorrow? John 11:33, 35

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7. What question did some of the people ask? John 11:37

D. Jesus' Work at Bethany: Read John 11:38-44

1. When they reached the tomb and Jesus asked them to take away the stone, why did Martha object? John 11:39

2. What did Jesus tell her she would see if only she would believe? John 11:40

3. What did Jesus then do, and why? John 11:41b, 42b

4. After this, what did Jesus do? John 11:43, 44

E. The Results of Jesus' Work at Bethany: Read John 11:45-54

1. What two things happened as a result of this miracle? John 11:45, 46

2. What two things did the Pharisees fear would happen as a result of this miracle? John 11:48

3. Therefore, what did they plan to do? John 11:53

4. Because of this, where did Jesus go? John 11:54

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Had Jesus ever done a miracle so spectacular as this?

2. Why does God sometimes delay answering my requests? John 11:4, 5, 15, 40, 42, 45

EVANGELIZATION OF PEREA CONCLUDED
Matthew 19:1- 20:34, 26:6-13; Mark 10:1-52; Luke 17:11-19:10;
John 11:55-12:11

After Jesus left Bethany following the raising of Lazarus, He again turned toward the evangelization of Perea. Notice His unusual route through this territory, what caused it, and what He did to evangelize this area:

A. The Route of Jesus' Journey: Read Luke 17:11

1. To what city was Jesus traveling? Luke 17:11a _____
2. Why was He going there? John 11:55 _____
3. Through what two provinces did He go from Ephraim to get there? Luke 17:11b

4. Locate these places on a map. What was unusual about this route? (*THINK!*)

B. The Journey Toward Perea: Read Luke 17:12-18:14

1. As Jesus approached one village, who asked Him for mercy? Luke 17:12, 13

2. What did Jesus tell them to do? Luke 17:14a _____
3. What happened as they did this? Luke 17:14b _____
4. What did one of them do when he discovered this? Luke 17:15, 16

5. What was unusual about him? Luke 17:16b _____
6. What did Jesus say about this? Luke 17:17, 18

7. What did Jesus tell the man? Luke 17:19 _____
8. On what two subjects did Jesus teach the people at this time? Luke 17:20, 18:1

9. What two parables did Jesus tell in connection with this latter topic? Luke 18:1-8, 9-14

C. The Journey Through Perea: Read Matthew 19:1-20:28

1. After Jesus arrived in Perea beyond the Jordan, what happened? Matthew 19:1b, 2; Mark 10:1b _____
2. On what subject did Jesus teach the people there? Matthew 19:3

3. Later, what did Jesus do? Matthew 19:13-15

4. Who came to Jesus at this time? Matthew 19:22; Luke 18:18, 23

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5. About what did Jesus teach the disciples at this time? Matthew 20:17-19

6. What did the mother of James and John ask at this time? Matthew 20:20, 21

D. The Journey through Jericho: Read Luke 18:35-19:10

1. Whom did Jesus heal near Jericho? Luke 18:35-42

2. What were two results of this miracle? Luke 18:43

3. With whom did Jesus stay in Jericho? Luke 19:1-6

4. Why did some object to this? Luke 19:7

5. What did Zacchaeus promise to do? Luke 19:8

6. What happened as a result of Jesus' visit to his house? Luke 19:9, 10

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was Jesus' attitude toward every person or group that He met?

2. Do I properly appreciate Jesus' love and compassion toward me, and all that He has done for me?
