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Getting Started

The purpose of these lessons is to help you learn the simple truth about who Jesus is and why he is so important.

Each of the five chapters begins with a list of goals marked by a small star (*). These goals tell you what you will be learning in that chapter. There are a few questions after each section, and a short test at the end of each chapter. If you read each section carefully, you should be able to answer the questions correctly and without much trouble.

At the end of each group of questions, you will be given a page number to which you can turn to check your answers. Turn to that page number, and you will find the answers at the very bottom of that page. Check your answers carefully, correcting any mistakes. Make sure you understand all the answers before reading any further.

At the end of the chapter there is also a section marked “Using Your Bible.” There you will be told where in the Bible you can find the stories talked about in the lesson. If you are able, try to read the stories directly from your own Bible. We want you to be sure that what this course is teaching is exactly what the Bible teaches.

At the end of the book there is a final test. Before you complete the test, go back and review the chapter tests. When you have completed the final test, you can either turn it in to the person who gave you this book, or mail it to the address on the back cover of this book.

You may order other books to read and to study.

May God help you to learn more about Jesus Christ, and bless the hours you spend studying his life.



Chapter One

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Many people command respect in our world. There may be an artist who paints beautiful pictures for us to look at and to appreciate. There may be a teacher who was an inspiration to us and from whom we learned a great deal. There is the athlete whose team always wins at volleyball, basketball, softball or football. Perhaps there is a friend or neighbor who has helped you when you were in trouble.

But there is one person who deserves the greatest respect above anyone else. You need to know him, for where you spend eternity will depend on knowing him. That person is Jesus Christ. This book was written to help you learn about Jesus Christ and why he commands our respect. At the end of this first chapter you will be able to:

- * tell who Jesus' parents were;
- * tell what the word "Savior" means;
- * explain what our Savior accomplished as both God and Man; and
- * explain what this means: "Jesus is our Savior from sin."

About two thousand years ago in the land of Israel God sent the angel Gabriel to a young Jewish woman named Mary. Gabriel told her that even though she was a virgin she would soon become a mother. The Father of her child

would be God himself. Her baby would be like no one else. He would be a human boy. But he also would be God with us. Mary was to name him Jesus, a name that means Savior.

1. God sent an angel to a young woman named _____.
2. The angel told Mary that she would soon be the _____ of a baby boy.
3. Mary was told that the Father of the child would be _____.
4. Mary was to name the boy _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 12)

Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph, but she was still a virgin. Joseph soon learned that Mary was pregnant. Joseph knew that he was not the father. He thought that she had been sleeping with another man, so he decided to call off the wedding. But God sent a messenger to him also.

In a dream an angel told Joseph that God had made Mary pregnant through a miracle of the

Holy Spirit. The child's Father was really God himself! The angel also said that Joseph should marry the girl and serve as Jesus' stepfather. When he woke up, Joseph did as the angel told him.

5. An angel also came to _____ who was engaged to Mary.
6. The angel told Joseph that the Father of Mary's child was not any man, but rather _____.
7. The angel told Joseph to get married and serve as Jesus' _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 12)

Shortly before the baby was born, Joseph and Mary moved to the town of Bethlehem. When they arrived, they could not find any rooms for rent. Finally, Joseph found a stable in which he could keep Mary warm for the night. In that stable Mary gave birth to a son and named him Jesus.



Mary wrapped baby Jesus in cloth and laid him in a manger.

That same night a group of angels told some shepherds nearby that a special baby had been born in a stable. They said that the baby was the Savior whom God had promised. He would save the world from all sin.

“Sin” means disobeying God. When we sin, our sin forms a prison that takes away our freedom. It builds a great wall to keep us in the devil’s power and away from God. The word “savior” means rescuer, a person who rescues someone from great danger.

The baby born that night so long ago was our Savior, Jesus. He came to save us by breaking down the wall of sin between God and man. The shepherds went to see if what the angel said was true. They found the baby Jesus in the stable as the angels had said.

Sometime later wise men came from a country far to the east. They had noticed a new star in the sky. From the Bible they learned that this meant a new King of the Jews had been born.

When they finally found Jesus at Bethlehem, they gave him gifts. Knowing that Jesus was God, they also worshiped him.

8. As the angel had promised, Mary gave birth to a baby boy and named him _____.
9. Angels told some shepherds that this baby was the _____ whom God had promised to send.
10. A savior is someone who _____ another person from danger.
11. This Savior, Jesus, would break down the wall of sin between _____ and _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 12)

The Bible makes a point of showing that Jesus had God as his Father and the woman Mary as his mother. This means Jesus is both God and man. Although the Bible does not explain this miracle in a way that we can understand, the Bible does tell us what Jesus our Savior accomplished for us as both God and man.

The Bible says Jesus came to substitute for us and take away our sins. It also says our sins could only be taken away after they had been paid for by someone's death. As a man, Jesus our Savior was able to substitute for us and die to take away our sin.

12. Jesus was both the Son of _____
and a _____.
13. The Savior substituted for us as a
_____ and died for our sins.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 12)

Jesus is also God. He was able to live a perfect life without a single sin. When he died on the cross, he was not dying for his own sins because he had none. He was really dying for our sins and for the sins of the entire world. Yes, the baby born in Bethlehem was a man, but he was also God. The God-man Jesus is the Savior from sin that we and all people need.

14. All people are born with the sickness of _____.
15. Because Jesus is both man and _____ he has no sin.
16. Since Jesus is God and has no sin, he could give his _____ life to save us and all people.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 12)

Review of Chapter One

God sent an angel to a young woman named Mary to tell her she would become the mother of the Savior. God himself would be the baby's Father. An angel was also sent to Joseph, the man to whom Mary was engaged. The angel assured Joseph that the baby in Mary's body was not another man's, but God's own Son.

Jesus' mother was a human being, a virgin. His Father was God himself. Therefore, Jesus is both God and man. As a man he could substitute for us and die. As God he could be born without sin, live a sinless life, and pay for the sins of all people. When he died, he died because of our sins; he had no sins of his own. Only such a God-man could be our Savior.

Answers to questions within Chapter One:

1. Mary; 2. mother; 3. God; 4. Jesus; 5. Joseph; 6. God;
7. stepfather; 8. Jesus; 9. Savior; 10. rescues; 11. God, man;
12. God, man; 13. man; 14. sin; 15. God; 16. perfect.

Test on Chapter One

Answer the following questions:

1. Jesus' mother was _____.
2. Jesus' Father was _____.
3. Joseph served as Jesus' _____.
4. Jesus is both _____ and _____.
5. Angels said that the baby Jesus would be the _____.
6. Savior means someone who _____ another person from danger or prison.
7. This baby would rescue us from the prison of _____.
8. As a man, the Savior could _____ for our sins.
9. As God, the Savior was born without _____.
10. As God, he lived a perfect life and gave his _____ to pay for all sin.
11. When Jesus died, he died because of _____ sins, not his own.
12. Only someone who was both _____ and _____ could be our Savior.

(Check your answers on page 62)



Using Your Bible

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. The angel visits Mary: *Luke 1:26-38*
2. The angel visits Joseph: *Matthew 1:18-25*
3. Jesus' birth: *Luke 2:1-7*
4. The shepherds: *Luke 2:8-20*
5. The wise men: *Matthew 2:1-12*



Chapter Two

JESUS' LIFE

Everyone knows what evidence is. Often it is evidence that puts a person into prison. The evidence might have been some stolen goods with fingerprints on them or it might have been the eyewitness testimony of some other person. Evidence is what proves that something is true or false.

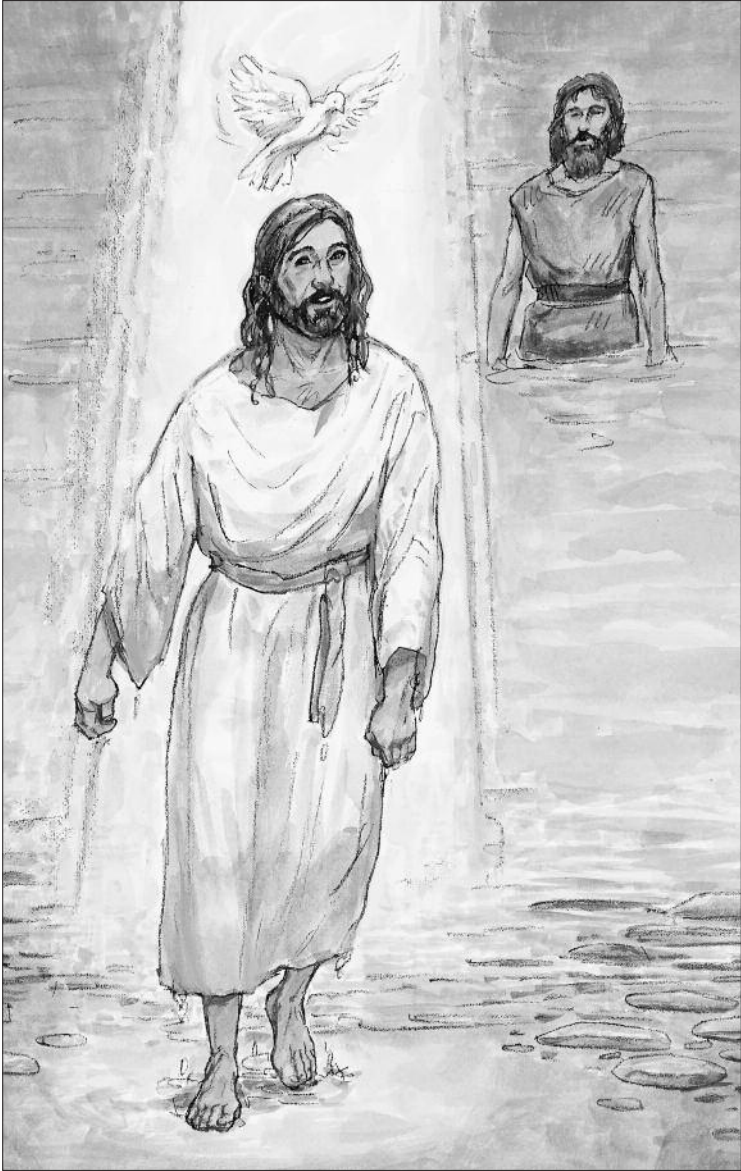
Evidence proves to us that Jesus Christ is both God and man. The Bible gives us that evidence. In chapter one we heard the

evidence from the account of Jesus' birth. In this chapter we will look at evidence from Jesus' life. At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- * write in your own words what a miracle is;
- * explain how the miracles give evidence that Jesus is God; and
- * give evidence from Jesus' life that he is also a man.

When Jesus was about thirty years old, he began to teach about God. A man named John was also teaching people and baptizing at that time.

Jesus went to John and asked to be baptized. A dove landed on Jesus as he came out of the water. That dove was God's Holy Spirit showing that he was with Jesus. Then the voice of God called from heaven, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you" (Luke 3:22).



*God said, "You are my Son, and I love you."
The Holy Spirit appeared as a dove.*

In this way God showed that Jesus is no ordinary man. During the next three years Jesus proved many times that what God had said that day was true. He really is God as well as man.

1. When Jesus was baptized, God's _____ landed on him in the form of a dove.
2. A voice from heaven said, "You are my _____."
3. This was God's way of showing people that Jesus truly is _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 22)

Jesus himself also told people he is God. He once told the Jews, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Another time he called himself by God's special name, Jehovah. He did not say these things secretly, either. In the end Jesus was arrested for calling himself God.

Jesus also let people treat him like God. Many times Jesus allowed people to pray to him to

help them. Once when Jesus healed a man, the man came back and worshiped Jesus. Jesus did not stop him. Another time Peter said to Jesus, “You are the Christ. You are the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). And Jesus told Peter that he was right.

4. Jesus himself said he is _____.
5. Jesus was arrested for saying he is _____.
6. Jesus also allowed people to treat him like _____.
7. When Peter called him God’s Son, Jesus said this was _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 22)

Jesus, however, did more than merely claim to be God. He proved he really is God by the miracles he did. A miracle is an event that could never happen unless God did it himself.

Jesus’ life was filled with miracles. He healed people with all kinds of illnesses and handicaps. Blind people could see again. Deaf

people could hear. Crippled people could walk. People with leprosy, a disease that ate away skin, saw their skin grow healthy and soft again. At least three times he brought dead people back to life again.

Jesus did other miracles that showed he could control nature. He calmed storms on the sea. He turned water into wine. He fed thousands of people with a few loaves of bread and a couple fish. These miracles and many more like them proved Jesus really is God himself.

8. Jesus did not merely claim to be God. He proved it with his _____.
9. A miracle is something that couldn't happen unless _____ did it himself.
10. Jesus did many _____ of healing sick people.
11. _____ did other types of miracles that showed he controlled nature.
12. All of Jesus' miracles showed that he really is _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 22)

But Jesus is a human being, too. His body looked like that of other men. He became hungry and ate food. He became tired and needed to sleep. He became angry. Jesus laughed and cried. The Bible says he is like us in every way, except he never did anything wrong.

The final event of Jesus' life also proved he is a human being. After his work on earth was finished, he died. Yes, though he is God, Jesus is also a man, a real human being; and his life on earth showed he is a man.

13. Jesus is not only God; he is also a _____.

14. Jesus got hungry and _____ food; he laughed and _____.

15. He is like us in every way, except he never _____.

16. Jesus even _____ like all people do.

17. Jesus' life showed that he is both _____ and _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 22)

Review of Chapter Two

Jesus' life showed clearly he really is God himself. When he was baptized, God called him his Son. Jesus himself often said he is God. Jesus also let people treat him as God. So that there would be no doubt about it, Jesus performed many miracles only God could have done.

Jesus also showed everyone he is a real human being. He ate, drank, slept, and cried. He even died. Jesus made it clear he is both God and man. The Bible gives us all of this evidence.

Answers to questions within Chapter Two:

1. Spirit; 2. Son; 3. God; 4. God; 5. God; 6. God; 7. true;
8. miracles; 9. God; 10. miracles; 11. Jesus; 12. God; 13. man;
14. ate, cried; 15. did anything wrong; 16. died; 17. God, man.

Test On Chapter Two

Answer the following questions:

1. Jesus' birth showed he is both _____ and _____.
2. Jesus' life also showed in many ways he really is both _____ and _____.
3. When Jesus was baptized God said, "You are my _____."
4. Jesus also called himself _____.
5. Jesus also let people _____ him like God.
6. To show he is God, Jesus did many _____.
7. A miracle is something that only _____ can do.
8. The Bible also says that _____ ate, drank, slept, and cried.
9. Most of all, after his work was finished, Jesus even _____.
10. These actions prove that Jesus is also a real _____.
11. Jesus' life proved that he is both _____ and _____.

(Check your answers on page 62)



Using Your Bible

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. Jesus' baptism: *Matthew 3:13-17*
2. Jesus calling himself God: *John 10:30-33*
3. People treating Jesus like God: *John 1:49-51 and 12:1-11*
4. Some of Jesus' miracles: *Matthew 8 and John 6:1-24*
5. Jesus shows he is a man: *Luke 4:1-2; 8-23; and John 19:28-30*



Chapter Three

THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

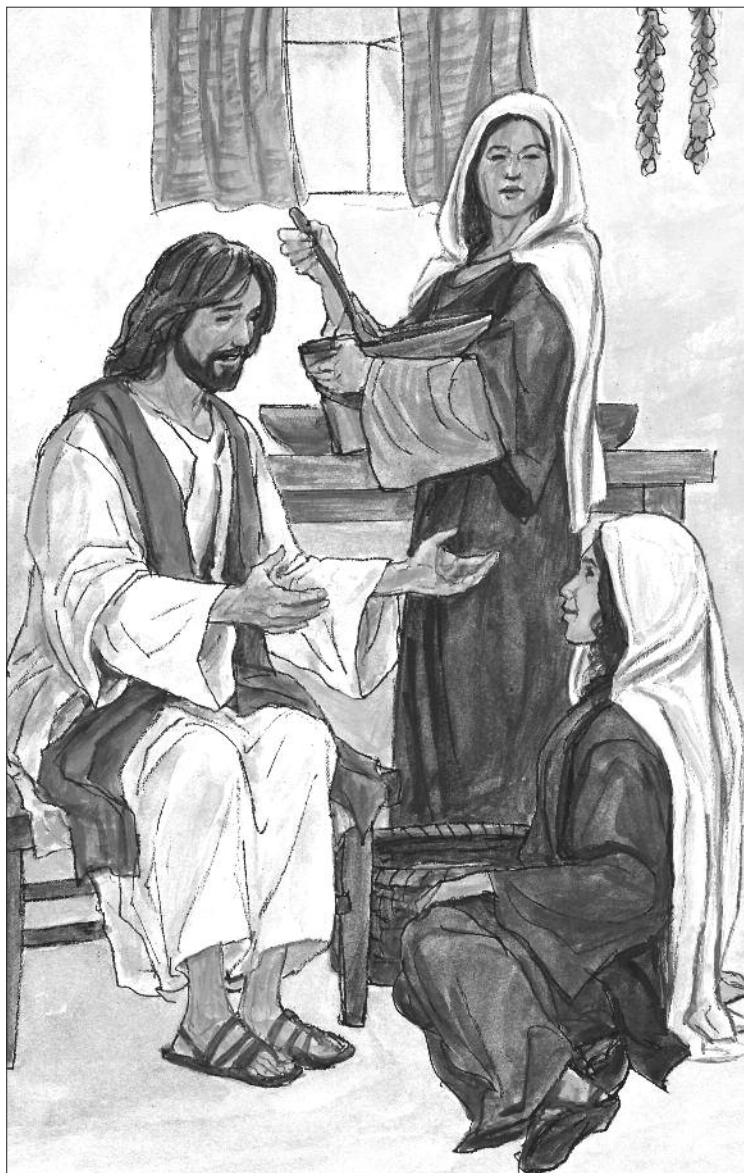
Most people are very busy. They work and care for their families. But when we are not busy, what do we do with our time? Do we waste our time on things that are not important?

A person can use time in a better way. You are doing that right now as you use your time to get to know Jesus Christ better. He is a person who made the best use of his time on earth.

Let us take a closer look at what Jesus did with his time. At the end of the chapter you will be able to:

- * tell what Jesus' main work was during the three years he carried out his ministry on earth;
- * explain what Jesus taught about repentance and forgiveness;
- * explain what a prophet is; and
- * identify who the greatest prophet is.

Jesus spent three years traveling all over the land of Israel. Though he did many miracles and healed many sick people, this was not his main work during this time. He said, "The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them" (Luke 19:10). The main way Jesus looked for the lost was through his teaching and preaching.



Mary listened while Jesus taught her.

Wherever Jesus went, he taught the people. One of the important things he taught them was that every person must be sorry for the wrong he has done and turn to God for help and forgiveness. This is what the Bible means by the word “repent.” Repent means to be sorry for our wrong, to change our minds and our way of living, and to turn to God for help and forgiveness.

But many people felt they were not so bad and did not need God’s help and forgiveness. So when Jesus preached to those people, he tried to get them to see their sin and their need for help.

1. During the three years Jesus carried out his ministry on earth, his most important work was his _____ and _____.
2. Jesus told people to _____ and turn to _____ for help.
3. The word repent means to be _____ for what one has done wrong and to turn to God for help and _____.

4. Many people thought that they did not need God's _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)

But Jesus did not merely teach people about their sins. He also spoke about the only way out of sin and its punishment. He told one man, “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Another time Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). And yet another time he said, “No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). With such words Jesus gave people power to repent and turn to him for help and eternal life.

5. Jesus said, “No one comes to the Father except through _____.”

6. The power to repent and turn to _____
for _____ comes to us
through the words which Jesus taught.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)

Jesus taught the people with sermons and stories. He taught big groups of people and one person at a time. He taught young and old. But Jesus didn't speak his own words. He said, "Everything I say is just what the Father has told me to say" (John 12:50).

A person who speaks what God tells him is called a prophet. There were many prophets before Jesus lived on earth, but he was the greatest of them all. He spoke God's message more clearly and boldly than ever before. When we read his words in the Bible, he still speaks clearly to us today.

For people then and now, Jesus has the same message: "Turn away from your sins and believe the good news" (Mark 1:15). "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his

life for the sheep” (John 10:11). “Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16). Jesus is not only a good teacher; he is the greatest prophet of all. He still speaks God’s words to us.

7. Jesus spent his time _____ all types of people.
8. But Jesus did not speak his own words; he spoke the words of his _____.
9. A person who speaks God’s words is called a _____.
10. Jesus was not merely a good teacher, he was the greatest _____ of all time.
11. Jesus still speaks God’s word to us when we _____.
12. Jesus’ message was always the same:
_____ of your sins and
_____ to God for forgiveness.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)

Review of Chapter Three

During the three years Jesus carried out his ministry on earth, his main work was preaching and teaching. His words gave people power to repent, that is, to be sorry for their sins and turn to God for help and forgiveness.

Through the Bible, Jesus still teaches us today. But he is not merely a good teacher; he is also the greatest prophet of all. He did not speak for himself. He spoke God's words, the words of his Father. The word of God always has God's power in it so that he is able to bring us to repentance and faith.

Answers to questions within Chapter Three:

1. teaching, preaching; 2. repent (or: be sorry), God; 3. sorry, forgiveness; 4. help (or: forgiveness); 5. me; 6. Jesus, help (or: eternal life); 7. teaching; 8. Father; 9. prophet; 10. prophet; 11. read the Bible; 12. repent, turn.

Test on Chapter Three

Answer the following questions:

1. During the three years Jesus carried out his ministry on earth, his most important work was his _____ and _____.
2. Jesus told people to _____ and turn to _____ for help.
3. Repentance means being _____ for what a person has done wrong and seeking help from _____.
4. Many people thought they did not need God's _____.
5. But Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through _____."
6. The good news about Jesus gives us power to _____ and turn to _____ for _____.
7. Jesus spent his time _____ all types of people.
8. But Jesus did not speak his own words; he spoke the words of his _____.
9. A person who speaks God's words is called a _____.

10. Jesus is not merely a good teacher, he is the greatest _____ of all time.
11. Jesus still speaks God's word to us when we _____.
12. Jesus' message was always the same:
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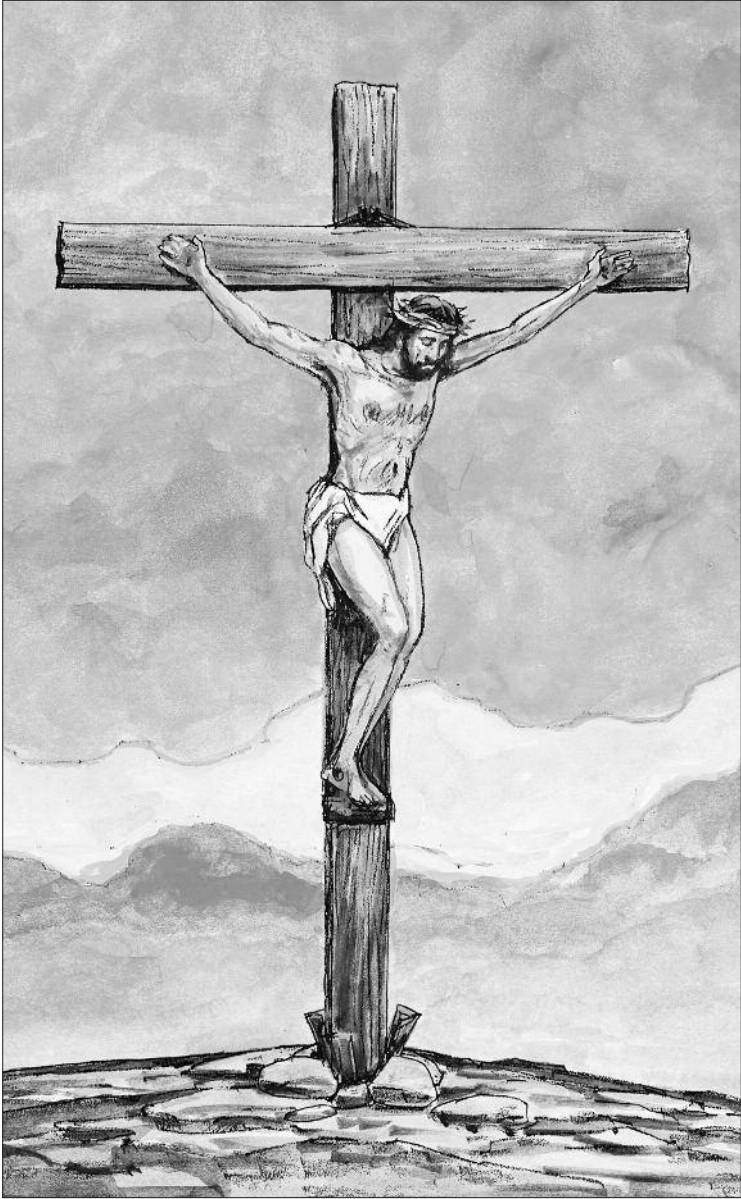
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Using Your Bible

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. Peter teaches about repentance and how Jesus was a Prophet: *Acts 3:17-26*
2. Jesus is the way to heaven and speaks God's words: *John 14:1-11*



Jesus suffered and died for the sins of all people.



Chapter Four

THE DEATH OF JESUS

Everybody is afraid of something. Perhaps you are afraid that you will die soon. Children may be afraid of the dark. Older people may be afraid of getting sick. A father may be afraid of losing his job.

Fear is a terrible thing. It takes away our will to live and our peace of mind. Maybe that is why we often try to hide our fears.

The greatest fear a person can have concerns his relationship with God. We often feel unworthy of God's love and fear he will punish us. But Jesus came to rescue all of us from the punishment of God. He has made it possible for us to no longer fear God's punishment. He gives us his special peace.

In this chapter we will see how Jesus removes fear from our hearts. At the end of the chapter, you will be able to:

- * explain how the Passover lamb saved the Children of Israel from death;
- * explain in what way Jesus became our Passover Lamb; and
- * tell in what way Jesus did the work of a priest.

Jesus died during the Jewish festival of Passover. Passover was a holiday reminding people how God had freed the Jewish nation

from slavery in Egypt hundreds of years earlier. Because the Egyptian king would not let the Jewish people return to Israel, God had sent an angel of death to kill the oldest boy in each family of Egypt.

The Jews were told by God to kill a spotless lamb and paint its blood over the doors of their houses. Then the angel of death would “pass over” their house and not kill anyone. The blood of that lamb actually saved the lives of the people in that house.

The Passover holiday also reminded the people of Israel that they, too, were sinners. Someday an angel of death would end their life on earth. Was there some kind of lamb whose blood could save them from death?

The Bible calls Jesus “the Lamb of God. He takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). The lamb had to die at the Passover so that his blood could protect the people from death. In the same way Jesus would have to die so

his blood could pay for our sins and protect us from eternal death. The Bible says Jesus is “our Passover Lamb!” (1 Corinthians 5:7)

1. Jesus died during the Jewish holiday called _____.
2. This holiday reminded the Jews how they had been saved from slavery by the blood of a _____.
3. The Passover was also to remind the people that they were sinners and needed protection from _____.
4. The Bible calls Jesus “the _____ of God. He takes away the _____ of the _____.”
5. Jesus died like a _____ lamb, so that his blood did save us from _____.

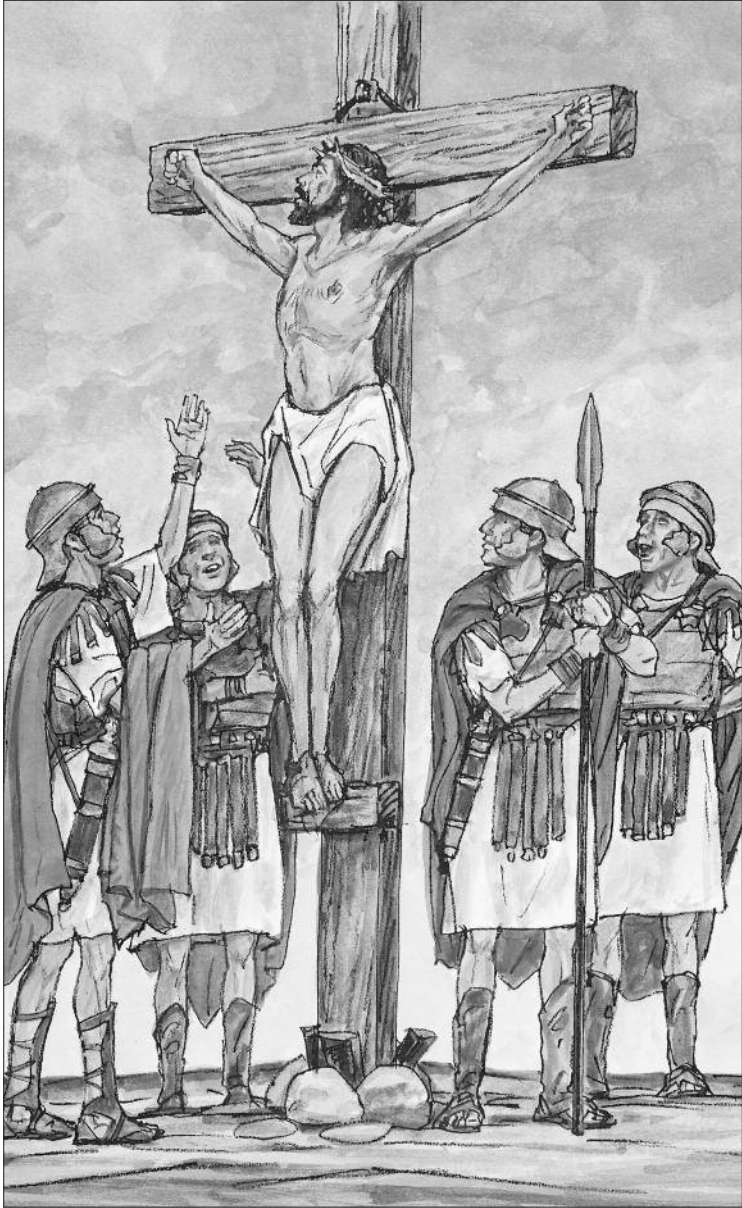
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On Thursday night of Passover week, Jesus and his friends ate the Passover meal in Jerusalem. Later that night they all went to a quiet place to pray. There Jesus was handed over to his enemies by one of his own friends.

The religious council of the Jewish people first questioned Jesus. Its leader, the high priest, held a trial but used false witnesses. Jesus was quickly condemned to death.

However, the Jews were not free people. The Romans ruled over them. So early Friday morning, the high priest took Jesus to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, and asked him to put Jesus to death. The governor questioned Jesus but found him to be completely innocent. The Jewish leaders, however, started a riot outside, getting everyone to shout that Jesus should be killed. Finally the governor gave the order to have Jesus nailed to a cross to die.

6. Jesus was betrayed by one of his own _____.
7. The high priest used _____ witnesses to condemn Jesus.
8. The Roman governor found Jesus to be completely _____.



The soldiers made fun of Jesus.

9. But even then, Jesus was condemned to _____ on a _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 45)

Jesus was led to a hill outside the city. On that hill nails were driven through his hands and feet into a wooden cross. Then he was left to hang until he was dead.

Moments before Jesus died, he said in a loud voice, "It is finished!" (John 19:30) By pouring out his blood, he had paid the punishment for the sins of all people. The innocent "Passover Lamb" had died. His work on earth was finished.

This part of Jesus' work is like that of a priest. In those days God appointed priests to work for him. Their work was to offer sacrifices for the people. The Bible calls Jesus our High Priest. He sacrificed himself on the cross to pay for the sins of all people. By doing this he saved us from eternal death.

Besides doing the work of a prophet, Jesus also served as our priest. One picture shows Jesus and the Passover Lamb. When you see such a picture remember Jesus is our great Priest who sacrificed himself to pay for our sins.

10. Jesus hung on the cross until he was _____.
11. Jesus knew that his work was _____.
12. He had come into the world to _____ like a Passover lamb.
13. By his death, Jesus saved _____ from eternal death.
14. In this way Jesus did the work of a _____.
15. Jesus the Priest sacrificed _____ to pay for _____.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 45)

Review of Chapter Four

During the Passover holiday, Jesus ate the Passover meal with his friends. Afterwards the religious council of the Jews arrested him. The high priest condemned him to death. The high priest then forced the Roman governor to have Jesus executed, even though the governor knew Jesus was innocent of all charges.

Jesus was then nailed to a cross to die. He is our Passover Lamb. His blood was poured out, or shed, to take away our sins and protect us from eternal death. In this way Jesus also served as our Priest, sacrificing himself for our sins.

Answers to questions within Chapter Four:

1. Passover; 2. lamb; 3. death; 4. Lamb, sin, world; 5. Passover, death (or sin); 6. friends; 7. false; 8. innocent; 9. die, cross; 10. dead; 11. finished; 12. die; 13. all us people; 14. priest; 15. himself, the sin of all people.

Test on Chapter Four

Answer the following questions:

1. The Passover holiday recalled how the Jews were saved from slavery by the _____ of the lamb.
2. The Passover was also to remind the people that they were sinners and needed protection from _____.
3. The Bible calls Jesus “the _____ of God. He takes away the _____ of the _____.”
4. Jesus died like a _____ lamb, so his blood could save us from _____.
5. The high priest used _____ witnesses to condemn Jesus.
6. The Roman governor found Jesus to be completely _____.
7. But even then, Jesus was condemned to _____ on a _____.
8. Jesus came into the world to _____ like a Passover lamb.
9. By his death, Jesus saved _____ from eternal death.

10. Jesus is not only a prophet; he also did
the work of a _____.

11. He sacrificed _____ for our
_____.

(Check your answers on page 62)



Using Your Bible

The stories you read about in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. The Passover in Egypt: *Exodus 12:21-32*
2. Jesus as our Passover Lamb and our Priest: *John 1:29 and Hebrews 10:10-14*
3. Jesus' betrayal, trial, and death: *Mark 14:43 through Mark 15:39*



Chapter Five

THE VICTORY OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

A child in school knows how many days until the end of the school year. A person in prison counts the number of days until he or she is set free.

By dying on the cross, Jesus paid for the sins of the entire world. But that was not the end of Jesus. He came back to life again and continues to help us. In this chapter we will see

what Jesus' new life means for us today. At the end of this chapter you will be able to:

- * tell why Jesus' coming back to life proves that our sins really are forgiven;
- * tell what Jesus' coming back to life means for our own lives;
- * describe what work Jesus is doing now;
- * explain what the word "Christ" means; and
- * list three ways in which Jesus deserves the name Christ.

On Sunday morning after Jesus died, there was an earthquake. An angel came down to the tomb where Jesus' body had been placed. The angel rolled away the stone at the entrance of the tomb so everyone could see that the tomb was empty.

Jesus' enemies said Jesus' friends had stolen the body. But God had brought Jesus back to life early that Sunday morning. God made Jesus alive to show everyone Jesus' work of suffering and dying really had paid for their sins.

At first even Jesus' friends were puzzled about what had happened. But soon Jesus showed himself to them. He talked with them, walked with them, and ate with them. He even allowed them to touch the nail holes in his hands and feet to help them believe that he was alive.

1. On the Sunday after he died, an angel showed that Jesus' grave was _____.
2. God had brought Jesus _____.
3. God did this to show Jesus really had paid for everyone's _____.
4. At first Jesus' friends were _____.
5. So Jesus _____ himself to them and let them _____ him.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 57)

God brought Jesus back to life to show us Jesus' death really had paid for our sins. Since our sins are forgiven, we no longer need to fear death. Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19). Because Jesus came back to life, God will bring us back to life when we die.

And then God will give us eternal life so we can live with him forever. He promised to give eternal life to everyone who believes in him. Since God was able to raise Jesus back to life when he was dead, he certainly will be able to raise us back to life, too.

6. God brought Jesus back to life to show us Jesus' death really had _____.
7. Jesus said, "Because I live, you will _____ also."
8. When Jesus brings us to life again, he will give us _____ life.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 57)



Jesus arose from the dead and ascended into heaven.

Forty days after he rose from death, Jesus visibly went up to heaven. On a hill near Jerusalem, he blessed his friends and rose into the sky. This is called his Ascension, his going up to heaven. Before he left, he had told his disciples he had to go back to his Father. He also told them why. "I am going to prepare a place for you," he said. "I will come back. And I will take you to be with me" (John 14:2,3).

Even here the story of Jesus does not end. He did not retire when he ascended to heaven. The Bible tells us he is there with his Father. It says now he is ruling over the world as its King. He especially watches over his followers, Christians, who pray to him as their Savior and King.

The Bible also says someday our King will return. When that happens, there will be a great Judgment Day. All the dead will come to life again. All the followers of Jesus will be gathered into his family forever; and all his enemies will be thrown out of his presence into

eternal suffering. When you see a picture of Jesus wearing a crown, remember Jesus is the King of the world.

9. Forty days after Jesus rose back to life, Jesus returned to _____.
10. He went there to prepare _____.
11. In heaven Jesus is ruling as our _____.
12. Jesus will return on _____
Day to take his followers to be with him forever.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 57)

In the Bible, one of the names given Jesus is Christ. When Jesus was born, the angels told the shepherds, “A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). The word “Christ” is a Greek word that means a person who has had oil poured on his head. We also call this being anointed.

Anointing, or pouring oil on the head, was like swearing someone into office. In those days God’s prophets, priests and kings were all

anointed. This showed that God had chosen them to be his workers, his “christs.”

God had also promised someday he would send a great “Christ.” Jesus is that person. He is a Prophet who taught the people God’s words. He is a Priest who sacrificed himself on the cross to pay for our sins. He is our King who rules the world and will come again to judge it. He is greater than all other prophets, priests, and kings. Jesus is the great Christ, God’s anointed Son. He is the Christ.

13. The Greek word “Christ” means a person who has had _____.
14. This is also called _____.
15. In the Old Testament God had _____, _____ and _____ anointed to show that they were serving him.
16. In the Bible Jesus is also called the _____.
17. He is our great _____, _____ and _____ whom God promised to send.

Review of Chapter Five

On Sunday, the third day after he died, Jesus rose from the dead. He appeared to many of his followers to show them he really was alive. After forty days, he went back to heaven. There he is ruling with his Father as King of all the world. Someday the King will come again on Judgment Day to raise the dead and take his followers to live with him forever.

The word “Christ” means the anointed one, a chosen person who has had oil poured on his head. Prophets, priests, and kings were anointed to show they were God’s workers. Jesus is our great Prophet, Priest, and King. He is the anointed one God promised to send. That is why the Bible calls Jesus the Christ.

Answers for questions within Chapter Five:

1. empty; 2. back to life; 3. sin; 4. puzzled; 5. showed, touch;
6. paid for our sins; 7. live; 8. eternal; 9. heaven; 10. a place for us;
11. King; 12. Judgment; 13. oil poured on his head;
14. anointing; 15. prophets, priests, kings; 16. Christ;
17. Prophet, Priest, King.

Test on Chapter Five

Answer these questions:

1. On the Sunday after he died, God brought Jesus _____.
2. God did this to show Jesus really had paid for everyone's _____.
3. Jesus _____ himself to his friends and let them _____ him.
4. God brought Jesus back to life to show us Jesus' death really had _____.
5. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will _____."
6. When Jesus brings us to life again, he will give us _____ life.
7. Forty days after Jesus rose back to life, Jesus returned to _____.
8. He went there to prepare _____.
9. In heaven Jesus is ruling as our _____.
10. Jesus will return on _____ Day to take his followers to be with him.
11. The Greek word "Christ" means a person who has had _____.
12. This is also called _____.

13. In the Old Testament God had _____,
_____ and _____
anointed to show that they were serving
him.
14. In the Bible Jesus is also called the
_____.
15. He is our great _____,
_____ and _____
whom God promised to send.

(Check your answers on page 62)



Using Your Bible

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. Jesus made alive again: *Luke 24:1-12*
2. Jesus shows himself to his friends:
Luke 24:36-49
3. Jesus goes up to heaven: *Luke 24:50-53*
4. What Jesus' being raised means for us, and about Judgment Day: *1 Corinthians: 15:20-26*
5. Jesus prepares a place for us: *John 14:1-4*



Conclusion

Congratulations! You have now completed all the lessons. We hope you learned more about who Jesus is and the work he did while he was on earth. Now you can be sure Jesus is in heaven waiting to return as your King! This makes you want to love Jesus as well as respect him. A man in prison named Bob wrote this poem about Jesus:

MY HELPER

Ten iron bars lock me in,
A cell of stone and steel,
Forty-eight square feet of room;
Fear is what I feel.

I see the hurt and all the pain
In this place each day.
So why can I smile?
What took my fear away?

Yes, I'm a prisoner in this jail,
But not in my heart you see;
Because there's someone special,
Who's always here with me.

So don't feel bad because I'm here,
You see there's a good part.
I have my Bible and my faith,
And Jesus in my heart.

He gives me strength to hang on,
Hope to face each day.
When things get rough I close my eyes,
And see him when I pray.



Answers to the Chapter Tests

Chapter Test One: (Page 13)

1. Mary; 2. God; 3. stepfather; 4. God, man; 5. Savior;
6. rescues; 7. sin; 8. die; 9. sin; 10. life; 11. our; 12. God, man.

Chapter Test Two: (Page 23)

1. God, man; 2. God, man; 3. Son; 4. God; 5. treat; 6. miracles;
7. God; 8. Jesus; 9. died; 10. man; 11. God, man.

Chapter Test Three: (Page 33-34)

1. teaching and preaching; 2. repent, God; 3. sorry, God;
4. help (or: forgiveness); 5. me; 6. repent, God, help (or:
forgiveness); 7. teaching; 8. Father; 9. prophet; 10. prophet;
11. read the Bible; 12. repent, turn.

Chapter Four Test: (Page 46-47)

1. blood; 2. death; 3. Lamb, sin, world; 4. Passover, death;
5. false; 6. innocent; 7. die, cross; 8. die; 9. all us people;
10. priest; 11. himself, sins.

Chapter Five Test: (Page 58-59)

1. back to life; 2. sin; 3. showed, touch; 4. paid for our sins;
5. live; 6. eternal; 7. heaven; 8. a place for us; 9. King;
10. Judgment; 11. oil poured on his head; 12. anointing;
13. prophets, priests, kings; 14. Christ; 15. Prophet, Priest, King.



Glossary

	(A list of words you may not know)
angel	a spiritual messenger from God
anointing	like swearing someone into office by pouring oil on his head
appreciate	to think well of someone or something
baptizing	applying water to someone in the name of the triune ("three-in-one") God
Christ	Greek work for "person who is anointed"
condemn	to say what one's punishment is to be
control	to have power over someone or something
depend	to happen because of something else
deserve	to be worthy of or suitable for
disobey	to refuse or fail to follow an order or rule
engaged	promised to marry someone
eternity	forever
evidence	what proves that something is true or false
handicaps	things that are wrong with a person and keep him from doing what others can do
Holy Spirit	the Third Person of the triune ("three-in-one") God
innocent	not guilty, without fault
inspiration	a. God influencing men what they should write b. the power to want us to do good things

Messiah	the Jewish name for “Christ,” the promised Savior
miracle	an event that could never happen unless God did it
Passover	a Jewish holiday recalling how God once freed them from slavery in Egypt
perform	to act or carry out a work
pregnant	a woman with a child in her womb
priest	someone who offers sacrifices to God on behalf of other people
prophet	a man who speaks a message God gives to him
puzzled	confused, mixed up
relationship	how things stand between you and someone else
repent	to be sorry for your wrongdoings and to change your mind and way of living and to turn to God for forgiveness and help
respect	to honor
retire	to stop working
riot	an uprising by a group of people
sacrifices	animals, etc., offered up to God on an altar
Savior	someone who saves people
sin	disobeying God
stable	a place for sheltering animals
stepfather	a man who marries a woman and cares for her children, even though they are not his
testimony	telling what you have seen or heard
tomb	a place where someone is buried
virgin	someone who has never had sex



Final Test

Review any mistakes that you made in the chapter tests. Also review all the goals marked with a (*) at the beginning of each lesson. When you are sure you know all of them, you are ready to take the final test.

Complete the final test without looking at the rest of the book. When you are finished, give the test either to the person who gave you this book, or mail it to the address on the back cover of this book. You may also ask for more Bible study books in this series.



Jesus the Christ ***Final Test***

1. Jesus' mother was _____, so Jesus is a _____.
2. Jesus' father was _____, so Jesus is also _____.
3. As a man, Jesus could substitute for us and _____.
4. As God, Jesus could _____ and pay for the sins of all people.
5. The word "savior" means someone who _____ another person who is in danger.
6. Jesus rescues us from the prison of _____.
7. A miracle is something which _____.
8. The miracles Jesus did proved that Jesus really is _____.

9. Jesus proved he is a man also; he _____
and even _____ like all men.
10. During the three years of carrying out his
ministry, Jesus' main work was _____.
11. His main message to all people was they
should _____ and turn to _____
for the forgiveness of sins.
12. A prophet is a person who speaks _____.
13. Since Jesus spoke God's word directly to
the people, he is the greatest _____.
14. In Egypt the blood of a _____
saved the people of Israel from death.
15. Jesus did nothing wrong himself, but he
died to save _____.
16. That is why Jesus is our _____.
17. The man who performed sacrifices in the
Old Testament was called a _____.
18. Jesus is also a _____
because he sacrificed _____
on the cross.

19. But after Jesus died, he also was _____ after three days.
20. God did this to prove that Jesus' death really had _____ our sins.
21. Since Jesus came back to life, we know that someday we will _____.
22. Forty days later, Jesus went up to _____.
23. There he is now ruling like a _____.
24. Someday he will return to earth to _____ all people.
25. The word "Christ" means _____.
26. This custom was done in the Old Testament to _____, _____ and _____.
27. Jesus is called the Christ because he is our great _____, _____ and _____.

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