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## **Getting Started**

If you have seen the movie, “Road To Emmaus,” you have thought about the powerful message about the Lord Jesus Christ. The movie probably caused you to review what you have learned in the past about Jesus and the Bible. Or, if you do not know much about Jesus, the movie made you want to learn something about Jesus. This book was written to help you do that.

The movie tells us about many of the teachings (doctrines) about Jesus and the Bible. In this book, you will learn a few of the most important teachings.

Each of the six lessons in this book begins with an introduction that describes a short part of the movie. Each part discusses the teaching presented in that lesson. If you still have a copy of the movie, watch the part that is pointed out for you. If you no longer have a copy of the movie or if you have not yet seen the movie, study this book anyway. There is a short description of the section of the movie with each lesson.

Each lesson has several questions for you to answer. If any of the questions are too hard for you to answer review the lesson. Answers to all the questions can be found on an answer page near the end of the book on page 75. Make sure you understand all the questions and answers before studying the next lesson.

Each lesson also contains suggestions for further study in case you would like to learn more about the teaching.

At the end of the book there is a final test. Before you complete the test, go back and review the chapter tests. Do not use the book when you take the final test. When you have completed the final test, you can either turn it in to the person who gave you this book, or send it to the address printed on the back cover.

May God be with you as you learn more about Jesus and the Bible.





## ***Chapter One***

# **Jesus' Miracles and Teachings**

### *INTRODUCTION*

The movie tells us about what happened on the first Easter Sunday afternoon. Two friends of Jesus were very troubled by what happened the last few days. Their dear friend, Jesus, had been laughed at, beaten and then put to death on a cross. As they walked from one city, Jerusalem, to another city, Emmaus, they talked with each other. They were confused and very troubled because they thought Jesus would be a great leader. But now they thought that he was dead. Then, a stranger joined them. Amazingly, the stranger was Jesus



*Jesus speaks with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.*

himself but the two friends did not recognize him. As they walked together, the two friends talked with the stranger. They told him what was troubling them and in a loving, friendly way Jesus helped them learn about God's plans to forgive and save sinners.

The two friends told the stranger (Jesus himself) about the miracles and teachings of Jesus that they saw and heard. In this first chapter, you will learn how the miracles and teachings of Jesus help us learn God's plan to forgive us and take us to be with him in heaven.

**If you have a copy of the DVD, watch scenes 1 and 8.**

### **Part 1: *Jesus Performs Miracles***

As the disciples walked along, they told the stranger how Jesus had amazed them. Jesus did miracles. The friends described some of the miracles to the stranger.

Luke 5:18-26 describes one of Jesus' miracles.

*One day Jesus was teaching, ...Some men came carrying a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. They tried to take him into the house to place him in front of Jesus. They could not find a way to do this because of the crowd. So they*

*went up on the roof. Then they lowered the man on his mat through the opening in the roof tiles. They lowered him into the middle of the crowd right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw that they had faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to think, "Who is this fellow who says such an evil thing? Who can forgive sins but God alone? Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Is it easier to say, "'Sins are forgiven'? Or to say, 'Get up and walk'? I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he spoke to the man who could not walk, "I tell you," he said, "get up. Take up your mat and go home." Right away the man stood up in front of them. He took up his mat and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with wonder. They said," We have seen unusual things today."*

Friends of a paralyzed man brought the man to Jesus. But there were so many people listening to what Jesus had to say, the men went on the roof. They made an opening in the roof and let their friend down in front of Jesus.

Jesus, the eternal Son of God, saw the faith of the paralyzed man. Jesus assured this man



*The paralytic man gets up at Jesus' command.*

that his sins were forgiven. The paralyzed man received forgiveness as a gift from Jesus, not because the man had done good works.

Jesus forgives sins in the same way today. Forgiveness is ours as a gift from Jesus, not because of any good works we have done.

How can Jesus give forgiveness of sins? He kept the law perfectly in our place and then paid for the sins of all people on the cross. Jesus gives forgiveness as a free gift. Forgiveness comes from Jesus not because a person does good works or because a person tries to live a better life than other people. Rather, Jesus gives the gift of forgiveness to all who believe in him.

Some of the religious leaders present when Jesus healed the paralyzed man were very upset with Jesus. They did not believe that Jesus is the eternal Son of God and they did not believe that he could forgive sins. They accused Jesus of blasphemy, that is, of pretending that he is God.

Because Jesus is almighty, (all powerful), he knew what they were thinking. He asked them if it is easier to forgive sins or to heal a paralyzed man so that he could walk. Which do

you think is easier, healing a paralyzed man or giving him forgiveness?

Jesus healed the paralyzed man right in front of everyone. Jesus wanted everyone to understand that he had both the power to heal and the power to forgive sins. The man was healed! He picked up his mat and walked away. The people were amazed. They praised God and now some believed Jesus had the power to forgive sins.

Jesus wants to give you forgiveness as a free gift. Jesus wants you to have forgiveness of every sin. Believe what he says; believe he is God's eternal Son; believe that he has washed away every one of your sins. Then a spiritual miracle takes place as God brings you to faith. You have the very forgiveness Jesus won for everybody. You are God's child for life here on earth and eternally in heaven.

1. What strange thing did the paralyzed man's friends do so that Jesus would see the man? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who did not believe that Jesus could forgive the sins of this man?
  - a) The paralyzed man
  - b) The man's friends
  - c) The religious leaders
3. True or False: When Jesus healed the paralyzed man, he wanted the religious leaders to know that he had the power to forgive sins.
4. True or false: Jesus wants us to do good works to earn forgiveness.
5. True or false: Even if you have committed a terrible crime like murder, Jesus paid for this sin with his death on the cross.

(Check your answers on page 75).

## **Part 2:** *Jesus' Teachings*

In the movie, the friends mentioned with excitement how thousands of people would listen to Jesus' teachings. Jesus would tell them about God.



Read John 6:25-29 and 35.

*They found him (Jesus) on the other side of the lake. They asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “What I’m about to tell you is true. You are not looking for me because you saw miraculous signs. You are looking to me because you ate the loaves until you were full. Do not work for food that spoils. Work for food that lasts forever. That is the food the Son of Man will give you. God the Father has put his seal of approval on him.” Then they asked him, “What does God want from us? What works does he want us to do?” Jesus answered, “God’s work is to believe in the One he has sent.” Then Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever go hungry. And no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty.”*

Jesus traveled across a lake, but many people still came to see him. He recently performed a miracle by feeding over 5,000 people with just a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Many of the people followed Jesus because they wanted more food. Jesus told them to seek food that lasts forever—spiritual food. The people thought that they would have to do good works to get the spiritual food Jesus was offering them.

Jesus taught them an important lesson. God the Father is perfect and God wants us to be perfect. But we all have sinned—we are not perfect, not even close to being perfect. But God the Father sent Jesus to pay for every sin. Jesus lived a perfect life and he kept the law perfectly for us. Then he took on himself the punishment we deserve. His suffering and death on the cross was the punishment we should have paid. Instead of punishing us for our sins, Jesus offers us forgiveness as a free gift. Our hope is in Jesus, because he lived a perfect life for us and then took our sins upon himself. He paid for every sin with his death on the cross.

This is why Jesus called himself the “bread of life.” Jesus wants us to have this spiritual bread. Believe in Jesus who gives us the bread of life that lasts forever.

Those who believe in Jesus will never be spiritually hungry and will never be spiritually thirsty because Jesus gives us the bread of life. All who have this spiritual bread of life from Jesus will also live with God forever in heaven.

6. Why did many people follow Jesus to the far side of a lake? \_\_\_\_\_

7. True or false: Jesus wanted to give the people spiritual food.
8. True or false: Even good people have sinned.
9. True or false: When he was growing up, Jesus, like any child, was sometimes naughty.
10. True or false: Jesus is the “Bread of Life” because he can feed 5,000 people with only a small amount of food.

(Check your answers on page 75).

## **SUMMARY OF LESSON ONE**

Jesus' miracles show that he not only has almighty power, but that he can use that power to bring about spiritual healing, forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven. That spiritual healing comes to us through faith in Jesus.

Jesus teaching clearly shows that our forgiveness and hope of heaven comes to us by faith. Jesus is the “Bread of Life.” He gives this spiritual bread and we will never be spiritually hungry or thirsty again.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Read in your Bible more of Jesus' miracles:

1. He healed men with leprosy: Luke 22:50-51
2. He gave sight to a man born blind: John 9:1-7
3. He raised a widow's son from the dead: John 21:1-11

Read in your Bible more of Jesus' teachings:

4. Jesus was sent by God the Father: John 5:36-40
5. The Father glorifies Jesus who is eternal: John 8:54-58
6. Jesus is a king who speaks the truth: John 18:36-37

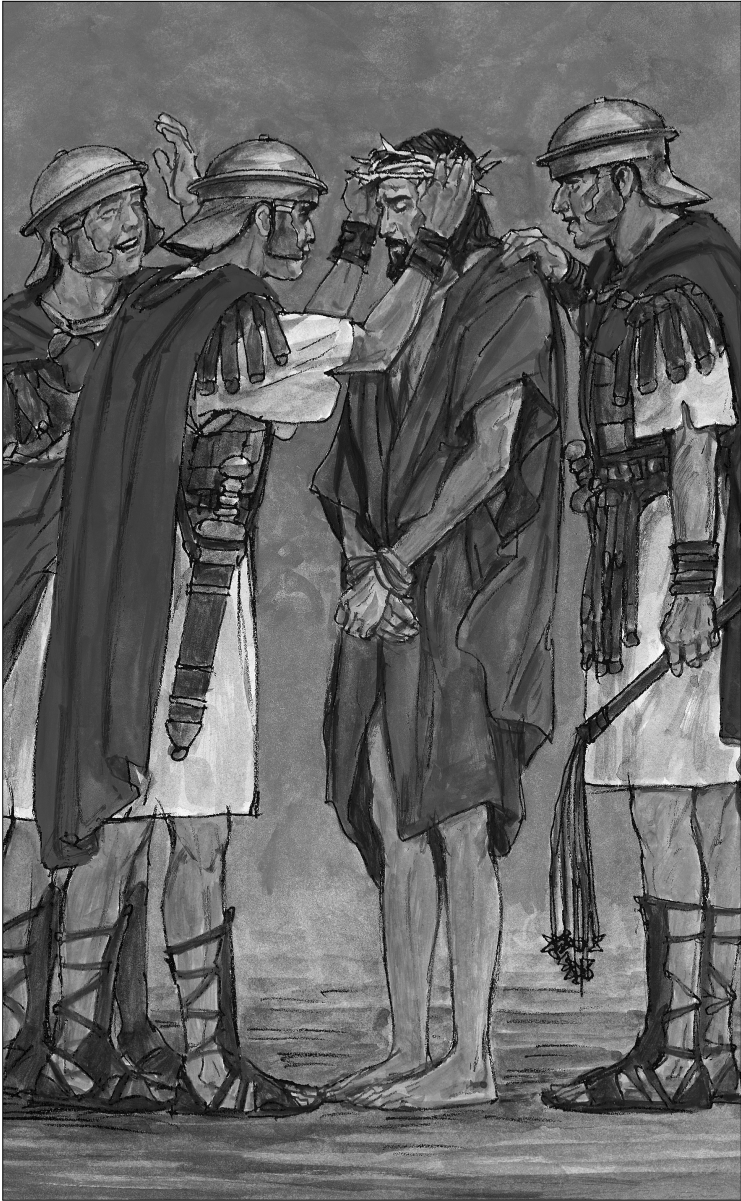


## ***Chapter Two***

# **God's Word, The Bible is True**

### *INTRODUCTION*

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*Jesus suffers and dies to pay for our sins.  
See him mocked by the soldiers.*

himself but the two friends did not recognize him. As they walked together, the two friends talked with the stranger. They told him what was troubling them and in a loving, friendly way Jesus helped them learn about God's plans to forgive and save sinners.

In this chapter, you will learn how Jesus perfectly fulfilled what the Old Testament writers predicted about the coming Messiah. You will learn that since God inspired the writers of the Bible, the Bible is God's Word. We can trust that the Bible is without error. The Bible is the truth.

In the movie, the friends tell the stranger that others had told them that Jesus' tomb was empty. This made no sense to the friends. The stranger (Jesus) explained that the death and resurrection of the Messiah were predicted thousands of years before.

**If you have a copy of the DVD, watch scene 2.**

*The Bible is God's Word and is the Truth*

In the movie, the stranger tells the friends, "Your sin deserves punishment, and the Messiah takes that punishment for you ... as if he had committed the sin ... so that you can

escape the punishment you are guilty of.” This is exactly what God’s Word explained 700 years earlier through the prophet Isaiah.

Read Isaiah 53:4-11.

*“He suffered the things we should have suffered. He took on himself the pain that should have been ours. But we thought God was punishing him. We thought God was wounding him and making him suffer. But the servant was pierced because we had sinned. He was crushed because we had done what was evil. He was punished to make us whole again. His wounds have healed us. All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God. All of us have turned to our own way. And the Lord has placed on his servant the sins of all of us. He was beaten down and made to suffer. But he did not open his mouth. He was led away like a sheep to be killed. Lambs are silent when their wool is being cut off. In the same way, he didn’t open his mouth. He was arrested and sentenced to death. Then he was taken away. He was cut off from this life. He was punished for the sins of my people. Who were those who were living at that time could have understood those things? He was given a grave with those who were evil. But his body was buried in the tomb of a rich man. He was killed*



*even though he hadn't harmed anyone. And he had never lied to anyone. The Lord says, "It was my plan to crush him and cause him to suffer. I made his life a guilt offering to pay for sin. But he will see all of his children after him. In fact he will continue to live. My plan will be brought about through him. After he suffers, he will see the light that leads to life. And he will be satisfied. My godly servant will make many people godly because of what he will accomplish. He will be punished for their sins.*

Isaiah was talking about the coming Messiah in these beautiful words. The predictions Isaiah made were all perfectly fulfilled in Jesus. In verses 4 and 5, the coming Messiah is the One who would suffer for us. Jesus is that Messiah. He is the One who suffered for us. Verse 5 tells us that he would be pierced. Jesus was pierced when he was nailed to the cross.

In verse 7, Isaiah wrote that the Messiah would not open his mouth, that is, he would not complain. Jesus never complained when he was nailed to the cross on Good Friday. In verse 8, Isaiah explained that the Messiah would be "cut off from this life," that he would die. Jesus died on the cross. In verse 9, we are told that the Messiah would be buried in

the tomb of a rich man. This is exactly what happened to Jesus. (See Matthew 27:57-60) In verses 10 and 11, Isaiah explains that the Messiah would “continue to live” even after he died and, “After he suffers, he will see the light that leads to life.” After suffering and dying, Jesus arose on the third day and lives eternally. Without a doubt, Jesus is the coming Messiah Isaiah wrote about 700 years before Jesus was born.

1. What amazing details about Jesus are found in this part of Isaiah? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can a human being, without help from God, make such accurate predictions hundreds of years before they happen? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How could Isaiah make such accurate predictions?
  - a) Isaiah was very smart
  - b) Isaiah was guessing and was lucky
  - c) God told Isaiah what to write
4. True or false: The Old Testament prophecies predicted that Jesus would come back to life after he died.

(Check your answers on page 75).

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21.

*Above all, here is what you must understand. No prophecy of Scripture ever came from a prophet's own understanding. It never came simply because a prophet wanted it to. Instead, the Holy Spirit guided the prophets as they spoke. So prophecy comes from God.*

Peter wrote amazing words. He explained how the prophets could make such accurate predictions. Peter wrote that God helped the prophets write what they wrote. The prophecies in the Bible come from God himself. That is why the prophecies are so accurate.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16.

*God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting all of our mistakes. It is useful for making our life whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.*

St. Paul wrote two letters to his young partner Timothy. Paul gave Timothy all kinds of instruction. He told Timothy what Timothy should teach to others. In this verse, Paul taught Timothy that God “breathed life into all of Scripture.” Usually this is referred to as

“inspiration.” The Bible teaches that God inspired the writers of the Bible. They wrote what God wanted them to write.

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

*We never stop thanking God for the way you received his word. You heard it from us. But you didn't accept it as a human word. You accepted it for what it really is. It is God's word. It is at work in you who believe.*

Paul wrote this letter to Christians in the city of Thessalonica. He told them that he thanked God for the way they received his teachings. Paul added a very important point. He stated that the Bible is not only human words, but it is God's Word. God works in the hearts of people as they read the Bible. The Bible has power!

Jesus himself told us that Scripture is always true (see John 10:35 and John 17:17). If the Bible is only the teachings of sinful human beings, it would contain many mistakes. We would have difficulty deciding which parts of the Bible are true and which parts contain mistakes. Jesus himself told us that the Bible never is wrong, that it is always true. Unless you think that Jesus was lying, you can believe and be sure that the Bible is God's Word.



*Paul dictates to a scribe in Rome.*

## SUMMARY OF LESSON TWO

Hundreds of Old Testament prophecies are perfectly fulfilled in Jesus. The human writers of the Bible claimed that they were writing God's Word. Jesus tells us that the Bible is always true. The Bible is God's Word because God inspired the writers. God breathed into the writers the very words they were to write. We can believe and trust in the Bible without fearing that something in it is not correct and has mistakes.

This is so important when we talk about forgiveness and eternal life in heaven. Human beings and even our own brain will try to tell us that we must do good works to earn God's love and forgiveness. The Bible teaches that we are forgiven by Jesus because he paid for our sins for us. (You could review Lesson One where this is taught). Even though our own brain tries to tell us something different, we can believe and trust God's plan for our forgiveness as it is taught in the Bible.

5. True or false: When Jesus died, his body was burned and the ashes were scattered.
6. According to Peter, where does prophecy come from? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Choose the correct answer: The writers of the Bible wrote
- a) what they wanted to write
  - b) what God inspired them to write
8. True or false: Jesus never said that the Bible is true.
9. According to the Bible, how are we forgiven?
- a) because of the good works we do
  - b) through Jesus who gives forgiveness

(Check your answers on page 75).

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Read other amazing prophecies that are fulfilled by Jesus:

Psalm 22; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2

Read what the Bible says about not adding anything to or subtracting anything from the Bible:

Revelation 22:18-19; Deuteronomy 4:2;

2 Peter 3:16; 2 Timothy 4:3-4





## ***Chapter Three***

# **Law and Gospel**

### *INTRODUCTION*

You have learned Jesus' plan to give us forgiveness and eternal life in heaven. You have learned that you can trust what the Bible teaches because it is God's Word and is always true. In this lesson, you will learn how God's Word contains both law and gospel. The law shows our sin and how every sinner deserves to be punished. The gospel shows the Savior and how forgiveness is there for every person through faith in Jesus.

The movie tells us about the first Easter Sunday afternoon. Two friends of Jesus were very troubled by the events of the last few



*Noah thanks God after the flood.*

days. Their dear friend, Jesus, had been laughed at, beaten and then put to death on a cross. As they walked from one city, Jerusalem, to another city, Emmaus, they talked with each other. They were confused and very troubled because they thought Jesus would be a great leader. But now they thought that he was dead. Then, a stranger joined them. Amazingly, the stranger was Jesus himself but the two friends did not recognize him. As they walked together, the two friends talked with the stranger. They told him what was troubling them and in a loving, friendly way Jesus helped them learn about God's plans to forgive and save sinners.

The stranger, Jesus, spoke of the Old Testament flood. In that flood, which covered the entire earth, nearly all people and animals died. The flood was a punishment because God was upset with the sins of the people. God is patient but eventually that patience comes to an end. When God's judgment comes, every person will have to face God and answer for their sins. Everyone is sinful. The punishment for sin is an eternity in hell and complete separation from God and all that is good. But God promised a Savior who would

take the punishment for us. That Savior would be a descendent of Old Testament Abraham. The Savior would bless all nations on earth. He would do that by taking on himself the punishment for all sins and giving forgiveness (righteousness) to all who believe.

**If you have a copy of the DVD, watch scenes 3 and 4.**

### *LAW AND GOSPEL*

Read Genesis 12:1-4.

*The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country and your people. Leave your father's family. Go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you. I will put a curse on anyone who calls down a curse on you. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." So Abram left just as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.*

God appeared to Abram (later Abram's name was changed to Abraham) and asked him to leave his home and family. Abram was to go where God would lead him. Think about how hard it must be to leave your home and go to a



*Abraham counts the stars.*

new place where you do not know anyone.

Abram was also given a very special promise. He, through his descendants, would grow into a great nation. He would be blessed. He would be a blessing to others. In fact, ALL nations on earth would be blessed through Abram.

Do you have any idea about how ALL nations on earth could be blessed through one person?

There is only one way this could happen. That descendant of Abram would pay for all the sins of the entire world. Jesus Christ is a direct descendent of Abram (see Matthew 1). With his death on the cross Jesus paid for all the sins of the entire world. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise God made to Abram.

That descendent of Abram, Jesus, would bless ALL nations on earth because forgiveness through Jesus is there for everyone. You have already learned that Jesus' forgiveness comes to all who believe in Jesus. People from every nation on earth believe in Jesus and have his forgiveness. ALL nations on earth are blessed because of Jesus. God's promise to Abram has been kept.

## Read Romans 3:9-19.

*What shall we say then? Are we Jews any better? Not at all! We have already claimed that Jews are sinners. The same is true of those who aren't Jews. It is written. "No one is right with God, no one at all. No one understands. No one trusts in God. All of them have turned away. They have all become worthless. No one does anything good, no one at all." (Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3 and Ecclesiastes 7:20) "Their throats are like open graves. With their tongues they tell lies." (Palm 5:9) "The words from their lips are like the poison of a snake." (Psalm 140:3) "Their mouths are full of curses and bitterness." (Psalm 10:7) "They run quickly to commit murder. They have a trail of failure and pain. They do not know the way of peace." (Isaiah 59:7,8) "They don't have any respect for God." (Psalm 36:1) What the law says, it says to those who are ruled by the law. It's purpose is to shut every mouth and make the whole world accountable to God.*

St. Paul in his letter to the believers in Rome explained what all people are like. All are sinful. Paul knew this about people because the Bible tells us that God wants people to be perfect like God himself. God wants all people to keep his rules perfectly. Those parts of the

Bible are called “law.” The law tells everyone what God expects from us. But the sad fact is that no one has kept God’s law. Paul said that the purpose of the law is to shut every mouth. That means that no one can stand before God and brag about the good things that person has done. God demands that every person be perfect. Trying hard or being better than others is not good enough. The law, as Paul said, “Makes us more aware of our sin.”

Have you ever thought God would reward you for the good things you have done? When you read the verses in the Bible that tell us we must be perfect, do you think that God should reward you for the way you have lived your life? Do you think that the good things you have done meet what God wants us to do?

The law teaches us what God wants us to do and what things we should not do. As we search the law, we can only conclude that we are sinners and that we cannot work our way into heaven with good works like prayers or worshiping God regularly or giving lots of money or even helping our neighbor who is in need. We need help to have peace with God because we have not kept God’s law perfectly. We have not even come close to being perfect.



Any verse in the Bible that tells us about God's rules or about the punishment we deserve is called "LAW." A simple summary statement describing the law is, "**The law shows us our sins.**"

### THE GOSPEL

Other parts of the Bible are called the gospel. The gospel parts of the Bible teach us that we have forgiveness through Jesus, that we have eternal life in heaven, and that we are at peace with God.

Read Romans 3:21-28.

*But now God has shown us how to become right with him. The Law and the prophets give witness to this. It has nothing to do with obeying the law. We are made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ. That happens to all who believe. It is no different for the Jews than for anyone else. Everyone has sinned. No one measures us to God's glory. The free gift of God's grace makes all of us right with him. Jesus Christ paid the price to set us free. God gave him as a sacrifice to pay for sins. So he forgives the sins of those who have faith in his blood. God did all of that to prove that he is fair. He proved that he is right. He also made right with himself those who believe in Jesus. So*

*who can brag? No one! Are people saved by obeying the law? Not at all! They are saved because of their faith. We firmly believe that people are made right with God because of their faith. They are not saved by obeying the law.*

Paul was very clear and exact in teaching about how we are “made right” with God, that is, how we have peace with God. He teaches that sinners are made right with God by putting faith in Jesus Christ. All who believe in Jesus are forgiven and have peace with God.

Paul continued by reviewing what this Bible study has already taught. Jesus paid for our sins and it is Jesus who gives us forgiveness. No one can brag, that is, no one can come before God and brag that he has done enough good things to earn God’s forgiveness. Good works do not bring us forgiveness. Doing our best to try to obey God’s laws does not save us. Jesus gives us forgiveness as a free gift.

Any verse in the Bible that speaks about Jesus’ gift of forgiveness and eternal life in heaven is called “GOSPEL.” A simple summary statement describing the gospel is, “**The gospel shows us our Savior.**”

## SUMMARY OF LESSON THREE

Verses in the Bible can be called LAW and GOSPEL. The LAW shows us our sins and the GOSPEL shows us our Savior, Jesus.

1. True or false: God promised Abram (Abraham) that ALL nations would be blessed through Abram.
2. True or false: That promise from God was fulfilled when God gave Abraham lots of money and land.
3. The verses of the Bible that show us that all people are sinners are called the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. True or false: If we try as hard as we can and do many good works, we will have peace with God.
5. The verses of the Bible that show us that Jesus is our Savior are called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Write a simple summary of LAW AND GOSPEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Check your answers on page 75).

## **FOR FURTHER STUDY**

Read Matthew 5:17-20 and review what Jesus said about the Law.

Read John 3:1-18 and study how Jesus taught the gospel.



## ***Chapter Four***

# **The Passover Lamb and Jesus**

### *INTRODUCTION*

The movie tells us about the first Easter Sunday afternoon. Two friends of Jesus were very troubled by the events of the last few days. Their dear friend, Jesus, was laughed at, beaten and then put to death on a cross. As they walked from one city, Jerusalem, to another city, Emmaus, they talked with each other. They were confused and very troubled because they thought Jesus would be a great leader. But now they thought that he was dead. Then, a stranger joined them. Amazingly, the stranger was Jesus himself but the two friends did not recognize him. As they walked together, the two friends talked with the stranger. They

told him what was troubling them and in a loving, friendly way Jesus helped them learn about God's plans to forgive and save sinners.

In this lesson, you will learn about the Old Testament Passover Lamb. Every year, at a holiday called, "The Passover," lambs were sacrificed to remind Old Testament people that sin is serious. The death of the Passover lamb was a picture of the sacrifice that the Messiah would make to pay for the sins of the world. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover lamb. Jesus, the Lamb of God, shed his blood on the cross. That sacrifice paid for the sins of the entire world.

As the friends and the stranger talked, the conversation turned to Moses. At the time of Moses, the Old Testament children of Israel were being held captive in Egypt. The Israelites were slaves to the Egyptians and they prayed to God for freedom. The Israelites wanted to return to their own homes in Israel.

God heard their prayers. He sent Moses to deliver the Israelites from the Egyptians.

**If you have a copy of the DVD, watch scene 5.**

God told Moses to go to the leader of the Egyptians called the pharaoh. Moses was not told to raise an army and fight the Egyptians. Moses was to simply tell the pharaoh to let God's people go. When Pharaoh did not listen, God sent ten powerful signs to show the Egyptians that he meant what he said. The ten signs are called plagues. The tenth plague finally convinced the Egyptian pharaoh to let the people go.

What was the tenth plague? God put to death the first born child of every family unless the family marked the door posts of their house. God told the Israelites to kill a lamb. The lamb was to be as nice a lamb as they could find, not a crippled lamb. The lamb was to be killed but the blood of the lamb was to be saved. Then the blood was to be painted on the doorposts of their house. The Israelites were to eat a special meal and prepare to leave. They were to wear clothing suitable for traveling.

That night, an angel of death came to the entire land of Egypt. The angel put to death the first-born of every family whose house door posts were not marked with the blood of the lamb. But the angel of death "passed over" any house that was marked with the blood of a

lamb. In those houses, the first born did not die. A lamb, as perfect a lamb that could be found, was called the Passover Lamb. The Passover lamb had to die to save people from death.

The pharaoh's first born son also died as part of this tenth plague. He finally understood that God was serious when God told him to let the Israelites go. Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to go free. They left Egypt and travelled back to their homeland in Israel. Every year the Old Testament Israelites celebrated their deliverance from Egypt by observing the Passover holiday. If you want to read the Bible's record of the tenth plague, read Exodus chapter 12.

The Passover lamb was an Old Testament picture of the coming Messiah and the blood sacrifice the coming Messiah would make for the sins of the world. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb. Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross to pay for the sins of the world.

Read John 1:29.

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, "Look! The Lamb of God! He takes away the sin of the world!"*





*The lamb's blood is painted on the doorposts.*

John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus and was sent by God to announce to the people that Jesus was coming. John the Baptist is not the man God chose to write the book of John; that was one of the disciples, St. John. John the Baptist saw Jesus coming. John called Jesus the Lamb of God and said that he would take away the sins of the world.

The picture of Jesus as the Lamb of God is very important. That picture shows how in the Old Testament God was preparing believers for Jesus with every sacrifice they offered. Blood, often the blood of an innocent lamb, was shed to picture the coming Messiah's payment for sin. Jesus shed his blood to wash our sins away. He is the perfect fulfillment of the picture of the Passover lamb.

Read 1 John 2:2.

*He gave his life to pay for our sins. But he not only paid for our sins, he also paid for the sins of the whole world.*

St. John adds an important fact about Jesus' death on the cross. That blood sacrifice paid for the sins of the entire world. How is that possible? How could the death of Jesus pay for all sins? Because Jesus is the Son of God. He

is from eternity. The sacrifice of an ordinary man could not pay for even his own sins, much less the sins of the entire world. But when the eternal Son of God sacrifices himself and dies, he pays for the sins of the entire world.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, has paid for your sins. God wants you to believe this. God wants you to know that no matter how many sins you have committed, Jesus paid for them. His blood has washed away every sin. When Jesus gives us forgiveness, we will live with God forever in heaven!

## **SUMMARY OF LESSON FOUR**

For hundreds of years during Old Testament times, God was teaching the people what the coming Messiah would do. He would offer a blood sacrifice to wash away sins. The thousands of animals that were sacrificed did not pay for any sins, but pointed ahead to the Lamb of God, Jesus, who would offer himself as the perfect sacrifice. In this way, Jesus paid for the sins of the entire world. Jesus offers everyone complete forgiveness as a free gift.

1. True or false: The Egyptian pharaoh was ready to listen to God after the first plague.
2. True or false: To prevent the angel from killing their firstborn at the time of the Passover, the Israelites had to paint their door posts with the blood of a lamb.
3. True or false: John the Baptist did not believe that Jesus was the Lamb of God.
4. True or false: Jesus' sacrifice paid only for the sins of believers but not for the sins of unbelievers
5. True or false: We will go to heaven if we do enough good works to make God happy.

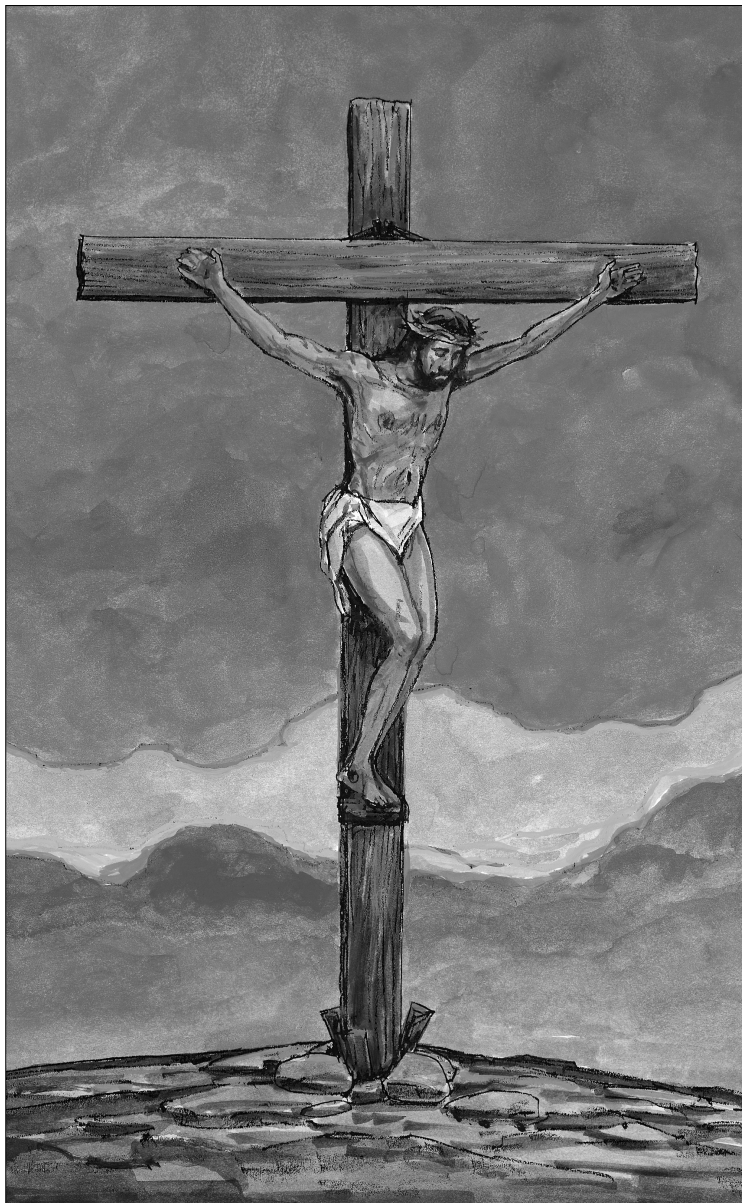
(Check your answers on page 75).

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

To learn more about Old Testament sacrifices, read Leviticus chapter 16.

To learn more about Jesus as the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb, read Hebrews 7:26-27 and Hebrews 9:24-26.

To learn more about the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Trinity, read Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19 and 2 Corinthians 13:14.



*God makes a plan to save us.*



## ***Chapter Five***

# **God's Law and Believers**

### *INTRODUCTION*

The movie tells us about the first Easter Sunday afternoon. Two friends of Jesus were very troubled by the events of the last few days. Their dear friend, Jesus, had been laughed at, beaten and then put to death on a cross. As they walked from one city, Jerusalem, to another city, Emmaus, they talked with each other. They were confused and very troubled because they thought Jesus would be a great leader. But now they thought that he was dead. Then, a stranger joined them. Amazingly, the stranger was Jesus himself but the two friends did not recognize him. As they walked together, the two friends

talked with the stranger. They told him what was troubling them and in a loving, friendly way Jesus helped them learn about God's plans to forgive and save sinners.

After the friends and the stranger talked about Moses and the release of the Israelites from their captivity in Egypt, the conversation turned to the Ten Commandments. As the Israelites were traveling from Egypt back to their homeland in Israel, they paused at a mountain named, "Sinai." Moses went up on the mountain and there God gave him the Ten Commandments.

Many people think they can make God happy and earn heaven by trying to keep the Ten Commandments. Often, religious leaders themselves tell us to live according to the commandments if we want to get to heaven. But no human being can keep the commandments perfectly. Even trying hard is not good enough. God wants the commandments kept perfectly. When we understand we are sinful and cannot meet God's demand that we be perfect, we should be terrified of the punishment we deserve.

The commandments cannot save us because



we cannot keep them perfectly. Some people might think that the Ten Commandments are not good. But they are very helpful to us because they show us how sinful we are and how much we need a Savior. In this lesson you will learn how the Ten Commandments, God's law, serves as a mirror so we can see what we are really like. The commandments show us what God sees when he looks at us. The law also helps to control our sinful desires and prevents at least some sin from ever happening. And, the law also becomes a guide for believers. It shows us how God wants us to live. Out of love for what God has done for us, we want to live our lives as he would like us to live.

**If you have a copy of the DVD, watch scenes 6 and 7.**

Read Exodus 20:1-21.

*Here are all the words God spoke. He said, "I am the LORD your God. I brought you out of Egypt. That is the land where you were slaves. Do not put any gods in place of me. Do not make statues of gods that look like anything in the sky or on the earth or in the waters. Do not bow down to them or worship them. I the LORD your God, am a jealous God. I punish children for the sin of their*

*parents. I punish the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren of those who hate me. But for all time to come I will show love to all those who love me and keep my commandments. Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will find guilty anyone who misuses his name. Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy. Do all your work in six days. But the seventh day is a Sabbath in honor of the LORD your God. Do not do any work on that day. The same command applies to your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and your animals. It also applies to any outsiders who live in your cities. In six days I made the heavens and the earth. I made the oceans and everything in them. But I rested on the seventh day. So I blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long time in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Do not commit murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not give false witness against your neighbor. Do not long for anything that belongs to your neighbor. Do not long for your neighbor's house, wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey. The people saw the thunder and the lightning. They heard the trumpet. They saw the mountain covered with smoke. They trembled with fear and stood a long way off. They said to*



*God gives Moses the Ten Commandments.*

*Moses, "Speak to us yourself. Then we'll listen. But don't let God speak to us. If he does we'll die." Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. God has come to put you to the test. He wants you to have respect for him. That will keep you from sinning." Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. But the people remained a long way off.*

After leaving Egypt, Moses and the people arrived at Mount Sinai. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. In fact, the commandments were written on two tablets of stone. The commandments are important and God did not want the people to forget them.

Read over the commandments found in Exodus chapter 20. Do you think you have kept them? Or, do the commandments show you what you are really like, that you are sinful?

Read Matthew 5:21-28.

*"You have heard what was said to people who lived long ago. They were told, 'Do not commit murder.' (Exodus 20:13) Anyone who murders will be judged for it.' But here is what I tell you, Do not be angry with your brother. Anyone who is angry with his brother will be judged. Again, anyone*

*who says to his brother, 'Raca,' must stand trial in the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire in hell. "Suppose you are offering your gift at the altar. And you remember that your brother has something against you. Leave your gift in front of the altar. First go and make peace with your brother. Then come back and offer your gift. Suppose someone has a claim against you and is taking you to court. Settle the matter quickly. Do it while you are still with him on your way. If you don't, he may hand you over to the judge. The judge may hand you over to the officer. And you may be thrown into prison. What I'm about to tell you is true. You will not get out until you have paid the very last penny. "You have heard that it was said. 'Do not commit adultery.' (Exodus 20:14) But here is what I tell you. Do not even look at a woman in the wrong way. Anyone who does has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "*

When, Jesus talked about the commandments, he pointed out that not only is murder breaking of one of the commandments, but even being angry with someone without a good reason breaks that commandment. The same thing is true of all Ten Commandments. Even wicked thoughts break the commandments. Wicked thoughts are sinful. Having lustful thoughts are

as sinful as committing adultery. We quickly realize that we cannot even begin to obey the commandments. Jesus, after explaining this, added in Matthew 5:48, "So be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." We cannot be perfect without a helper, a Savior.

Studying the Ten Commandments is very upsetting as we learn how sinful we really are. But this is a blessing. We can turn to the Commandments as a "mirror" because when we look at them, we learn what we are really like. We now understand we are sinful and need a Savior. Jesus is that Savior. How thankful we are that Jesus perfectly kept the Ten Commandments for us.

Read Romans 5:18-21.

*One man's sin brought guilt to all people. So also one right act made all people right with God. And all who are right with God will live. Many people were made sinners because one man did not obey. But one man did obey. That is why many people will be made right with God. The law was given so that sin would increase. But where sin increased, God's grace increased even more. Sin ruled because of death. So also grace rules in the lives of those who are right with God. The grace*

*of God brings eternal life because of what Jesus Christ, our Lord has done.*

Paul tells us about one man who sinned. That man was our first father, Adam, who was the first man to live on earth (see Genesis chapter 1). Adam sinned and his sin passed to his descendents, all human beings. That sin is called original or inherited sin. It is sin we all have because we are descendents of Adam, the first sinner. But one man kept the law perfectly. That man is Jesus. Forgiveness and eternal life are ours “because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done.”

The Ten Commandments also serve other purposes. Verse 120 of Psalm 119 (the longest Psalm in the Bible) tells us, “My body trembles because I have respect for you. I have great respect for your laws.” The Ten Commandments help people to live law-abiding lives. We know that if we break laws, not only God but even human authorities, like policemen, will be upset. We know law-breakers often are punished for disobeying the law. So, the law helps prevent some law-breaking because people know they could be punished for disobeying the law.

Finally, the law also serves as a guide for believers. Believers are so thankful for what the Savior has already done for us that we want to live out of love for him. The Ten Commandments, the Law, serves as a guide. That longest Psalm in the Bible, Psalm 119, tells us in verse 105, “Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me.” The law helps us understand how God wants us to live. The law, the Ten Commandments, serve as a guide given by God himself to show his children how he would like us to live.

### **SUMMARY OF LESSON FIVE**

Believers love the Law of God. This is true even though the law condemns us as sinners. The law is like a mirror because it shows us what we are really like, that we are sinners. We also love the law because it helps prevent some sins. It threatens to punish those who break the law. Sometimes, sins are not committed because people are afraid of being punished. Finally, believers love the law because it serves as a guide. The law shows us how God would like us to live as his children. However, we cannot save ourselves by obeying the law because every human



being has broken the law. We all not only commit many sins, but also have original or inherited sin from our first father, Adam. But Jesus kept the law perfectly and offers forgiveness as a free gift to every sinner. That is the gospel message we studied.

1. True or false: God gave Moses the Ten Commandments before the Israelites left Egypt.
2. True or false: The Ten Commandments were not that important to God or to the Israelites.
3. True or False: Even getting angry with someone can break the commandment to not murder.
4. Jesus kept \_\_\_\_ of the Ten Commandments for us.  
a) some                      b) most                      c) all
5. True or false: The fear of being punished helps people try to obey the law.
6. True or false: After we know Jesus paid for all of our sins, the Ten Commandments are no longer of any value to us.

(Check your answers on page 75).

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Read Genesis 3:1-19 to learn about the first sin, God's punishment on our first parents and also God's promise of a Savior (verse 15, fulfilled in John 3:16).

Read Matthew chapters 5-7, called Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Review what Jesus said about the law and living as his children.

Read Psalm 121 to learn about God's promise to watch over us here on earth and forever in heaven.



## *Chapter Six*

# **Sharing Jesus With Others**

### *INTRODUCTION*

The movie tells us about the first Easter Sunday afternoon. Two friends of Jesus were very troubled by the events of the last few days. Their dear friend, Jesus, had been laughed at, beaten, and then put to death on a cross. As they walked from one city, Jerusalem, to another city, Emmaus, they talked with each other. They were confused and very troubled because they thought Jesus would be a great leader. But now they thought that he was dead. Then, a stranger joined them. Amazingly, the stranger was Jesus himself but the two friends did not recognize him. As they walked together, the two friends

talked with the stranger. They told him what was troubling them and in a loving, friendly way Jesus helped them learn about God's plans to forgive and save sinners.

After the friends and the stranger reached Emmaus, one of the friends asked the stranger to stay for a while longer. They talked more and the stranger helped the friends to know that Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. The friends were so happy. Then, the stranger offered a prayer for the food they were about to eat and the friends finally recognized who the stranger was. It was Jesus himself, risen from the dead. Then, Jesus disappeared from their sight.

The friends immediately wanted to tell others what they now knew. Jesus is alive! All those prophecies, made hundreds of years earlier, were fulfilled by Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah they were waiting for. They hurried to tell others.

In this lesson, you will learn that we, too, want to share the Savior with others. God wants everyone to know that Jesus is the Savior. You can be the person God will use to tell others. You are God's witness and might be the only

person who ever tells someone about Jesus.

**If you have a copy of the DVD, watch scenes 9 and 10.**

Read Luke 24:25-35.

*Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are! How long it takes you to believe all that the prophets said! Didn't the Christ have to suffer these things and then receive his glory? Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures. He began with Moses and all the prophets. The two men approached the village where they were going. Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they tried hard to keep him from leaving. They said, "Stay with us. It is nearly evening. The day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. He joined them at the table. Then he took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and began to give it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But then he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "He talked to us on the road. He opened the Scriptures to us. Weren't our hearts burning inside us during that time." They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them. They were all gathered together. They were saying, "It's true! The Lord has risen! He has appeared to Simon!"*

*Then the two of them told what had happened to them on the way. They told how they had recognized Jesus when he broke the bread.*

The movie is based on this part of the Bible. How exciting it must have been for the friends. At first, they were so sad and confused, but Jesus himself came to them. Jesus explained exactly what really happened that weekend. Jesus explained how the Old Testament prophecies had to be fulfilled and how he is the fulfillment. He had to suffer and die. He paid for every sin. He arose from the dead and offers forgiveness to everyone. Jesus is the Messiah, come to save the world.

The friends finally understood why Jesus had come and what Jesus had accomplished. They were so excited and so happy that they had to tell others. What about you? What is your reaction to this part of the Bible, God's Word?

Are you certain that you have sinned?

Do you understand that you cannot save yourself with good works?

Do you believe that Jesus kept the law perfectly in your place?

Are you sure Jesus paid for every one of your sins?

Do you know that because you are forgiven, you will be with Jesus in heaven forever?

If you have answered “Yes” to these five questions, you should be filled with joy. You believe and trust in Jesus. He has given you the gift of forgiveness for every sin. You will be in heaven with Jesus for all of eternity. In love and appreciation for all Jesus has done for you, you will want to tell others so they can have the same joy!

Amazingly, this is how God wants the message of Jesus to spread. He wants people to tell other people.

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

Then Jesus came to them. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to observe everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.”

These verses in the Bible are called the “Great Commission.” They are God’s directions to us to tell the entire world about Jesus. Jesus said that he has all authority in heaven and on earth. He can say that because he is the Son of God. With that Godly authority he commands us to make disciples of all nations, to teach everyone we can about him. We are to baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Triune God.

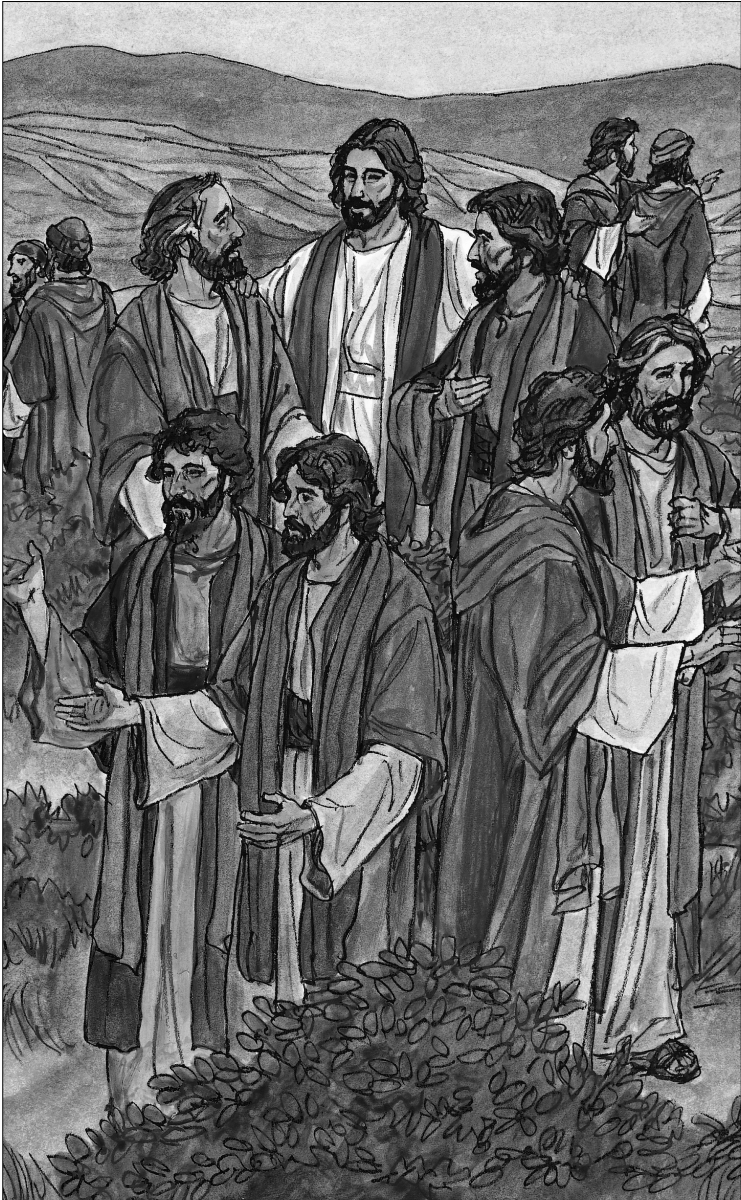
Have you been baptized? If not, you will want to be baptized. In another Bible study book, you can learn more about baptism. Please request that book or ask the person who gave you this book for more information about baptism.

You can encourage others to be baptized. To prepare others for baptism, you can teach them what you have learned about Jesus. When their “hearts burn within them,” (just like the friends in the movie), they, too will want to be baptized.

Read Acts 2:36-41.

*“So be sure of this, all you people of Israel. You nailed Jesus to the cross. But God has made him both Lord and Christ.” When the people heard*





*Jesus sends out his disciples.*

*this, their hearts were filled with shame. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers what should we do?" Peter replied, "All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and for your children. It is also for all who are far away. It is for all whom the Lord our God will choose." Peter said many other things to warn them. He begged them, "Save yourselves from these evil people." Those who accepted his message were baptized. About 3,000 people joined the believers that day.*

Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. Peter was so happy when he understood Jesus' work. He had to tell others, as he does in these verses. Peter first taught the law when he told the people that they had put Jesus to death. The people recognized that they were sinful and needed help. They asked Peter for help. He told them to turn away from sin and to be baptized. He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is faith in Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit who brings people to faith. The Holy Spirit is also God, one with God the Father and God the Son, Jesus. The Bible tells

us that the Holy Spirit is the One who brings sinners to faith. In John 3:6 Jesus said that “the Spirit gives birth to the spirit.” With the word “Spirit,” (notice that Spirit is capitalized) Jesus means the Holy Spirit. With the word “spirit” (not capitalized) Jesus means new-born faith in the heart of a person. The Holy Spirit creates faith in people.

The Holy Spirit works through the Bible, God’s Word, to bring people to faith. In John chapter 17, Jesus prayed to his Heavenly Father. He prayed, “Use the truth to make them holy. Your word is truth.” The Bible is God’s Word and it is truth. God the Holy Spirit uses the truth, the Bible, (God’s Word) to bring people to faith.

These verses are important when we think about telling others about Jesus. Are you afraid or hesitant (timid) to tell others about Jesus? Are you afraid that you might say the wrong thing? You do not need to be afraid.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

*Brothers and sisters, when I came to you I didn't come with fancy words or great wisdom. I preached to you the truth about God's love. I made up my mind to pay attention to only one thing while I was with you. That one thing was*

*Jesus Christ and his death on the cross. When I came to you, I was weak and afraid and trembling all over. I didn't preach my message with clever and compelling words. As I preached, the Holy Spirit showed his power. That was so you would believe not because of human wisdom but because of God's power.*

Paul was telling others about Jesus but he was weak, afraid and trembling. He did not speak with clever and compelling words. But the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the people as Paul spoke God's words. It was the power of God, the power of the Holy Spirit that brought people to faith.

God promises that his Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of people. When you tell others, the Holy Spirit will do the work of bringing people to faith. It is not our job to bring people to faith. We simply teach God's Word. The Holy Spirit will work in people's hearts through God's Word and will bring them to faith. God's Word is sometimes called a Means of Grace since the Holy Spirit uses the Word to bring people to faith.

We are God's tools. We are so thankful for what Jesus has done for us, so we will tell



*The Holy Christian Church grows.*

others. We do this knowing Jesus will never leave us. Remember Jesus' promise in the Great Commission, "You can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end." Jesus is in heaven, but he will not leave us. He promises to guide us through life and help us as we tell others about him. Believe in Jesus and tell others!

### **SUMMARY OF LESSON SIX**

Jesus wants all people to know about him. We might expect that Jesus would personally tell everyone about what he did for us, or maybe use angels to tell everyone. But instead, Jesus uses sinful people like each of us to tell others about his love for us. Jesus wants you to be with him in heaven and he wants you to tell others that Jesus wants them in heaven too. The Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son (Jesus) and he brings people to faith. He uses God's Word, the Bible, which is sometimes called a Means of Grace. We do not have to be afraid to tell others about Jesus because Jesus promises that he is with us and the Holy Spirit brings people to faith. We tell others God's Word.

1. True or false: The friends recognized Jesus and were filled with joy.
2. True or false: The friends got a good night's sleep before telling others that Jesus was alive.
3. True or false: The Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son.
4. Who gets the credit when someone believes in Jesus?
  - a) God the Holy Spirit
  - b) that person himself
5. True or false: Because Jesus is in heaven, he is never with us.

(Check your answers on page 75).

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and study how Paul shared God's Word and trusted in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring people to faith.

Study 1 Peter 2:9-12 and study how Peter described people who belong to God and how they try to live as God's people.

Read Acts 2. Consider the events of the first Pentecost Day and the sermon Peter preached.





# Answers

## LESSON ONE: (pages 9-10 and 12-13)

1. They opened the roof and let the paralyzed man down in front of Jesus.
2. c) The religious leaders.
3. True. Jesus healed the paralyzed man but he also wanted the leaders to realize that he had the power to forgive sins.
4. False. We cannot earn forgiveness. God, who is perfect, demands that we also be perfect. As sinners, we are not perfect but Jesus was perfect for us. He gives us forgiveness as a free gift.
5. True. Jesus paid for every sin, even murder.
6. He had performed a miracle and gave them food. Many wanted more food and some wanted to hear what he would say.
7. True. Jesus wanted the people to believe that he would give them forgiveness.
8. True. Every human has sinned and needs Jesus.
9. False. Jesus was perfect, even as a child. He kept the law perfectly for us.
10. False. Jesus is the Bread of Life because he gives spiritual bread (forgiveness) that brings eternal life.

## LESSON TWO: (pages 20 and 24-25)

1. That Jesus would suffer for us, that he would be pierced, that he would not complain, that he would die, that he would be buried in the tomb of a rich man, and that he would come back to life.
2. No. A human being could never make such accurate predictions. God had to inspire the writers of the Bible.

3. c) God told Isaiah what to write. This is called inspiration.
4. True.
5. False. Jesus was buried in the tomb of a rich man just as the Bible predicted.
6. Old Testament prophecies came from God as he inspired the writers of the Bible.
7. b) What God inspired them to write.
8. False. Jesus said God's Word is truth.
9. b) through Jesus who gives forgiveness.

**LESSON THREE: (page 37)**

1. True.
2. False. The promise was fulfilled when Jesus paid for all sins and offers forgiveness to all nations.
3. Law.
4. False. We cannot do enough good works to meet God's demands. We must be perfect and we have all sinned.
5. Gospel.
6. The law shows us our sin. The gospel shows us our Savior.

**LESSON FOUR: (page 46)**

1. False. He would not listen until after the tenth plague when his first born son died.
2. True.
3. False. John the Baptist believed that Jesus is the Lamb of God. He called Jesus the Lamb of God.
4. False. Jesus paid for everyone's sins with his death on the cross.
5. False. We cannot do enough good works to make God happy. God demands that we be perfect and we have sinned. But Jesus was perfect in our place. We will go to heaven because Jesus gives us forgiveness.

**LESSON FIVE: (page 59)**

1. False. The Ten Commandments were given on a mountain named Sinai after they left Egypt.
2. False. The Ten Commandments were very important to God and to the Israelites.
3. True.
4. c) All.
5. True. The law prevents some sins from happening because the law threatens punishment on sinners.
6. False. The Ten Commandments are still important to believers because they guide us. They show us what God wants us to do.

**LESSON SIX: (page 73)**

1. True.
2. False. They quickly returned to the city of Jerusalem to tell other friends what they learned.
3. True. God is triune, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God but three separate persons.
4. a) God the Holy Spirit.
5. False. Jesus is in heaven but he promises that he is always with us.





## ***Final Test***

Go back through the book and review any mistakes you made in the chapter tests. Then complete the final test without looking at the book. When you are finished, give the test to the person who gave you this book or mail the test to the place listed on the back of this book.

You may also ask for more Bible study books in this series.

1. True or False: When Jesus healed the paralyzed man, he wanted the religious leaders to know that he also had the power to forgive sins.
2. True or false: Jesus wants us to do good works to earn forgiveness.
3. True or false: Even if you have committed a terrible crime like murder, Jesus paid for this sin with his death on the cross.
4. True or false: Even good people have sinned.

5. True or false: When he was growing up, Jesus, like any child, was sometimes naughty.
6. Could the Old Testament writers, without help from God, make accurate predictions hundreds of years before they happen?
7. True or false: Isaiah had to have help from God to make the predictions he made about the coming Messiah.
8. Choose the correct answer: The writers of the Bible wrote:
  - a) What they wanted to write
  - b) What God inspired them to write
9. True or false: Jesus never said that the Bible is true.
10. According to the Bible, how are we forgiven?
11. The verses of the Bible that show us that all people are sinners are called the \_\_\_\_\_.

12. True or false: If we try as hard as we can and do many good works, we will have peace with God.
13. Write a simple summary of LAW AND GOSPEL:
14. True or false: John the Baptist did not believe that Jesus was the Lamb of God.
15. True or false: The Ten Commandments were not that important to God or to the Israelites.
16. True or False: Even getting angry with someone can break the commandment to not murder.
17. Jesus kept \_\_\_\_ of the Ten Commandments for us.
- a) some                      b) most                      c) all
18. True or false: After we know Jesus paid for all of our sins, the Ten Commandments are no longer of any value to us.
18. True or false: When the friends recognized Jesus they were filled with joy and wanted to tell others.

19. True or false: The Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son.
20. Who gets the credit when someone believes in Jesus?
- a) God the Holy Spirit
  - b) that person himself
21. True or false: Because Jesus is in heaven, he is never with us.
22. True or false: Because God helps us, we do not have to be afraid to tell others about Jesus.

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