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Course Goal:

To help you know Jesus Christ like you have never known Him before.

Why Jesus Came to Earth

The Entire Bible is About Jesus Christ

The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ will provide an overview of the God/man who was God manifest in flesh.

Jesus - The Light of the World

The Word (logos) means expression. His life was the light of men. The darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

A. The World was Made by Him

1. Jesus is the light that enlightens every man that is born into the world.

John 1:9-11

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

B. Power to Become Sons of God

1. Born by spiritual birth - Born again

John 1:12-13

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

C. God was Made Flesh

1. We can see God in the man Christ Jesus.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

God's Purpose in Creating Human Beings

A. God's Ultimate Purpose – A Bride

1. God wants a bride that will love Him and reign with Him.

2. We are to become God's soul mate.

Revelation 19:7-8

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

a. Israel was God's bride.

He divorced her because of unfaithfulness.

Jeremiah 3:8

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce...

b. The Church is now the bride.

Both Jew and Gentile can be in the bride.

II Corinthians 11:2

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

c. The Church is the New Jerusalem.

Is the New Jerusalem a physical city or a spiritual city?

Revelation 21:2

And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:9-10

...Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

B. Adam and Eve - Sons of God

1. Mankind was created in the image of God.

2. This speaks of God's spiritual image.

Luke 3:38

Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

a. The law of sin and death

Mankind would live under this law from Adam to Christ.

Genesis 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Ezekiel 18:4

...the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

b. Adam and Eve forsook the divine purpose.

Disobedience: They decided to do what they wanted to do rather than trusting in God's purpose for their lives.

Romans 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Sonship was lost. There were no sons of God for the next 4,000 years.

Genesis 5:3

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Sin entered the human race. Death began to reign over the human family.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Man was banished from the Garden of Eden. When we rebel against living in obedience, we lose access to divine provision.

Genesis 3:23-24

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

God Began to Make Promises

The first prophecy of the coming Messiah

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

A. Promises would Lead to Restoration

1. Mankind would again partake of the divine nature through restoration of sonship.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...

a. The promise to Abraham

One seed - speaking of the Messiah.

Genesis 22:18

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Galatians 3:16

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

b. The promise to Moses

Peter confirmed Jesus was "That Prophet". (Acts 3:20-23)

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

c. The virgin birth was foretold.

Immanuel means God with us.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Christ will come from the tribe of Judah. Shiloh means Messiah.

Genesis 49:10

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

d. Messiah will sit on the throne of David.

The Son will be the mighty God and the everlasting Father.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever...

e. Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.

His going forth has been from everlasting.

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Why Jesus Came

Jesus Came

He came to repair all the damage that was done by the first Adam.

I Corinthians 15:45-47

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

A. To Bear Witness of the Truth

1. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

John 18:37

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

B. To Seek and Save That Which was Lost

1. Jesus gave His life to achieve this.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

a. He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

He produced the cure for sin.

Hebrews 9:26

...but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

C. To Destroy the Devil Through Death

1. Satan is now defeated for those in Christ.

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

D. To Restore Mankind to Sonship

1. By being born again, we regain the status of sons.

John 3:3-5

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

a. The Holy Ghost was provided for the human race.

The Holy Ghost is God inside of us.

Acts 1:4-5

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

E. To Bring Eternal Life

1. Jesus purchased eternal life on the cross.

John 3:14-15

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life

Why Jesus Came to Earth

1.	The Word (logos) means
2.	I John 1:10 says that the worlds were made by whom?
2	Who was God's bride in the Old Testament?
4.	Who is the bride in the New Testament?
5.	Define the law of sin and death:
6.	Name the only human beings that were sons of God in the Old Testament.
	Where in the Bible is the first promise of the coming Messiah found? (Give book, chapter and verse)
8.	Locate the verse foretelling the virgin birth.
9.	Locate the verse foretelling that Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.
10.	List at least three things that Jesus came to earth to do:
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Why Jesus Came to Earth

- 1. Expression
- 2. Him
- 3. Israel
- 4. Church
- 5. The soul that sinneth, it shall die
- 6. Adam & Eve
- 7. Genesis 3:15
- 8. Isaiah 7:14
- 9. Micah 5:2
- 10. To bear witness of the truth; to seek and to save the lost; put away sin by sacrificing himself; destroy the devil through death; restore mankind to sonship; provide the Holy Ghost; to bring eternal life

Preparing the World to Receive the Savior

srael in Bondage – Egypt

The bondage of Egypt was a type of the bondage of sin. "...the way of transgressors is hard." (Proverbs 13:15)

Genesis 15:13-14

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

A. God Sent a Deliverer - Moses

1. Jesus came to save His people from their sins.

Exodus 3:10

Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

a. The Passover lamb

The blood of the lamb exempted them from death. Jesus would become our Passover lamb.

Exodus 12:12-13

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

b. Baptism in the Red Sea

Type of being baptized with the water and the Spirit.

I Corinthians 10:1-2

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

c. God guided Israel with a cloud by day and fire by night.

Type of being led by the Spirit in the New Testament.

Exodus 13:21

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

d. God gave Moses the plan for the Tabernacle.

Make everything after the pattern I show you.

Exodus 25:8-9

And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

- Overview of the Tabernacle
- The furniture of the Tabernacle

Jesus – Messiah

Messiah's Forerunner Prophesied

Are you the Christ? Are you Elijah?

Isaiah 40:3

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

A. Elias must Come

1. Jews who have not accepted Jesus as Messiah are still looking for Elijah.

Malachi 4:5

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

a. The angel appeared to Zacharias.

John would fulfill the Elijah prophecy.

Luke 1:11-13

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luke 1:17

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

b. The angel appeared to Mary.

How? I've never been with a man. The Holy Ghost shall overshadow you.

Luke 1:26-27

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:31

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

c. Mary visited Elizabeth.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth three months. Joseph may have been wrestling with his decision while Mary was gone.

Luke 1:39-42

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

d. The angel appeared to Joseph.

When we wait on God and seek Him sincerely, He will let us know what to do.

Matthew 1:19-20

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

e. The birth of John

- His name is John.
- Zacharias' tongue was loosed.

Luke 1:57

Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

Luke 1:59-60

And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

- f. Decree of Caesar Augustus:
 - God put it into his mind to do this.
 - Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

Luke 2:1-3

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

g. Jesus was born.

Do we have room for Jesus today? God was doing a great thing, but most of the world was totally unaware.

Luke 2:6-7

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

h. The angels appeared to the shepherds.

The city of David was Bethlehem.

Luke 2:8-11

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

i. Shepherds worshipped Jesus.

So many signs had been given by this time that it was impossible for an honest person not to believe.

Luke 2:12-16

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

i. The wise men came.

Herod lived in Caesarea. He sent the wise men to Bethlehem, instructing them to return to him when they found the child.

Matthew 2:1-2

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

k. Herod the Great

The Roman senate had elected Herod "King of the Jews."

Matthew 2:3

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

1. The wise men went home another way.

They went home a different way than they came.

Matthew 2:11-12

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

m. Simeon in the temple

Simeon came by the Spirit into the temple. Mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Luke 2:25-26

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Preparing the World to Receive the Savior

1.	The Passover saved Israel from what?
	Who was the final Passover lamb?
3.	Going through the Red Sea was a type of what?
4.	Israel was led by the cloud by day and the fire by night. What is this a type of?
5.	What was the brazen altar a type of?
6.	What was the brazen laver a type of?
7.	What was the golden candlestick a type of?
8.	Who fulfilled Malachi's prophecy that Elijah would come before the coming of Messiah?
9.	Who overshadowed Mary causing her to conceive?
10.	What convinced Joseph to not put Mary away?
) 11.	Who decreed the taxation that forced Joseph and Mary to travel to Bethlehem?
12.	Where did the angels tell the shepherds they would find the Messiah?
	Who was the king of Judah at the time that Jesus was born?

Preparing the World to Receive the Savior

- 1. The plague of the first born
- 2. Jesus
- 3. Baptism
- 4. Being led by the Spirit
- 5. Blood
- 6. Water
- 7. Holy Ghost and fire
- 8. John the Baptist
- 9. Holy Ghost
- 10. An angel appeared to him in a dream
- 11. Caesar Augustus
- 12. City of David, Bethlehem
- 13. Herod the Great

The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

A. Elias must Come (continued from page 18)

a. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus went to Egypt. "...and called my son out of Egypt." (Hosea 11:1)

Matthew 2:13-14

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt.

b. Herod ordered the killing of male children.

Satan tried to kill Jesus as soon as He was born. Revelation 12:1-4

Matthew 2:16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

c. Herod died.

God continued to protect His Christ.

Matthew 2:19-20

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

d. Joseph and Mary returned to Nazareth.

Jesus was a Nazarene, but He was not a Nazarite.

Matthew 2:22-23

But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

B. Jesus' Childhood

1. We know almost nothing about Jesus' childhood.

Luke 2:39-40

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

a. Jesus – 12 years old

Where did Jesus spend the night?

Luke 2:41-43

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

b. Jesus – A model child

His parents didn't worry about him when they didn't see him.

Luke 2:44-45

But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

c. Jesus discussed the Bible with the doctors of the law.

Imagine a 12-year-old boy holding serious discussions with the members of Congress.

Luke 2:46-47

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

d. Jesus: "I must be about my Father's business."

Jesus already had an understanding of His mission. His mission was to bear witness of the truth. Luke 2:48-49

And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

C. Jesus - 12 to 30 Years Old

1. Mary kept all these things in her heart.

a. Jesus grew in wisdom.

How did Jesus grow in wisdom and stature if He was God?

Luke 2:51-52

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

John the Baptist Began His Ministry

John's ministry began in 29 AD if generally accepted – history is accurate. Most historical accounts state that Tiberius began to reign in 14 AD.

Luke 3:1-2

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee.. Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

A. John Preached Repentance

1. John's entire ministry was devoted to preaching repentance.

2. He was preparing the way of the Lord.

If people truly repent, everything else is easy.

Luke 3:3

And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

a. The people were with expectation.

John spoke to them of the one who was coming, who would baptize with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

Luke 3:15-16

And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

B. The Baptism of Jesus

1. Was this a depiction of multiple deities?

2. Where was the Father?

Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

a. Jesus fasted 40 days.

He was led by the Spirit to fast.

Luke 4:1-2

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

b. The three categories of temptation:

• The first Adam was tempted using these three categories.

• The second Adam was also tempted using these three categories.

I John 2:15-16

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

• Lust of the flesh

Satan attacked Jesus' identity. Jesus answered with scripture.

Luke 4:3-4

And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

• Lust of the eye

Satan offered Jesus the very thing for which He was born.

Luke 4:5-8

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Pride of life

Satan said, "It is written." He was twisting scripture.

Luke 4:9-12

And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Behold the Lamb of God

The Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. "For he was before me."

John 1:29-30

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

A. The Secret of Jesus' Power was the Spirit

1. The secret of our power as sons of God is also the Spirit.

Luke 4:14

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

B. Jesus Read Isaiah 61 in Nazareth

1. This scripture tells what Jesus came to do.

Luke 4:17-19

... And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

a. Jesus wanted them to understand.

You are witnessing the fulfillment of this scripture today.

Luke 4:20-21

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

1.	Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus to protect them from Herod the Great?
2.	Who told Joseph that Herod the Great was dead and that it was now safe to return to Israel?
3.	In what city did Jesus live as a child?
4.	How old was Jesus when He had discussions with the doctors of the law in the temple?
5.	What was the Jewish holiday being celebrated when this happened?
6.	John the Baptist preached to the people that they should do what in preparing for the Messiah?
7.	Where was the Father when Jesus was baptized?
8.	Name the three categories of temptation.
9.	What was the secret of Jesus' power?
10.	What was the message that Jesus preached?

The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

- 1. Egypt
- 2. An angel
- 3. Nazareth
- 4. Twelve years old
- 5. Feast of the Passover
- 6. Repent
- 7. In Jesus
- 8. Lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, pride of life
- 9. The Spirit
- 10. The Kingdom of God

The Beginning of Miracles

A. Jesus Began to Call Disciples

1. Philip was from the same town as Andrew and Peter.

John 1:43-44

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

a. We have found the Messiah!

Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Nathanael was skeptical.

John 1:45-46

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

B. Jesus Demonstrated the Gift of Knowledge

- 1. Nathanael became a believer.
- 2. Jesus: "You'll see much greater things than this."

John 1:47-49

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

C. Jesus Invited to a Marriage

- 1. Cana was approximately eight miles from Nazareth.
- 2. Jesus did normal things like going to a wedding.

John 2:1-2

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

a. Mary pushed Jesus into His ministry.

Why did Jesus say, "...mine hour is not yet come?" Answer: The same reason He told people not to tell about their healings. Key: "Whatsoever he says unto you, do it."

And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Water was turned to wine. Why were they willing to obey Him? Rumors about His power must have been circulating already.

John 2:6-8

And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

"You saved the best wine till the last." The miracle was validated by what the governor said.

John 2:9-10

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

D. The Beginning of Jesus' Miracles

1. The result of His miracles was His disciples believed on Him.

John 2:11

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

E. Jesus Visited Capernaum

1. His mother and His disciples went with Him.

2. Joseph was probably in Nazareth working to make a living.

John 2:12

After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

F. Jesus' First Passover After Beginning of Ministry

1. The Passover Lamb went to observe Passover.

John 2:13

And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

G. Jesus Cleansed the Temple

1. Religion had evolved into something it was never intended to be.

John 2:14-16

And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

a. Jesus couldn't stand false religion.

"For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." (Psalms 69:9) The Jews asked for a sign.

John 2:17-18

And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

H. Jesus Prophesied the Resurrection

1. The resurrection was to be the sign.

2. Prophecy is given to strengthen our faith.

John 2:19-22

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

I. Many Believed Because of the Miracles

1. People from all over Israel were in Jerusalem for Passover.

2. Jesus did not place His trust in people. He knew they could be fickle.

John 2:23-25

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

- J. Jesus Introduced the Term 'Born Again'
 - 1. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night because of religious pressure.
 - 2. Why was there so much religious pressure?
 - 3. People loved their religion more than they loved God.

John 3:1-3

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

a. What do you mean 'born again'?

Born of the water and of the Spirit

John 3:4-5

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Why did He call salvation being 'born again'? When Jesus authored salvation at Calvary, there were three steps – Death, burial, resurrection.

I Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

- b. How are we born again?
 - Repentance = Death
 - Baptism = Burial
 - Holy Ghost = Resurrection

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Physical Birth vs. Spiritual Birth

Each person must be born twice. Jesus described what it was like to be born of the Spirit:

John 3:6-8

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

c. Earthly things vs. heavenly things

Nicodemus, a spiritual ruler in Israel, did not understand.

John 3:9-12

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

What was the earthly thing? How to be born again was the earthly thing.

I John 5:8

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

What was the heavenly thing? We must understand being born again, or we will never understand the Godhead.

I John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

K. John's Commentary About Jesus

- 1. The editors of the Bible mistakenly put this scripture in red letters.
- 2. This was John speaking, not Jesus.

John 3:13

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

The Beginning of Miracles

1.	Who was sitting under a fig tree when Philip urged him to come meet Jesus?
2.	What city did Andrew and Peter live in?
3.	What spiritual gift was Jesus operating when He said, " when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee?"
4.	What was Jesus' first miracle?
5.	What did Jesus use to drive the money changers, the sheep and the oxen out of the temple?
6.	Who was the first person to use the term 'born again'?
7.	List the three steps to being born again.
8.	Our first birth is ourbirth. Our second birth is our
,	birth.
9.	What was the earthly thing that Jesus told Nicodemus?
10.	What was the heavenly thing that Jesus told Nicodemus?

The Beginning of Miracles

- 1. Nathanael
- 2. Bethsaida
- 3. Gift of Knowledge
- 4. Water turned to wine
- 5. A scourge of small cords
- 6. Jesus
- 7. Repentance; Baptism; Holy Ghost
- 8. Physical; Spiritual
- 9. How to be born again
- 10. The Godhead

Jesus - The Soul Winner

A. Crucifixion Prophesied

- 1. Those that looked upon the brazen serpent lived.
- 2. Those that look to Jesus on the cross shall live.
- 3. Eternal life only comes through ongoing belief in Jesus.

John 3:14-15

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

a. God laid down His life for us.

Did one person, the Father, send His son to die rather than doing it himself? No. The Son referred to the fleshly body of God. When the Son died, that was God giving His human form for us.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I.John 3:16

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

b. Jesus came to cure us of condemnation.

Our mission should not be to condemn people but to save them. The worst thing a person can do is to not believe that Jesus is the Messiah and God in flesh.

John 3:17-18

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

c. This is the condemnation.

When light comes and we don't walk in it, this becomes our condemnation. Our sincerity is determined by whether we seek light or avoid it.

John 3:19-21

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

B. John Not Yet in Prison

- 1. John was put in prison before Matthew 4:12; before Mark 1:14; and before Luke 4:14.
- 2. Notice that John was not put into prison until his ministry was complete.

John 3:22-24

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison.

C. A Question About Purifying

- 1. Purifying was designed to purge the conscience from guilt.
- 2. John's baptism was temporary.

3. Jesus re-baptized John's disciples.

John 3:25-26

Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

D. The Law could not Deliver from Guilt

1. The high priest went into the most holy place once each year.

2. Perfection, as pertaining to conscience

Hebrews 9:8-9

The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

- a. Different washings under the law:
 - Jesus brought the time of reformation.
 - Jesus obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 9:10-12

Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

E. The Key to Christian Service

1. A guilt-free conscience is the key to Christian service.

2. Guilt is a dead short.

Hebrews 9:13-14

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

F. Christ Eliminated the Law of Sin and Death

1. Jesus came to put away sin.

2. He did this by bearing the penalty for our sins.

Hebrews 9:26-28

...but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

He must Increase – I must Decrease

John's disciples were jealous for him, but he taught them the proper attitude. We must all have this same attitude. *John 3:27-30*

John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.

A. Jesus Left Judea

1. Jesus didn't personally baptize except for His disciples.

John 4:1-3

When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

a. Jesus stopped at Samaria.

Apparently, the Spirit was leading Him to Samaria. Samaria is about 35 miles north of Jerusalem. It is called Nablus today.

John 4:4-6

And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

B. Jesus - The Soul Winner

- 1. Was Jesus really thirsty or simply creating an opening to witness?
- 2. Samaritans were a mixed people that had partially adopted the Jewish religion.
- 3. He was obviously not prejudice.

John 4:7-9

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

a. If you only knew.

She was talking with the Messiah, but didn't know it yet. Jesus promised living water.

John 4:10-11

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

Are you greater than our father Jacob? Jacob dug the well. Jesus made the water! This water will result in living forever.

John 4:12-14

Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

She was ready to buy in. Before I can give you living water, let's talk about getting your life straight. The gift of knowledge was in operation.

John 4:15-18

The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

Sir, you are a prophet. The question of the day – which holy place should we worship in? *John 4:19-21*

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

C. Jesus – A Huge Spiritual Transition

1. They that worship God must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

John 4:22-24

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

a. Jesus – I am the Messiah.

Jesus hid the fact that He was the Messiah from some people, but not from this woman. Was it because He sensed that she loved the truth?

John 4:25-27

The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

b. The woman at the well became a witness.

The result of this encounter was the great revival of Acts 8.

John 4:28-30

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

D. Meat to Eat You Don't Know About

1. Nothing reinvigorates a Christian like telling the good news to someone that has never heard before.

John 4:31-34

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

E. The Harvest Fields are White

1. One sows, and another reaps.

2. The apostles reaped the labors of Jesus on the Day of Pentecost.

John 4:35-38

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Jesus – The Soul Winner

1.	What other scripture helps us to better understand John 3:16?
2.	Quotation completion: John 3:17 "For God sent not his Son into the world to
	the world; but that the world through him might be"
3.	Sincere people the light. Insincere people it.
4.	The law could not deliver from
5.	Who was the only one allowed to go into the Holy of Holies?
6.	Old Testament sacrifices could not make those who offered them perfect as pertaining to what?
7.	What is the key to Christian service?
8.	Quotation completion: John 3:30 "He must,
	but I must"
9.	Where was Jacob's well located?
10.	What did Jesus offer the woman at Jacob's well? (two words)
11.	How did Jesus say that true worshipers should worship?
12.	When the woman at the well inquired about Messiah, what did Jesus say?

Jesus - The Soul Winner

- 1. I John 3:16
- 2. Condemn; saved John 3:17
- 3. Seek; avoid
- 4. Guilt
- 5. The high priest
- 6. The conscience
- 7. A guilt-free conscience
- 8. Increase; decrease
- 9. Samaria
- 10. Everlasting life
- 11. In Spirit and in truth
- 12. I am the Messiah

Calling Disciples and Performing Miracles

A. From Samaria to Galilee

1. A prophet has no honor in his own country.

2. The people of Galilee received Him because they heard of the miracles He did at Jerusalem. John 4:43-45

Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

B. Nobleman's Son Near Death

1. Jesus was back in Cana.

2. The nobleman came to Him from Capernaum, about twenty-five miles away.

John 4:46-47

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

a. Jesus criticized sign-seekers.

The nobleman didn't react to Jesus' rebuke. He was desperate. He believed Jesus' Word.

John 4:48-50

Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

b. The son was healed.

The nobleman and his whole house believed in Jesus.

John 4:51-53

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him. Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

C. People of Nazareth Attempted to Kill Him

- 1. When Jesus implied that Gentiles could receive from God when Jews couldn't, the people were filled with wrath.
- 2. Their spiritual pride prevented them from receiving Jesus.

Luke 4:28-30

And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

D. Jesus Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum

1. Jesus was the great light.

2. He is still the great light if we allow Him to be.

Matthew 4:13-16

And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

a. Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus in Capernaum

Jesus came to dispel darkness, to give light and to bring eternal life.

Isaiah 9:1-2

Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

E. Jesus Called Simon and Andrew

1. I will make you fishers of men.

2. Straightway they followed Him.

Mark 1:16-18

Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they for sook their nets, and followed him.

F. Jesus Called James and John

1. They left the family business.

2. Jesus' inner circle, Peter, James and John, had now been called.

Mark 1:19-20

And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

G. Jesus Taught in the Synagogue at Capernaum

1. He taught with authority since He wrote the book.

2. We need preachers today that speak with authority!

Mark 1:21-22

And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

H. Jesus Cast Out an Unclean Spirit

1. Unclean spirit: "I know who thou art."

2. The demons knew He was the Christ.

Mark 1:23-26

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

- I. People Amazed at His Doctrine and Power
 - 1. Jesus was the first Son of God since Adam.
 - 2. His authority came from the Holy Ghost.

Mark 1:27-28

And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

- J. Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed
 - 1. Simon Peter had a wife.
 - 2. Immediately, the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

Mark 1:29-31

And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

- K. All the City Gathered at the Door
 - 1. The crowds were attracted to Jesus.
 - 2. He healed their diseases and cast out devils.

Mark 1:32-34

And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

- L. Jesus' Secret
 - 1. Jesus knew that if He didn't pray, He would have nothing to give.
 - 2. The same thing is true for us today.

Mark 1:35

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

- M. What did Jesus Preach?
 - 1. What does it mean to preach the Kingdom of God?
 - 2. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed..." (Daniel 2:44)

Luke 4:43

And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

- N. If You will, You can
 - 1. Jesus was moved with compassion.
 - 2. Compassion: To feel with

Mark 1:40-42

And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

a. Don't tell anyone.

Why did Jesus tell him not to tell?

Mark 1:43-45

And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

Calling Disciples and Performing Miracles

1.	Quotation completion: John 4:44 "a prophet hath no	_ in his own country."
2.	People of what city were the first to make an attempt on Jesus' life?	
3.	Where did Jesus move to when He left Nazareth?	
4.	Jesus healed which of Peter's relatives?	
5.	What did Jesus preach?	
6.	What kind of work did Levi do before becoming a disciple?	
7.	What was the occupation of Peter and Andrew before they followed Jesus?	
8.	What was the occupation of James and John before they followed Jesus?	
9.	Jesus didn't teach like the scribes. He taught with	
10	What does the word compassion mean?	

Calling Disciples and Performing Miracles

- 1. Honor John 4:44
- 2. Nazareth
- 3. Capernaum
- 4. Mother-in-law
- 5. The Kingdom of God
- 6. Tax collector
- 7. Fishermen
- 8. Fishermen
- 9. Authority
- 10. To feel with

Miracles and Sabbath Instructions

A. Jesus Taught from a Ship

1. The people were hungry for the word of God.

2. The ship belonged to Peter.

Luke 5:1-3

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

a. Nevertheless, at Thy word.

They had already washed their nets. They had given up. In spite of circumstances, at Thy Word I will do it.

Luke 5:4-5

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

The huge catch of fish. Because of obedience, they went from catching nothing to more than they could handle.

Luke 5:6-7

And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

b. Reaction to encountering the supernatural:

- Peter: I am a sinful man.
- Isaiah: I am a man of unclean lips.

Luke 5:8-10

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon...

c. Don't worry about your sinful condition.

Their response to the miracle. What happened to all the fish?

Luke 5:10-11

.. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they for sook all, and followed him.

B. Tear the Roof Off!

1. God loves bold faith.

Mark 2:3-4

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

a. Our faith is seen by our actions.

The scribes were right. Jesus was God.

Mark 2:5-7

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

C. Jesus Came to Heal and Forgive

1. He was wounded for our transgressions.

2. By His stripes, we are healed.

Mark 2:8-9

And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

a. The Son of Man has power to forgive sins.

Take up your bed and walk.

Mark 2:10-12

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

D. Levi Called to be a Disciple

- 1. Levi was a tax collector.
- 2. Levi was also called Matthew. (Matthew 9:9)
- 3. Jesus' altar call: Come, follow Me.

Mark 2:13-14

And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

E. Jesus Fellowshipped With Sinners

- 1. The religious thought they were better than sinners.
- 2. Their crowds were small, and Jesus' crowds were big.

Mark 2:15-16

And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

a. Jesus came to call sinners.

We should be insulated from the world, but not isolated. Jesus knew He could not help those who thought they were righteous.

Mark 2:17

When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

F. Why Don't Your Disciples Fast?

1. They don't need to fast to get closer to me. I am right here.

Mark 2:18-20

And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

a. Don't patch an old garment with new cloth.

Jesus was saying that His disciples would fast after they were born again.

Mark 2:21-22

No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

G. Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda

1. The pool of Bethesda is about 200 feet north of the Temple Mount.

John 5:1-2

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

a. The troubling of the waters - the first in was healed.

John 5:3-4

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

b. Would you like to be made whole?

Instead of answering, the impotent man told Jesus why it was not possible.

John 5:5-7

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

c. Take up thy bed and walk.

The Jews should have been rejoicing over this great miracle; instead they were criticizing. John 5:8-10

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

d. I'm obeying Him that made me whole.

The criticizers hadn't healed the lame man in thirty-eight years.

John 5:11-13

He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

e. Sin no more.

Jesus did good, and they persecuted Him for it.

John 5:14-16

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

H. The Jews Sought to Kill Jesus

- 1. The Jews figured out that if God was His father, then Jesus had to be equal to God.
- 2. How can this be seeing that there is only one God?

John 5:17-18

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Miracles and Sabbath Instructions

1.	What did Peter say in response to the huge catch of fish?
2.	
3.	
4.	Mark 2:5-7 says, "Jesus saw their faith." How did He see their faith?
5.	Which is harder to say – Thy sins be forgiven thee, or take up thy bed and walk?
6.	What kind of work did Levi do before becoming a disciple?
7.	
8.	Why did Jesus say that a new patch shouldn't be put on an old garment?
9.	Why did the Jews get so angry when Jesus healed the man by the pool of Bethesda?
10.	Why did the Jews seek to kill Jesus?

Miracles and Sabbath Instructions

- 1. Depart from me, I am a sinful man.
- 2. I am a man of unclean lips.
- 3. His friends tore the roof off of where Jesus was.
- 4. He saw their actions.
- 5. Neither. It takes the same power to do both.
- 6. Tax collector
- 7. Matthew
- 8. It doesn't work to teach spiritual things to carnal people who have not yet been born again.
- 9. He had healed on the Sabbath.
- 10. The Jews figured out that if God was His father, then Jesus had to be equal to God.

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The Teachings of Jesus

The Mystery of Godliness

The mystery of godliness is defined.

I Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

A. The Godhead can be Understood

- 1. Man is father, son, husband but one person.
- 2. God is Father, Son, Holy Ghost but One.
- 3. "Understanding the Godhead God from eternity to eternity"

Romans 1:20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

B. Jesus Taught How to be "Spirit-Led"

- 1. Jesus is teaching us how to function as sons of God.
- 2. We should function "in the Holy Ghost" so that we know what God wants us to do or not do. John 5:19-20

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

Acts 16:6

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

C. No Man has Seen God

- 1. He, which is of God, has seen God.
- 2. When you've seen me, you've seen the Father. (John 14:9)

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 6:46

Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

D. All Judgment Committed to the Son - Why?

1. Remember: God veiled himself in mystery intentionally so that only those who are "of God" would know Him.

Iohn 5:21-23

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

E. Passing from Death to Life

1. The spiritually dead shall hear Jesus' voice and live.

John 5:24-25

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

F. Because He is the Son of Man

- 1. "... Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?" (Revelation 5:2)
- 2. No one in heaven or in earth was worthy.

John 5:26-27

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

G. The Resurrection of Life vs. the Resurrection of Damnation

- 1. These two resurrections are separated by over 1,000 years.
- 2. "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished..." (Revelation 20:5)

John 5:28-29

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

H. Of Ourselves, We can do Nothing

- 1. We can only judge as we hear from the Spirit.
- 2. Only when we are completely dead to our own wills can we operate in this realm.

John 5:30

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

a. None of us should exalt ourselves.

If we exalt ourselves, we are not spiritually right. John was sent to validate Jesus.

John 5:31-33

If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

I. There is a Greater Witness Than John

1. Jesus is saying that His works bore witness of Him.

John 5:34-36

But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

J. God's Words do not Abide in You

1. Jesus is saying - "The Father is speaking to you and you are looking at Him, but you're not hearing Him or seeing Him."

John 5:37-38

And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

K. Search the Scriptures

- 1. We can think that we have eternal life and not have eternal life.
- 2. Example: Saul of Tarsus
- 3. If we sincerely search the scriptures, God will reveal the truth to us.

John 5:39

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

L. Eternal Life is Only Available Through Jesus

1. Jesus knows our hearts.

John 5:40-42

And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

a. What is the Father's name?

Jesus has always been the name of God. It was only revealed when Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name."

John 5:43

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ve will receive.

M. What does Honor have to do With Believing?

1. The key to great faith is recognizing our unprofitability.

John 5:44

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

N. The Law is an Accuser

1. By the law came the knowledge of sin.

2. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law..." (Galatians 3:13)

John 5:45

Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

O. People Who Love Truth, Come to Truth

1. A prophet like unto me shall God raise up.

2. The tabernacle plan

John 5:46-47

For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

P. Matthew's Account - Picking Corn on the Sabbath

1. The Pharisees had the shadow of the law, but no understanding of the truth of which the shadow was a type.

2. They knew the rules but didn't know the God of the rules.

Matthew 12:1-2

At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

- a. Old Testament violations of the letter of the law:
 - David and his men ate the shewbread when David ran for his life from Saul. The Pharisees didn't know how to answer.

Matthew 12:3-4

But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungered, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

• The priests worked on the Sabbath.

The priests were ordered to offer sacrifices on the sabbath. This was work.

Matthew 12:5-6

Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

The Teachings of Jesus

1.	Locate the scripture that says the godhead can be understood.
	Who did Jesus say had seen the Father?
	Why is all judgment committed to the Son?
	Who was the only one worthy to open the seven seals?
	Does the resurrection of life and the resurrection of damnation take place at the same time?
6.	Quotation completion: John 5:39 "Search the; for in them ye think ye have
	and they are they which testify of me."
	What is the name of the Father?
	Quotation completion: Galatians 3:13 "Christ hathus from the
	of the law."

The Teachings of Jesus

- 1. Romans 1:20
- 2. He which is of God
- 3. Because He is the son of man
- 4. Jesus, the man
- 5. No. They are 1,000 years apart
- 6. Scriptures, eternal life John 5:39
- 7. Jesus
- 8. Redeemed, curse Galatians 3:13

The Key of Knowledge

I will have Mercy, and not Sacrifice

In the theology of the law, it was impossible for them to understand "I will have mercy, and not sacrifice." It is possible to condemn the guiltless.

Matthew 12:7-8

But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

A. Go Learn What This Means

1. Jesus said it again: "I will have mercy, and not sacrifice."

2. When we are dead to self, there is no such thing as sacrifice.

Matthew 9:11-13

And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Key of Knowledge

The key of knowledge reverses the effects of the tree of knowledge. Key of knowledge: I will have mercy, and not sacrifice. The Pharisees thought God wanted sacrifice. He doesn't. He wants to have mercy and give to us freely.

Luke 11:52

Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

A. Zeal of God, but not According to Knowledge

1. They had the zeal, but they didn't have the key of knowledge.

Romans 10:1-2

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Our Righteousness or God's Righteousness?

Righteousness is not something we do. It is a gift imputed to us at baptism. The righteousness of God is obtained by submission, not by effort.

Romans 10:3-4

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

A. The Righteousness of the Law

- 1. The righteousness of the law says we must get good in order to get God.
- 2. The righteousness of the law was hard. As a matter of fact, it was impossible.

Romans 10:5

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

B. The Righteousness of Faith

1. Say not...who can pray the most? Or who can fast the most?

Romans 10:6-7

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

C. The Word is Nigh Thee

- 1. Remember, these people were already born again.
- 2. God is not far from any one of us.
- 3. Being spiritual is not hard.

Romans 10:8-9

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

D. Faith is Counted for Righteousness

- 1. We should confess that we are righteous.
- 2. "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works." (Romans 4:6)

Romans 10:10

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

E. The Pharisees were Religious, but Ungodly

- 1. They were more concerned with their dogma than with helping a handicapped man.
- 2. Are we an accuser or a healer?

Matthew 12:9-10

And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

F. Truth Penetrates Tradition

1. If we are honest, God's word will shed light on our traditions and help us to see things truthfully. *Matthew 12:11-13*

And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

G. Pharisees Kill; Jesus Heals

1. The Sabbath was a huge issue because it represented the transition from law to grace – from self-righteousness to God's righteousness.

Matthew 12:14-16

Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; And charged them that they should not make him known:

LIFE & TEACHINGS - PART 1 LESSON 9 QUIZ

The Key of Knowledge

1.	What is the key of knowledge?
2.	What scripture in Matthew gives us the key of knowledge?
3.	When we are dead to self, there is no such thing as.
4.	According to Romans 10:1-2, Israel had the zeal of God, but not according to
5.	What are the two kinds of righteousness?
6.	Their righteousness of the law says we must getin order to get
7.	What two things did the Pharisees try to do more than others to prove they were spiritual?
8.	is not far from anyone of us.
9.	Quotation completion: Romans 4:6 "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom
)	God imputethwithout
10.	The Pharisees were religious, but
11.	Living under grace allows us to have righteousness instead of

The Key of Knowledge

- 1. I will have mercy, and not sacrifice
- 2. Matthew 12:7-8
- 3. Sacrifice
- 4. Knowledge
- 5. Our righteousness or God's righteousness
- 6. Good, God
- 7. Pray the most, fast the most
- 8. God
- 9. Righteousness; works Romans 4:6
- 10. Ungodly
- 11. God's, self righteousness

The Twelve Apostles and The Beatitudes

Jesus Fulfilled Another Prophecy

Accurate judgment comes from God's Spirit. The prophecy foretells God turning to the Gentiles.

Matthew 12:17-18

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

A. Jesus' Demeanor Described

1. The Gentiles will trust in His name for salvation.

Matthew 12:19-21

He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

II Timothy 2:24

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.

B. The Crowds were Overwhelming

1. The multitudes followed Him because of the great things He did.

Mark 3:7-9

But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea, And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him. And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

C. The Crowd Tried to Just Touch Him

1. Demons cried out when they came into His presence.

Mark 3:10-12

For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

D. Jesus Prayed All Night

- 1. What would a person pray about when praying all night?
- 2. This level of power took this level of preparation.

Luke 6:12

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

E. Disciples Became Apostles

- 1. The apostles became the foundation of the church.
- 2. They also were entrusted with the leadership of the church.

Luke 6:13-16

And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

F. There Went Virtue (dunamis) Out of Him

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power (dunamis), after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Luke 6:17-19

And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

The Beatitudes

Beatitudes - What our attitudes ought to be. From the Latin word beatitudo: happiness Matthew 5:1-2

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

A. The Poor in Spirit

Even the dogs eat the crumbs. Centurion: I'm not worthy that you should come under my roof.

The Pharisee and the publican. Publican: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

B. They That Mourn

Ezekiel 9:4

.. set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Matthew 5:4

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Psalms 126:6

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

C. The Meek

1. Meek: mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit

Matthew 21:5

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

D. Spiritual Hunger shall be Rewarded

1. Elisha following Elijah.

2. Blind Bartimaeus

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 7:7

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

- E. The Merciful will Receive Mercy
 - 1. David: "...for His mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 136)
 - 2. Jesus: "Forgive seventy times seven."

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Exodus 25:22

And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat...

The Twelve Apostles and The Beatitudes

1.	Quotation completion: II Timothy 2:24 "The servant of the Lord must not;
	but be, patient."
2.	The multitudes followed Him because of what?
3.	cried out when they came into His presence.
4.	What did Jesus do the night before He selected His twelve apostles?
5.	What is the Christian's key to having power?
6.	The apostles became the foundation of the and were entrusted with the
	of the church.
7.	Define the word "beatitudes".
8.	What will the meek inherit?
9.	How many times did Jesus say we should forgive someone?
10.	In which book and chapter of the Bible does every verse contain the phrase, "for his mercy endureth
)	forever?"

The Twelve Apostles and The Beatitudes

- 1. Strive; gentle, teach II Timothy 2:24
- 2. The great things He did.
- 3. Demons
- 4. He prayed all night
- 5. The Holy Ghost
- 6. Church, leadership
- 7. What our attitudes ought to be; from Latin word, beatitudo: happiness
- 8. The earth
- 9. Forgive 70 times 7
- 10. Psalm 136

The Sermon on the Mount - Part One

A. The Pure in Heart

1. David: "Create in me a clean heart..." (Psalm 51:10)

2. Charity: "...thinketh no evil." (I Corinthians 13:5)

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Titus 1:15

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

B. Peacemakers: The Children of God

1. Peace doesn't just happen. We make peace.

2. Jesus is the Prince of peace.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

C. Persecuted for Righteousness Sake

1. If persecuted for our own faults, we must endure it patiently.

2. If persecuted for righteousness, rejoice!

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The Sermon on the Mount

A. We are the Salt of the Earth

1. If the salt has lost its saltiness...

2. Do we influence the world, or does the world influence us?

Matthew 5:13

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

B. We are the Light of the World

1. Without the church, the world is in darkness.

2. If the light is burning but is not visible to the world, it is useless.

Matthew 5:14-16

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

C. Jesus Came to Fulfill the Law

1. We will never fulfill the law trying to fulfill the law.

2. We only fulfill the law when we become like Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:17-18

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Romans 8:4

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

a. Are we under the law?

Once we are in Christ Jesus, we are not under the law.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Galatians 5:18

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

D. Our Righteousness must Exceed the Pharisees

1. We can be in Christ without having come to the fullness of the stature of Christ.

2. The Pharisees never kept the law because it is impossible without being born again. *Matthew 5:19-20*

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

E. Jesus: Hatred Equals Murder

1. Raca: Senseless, empty headed man

Matthew 5:21-22

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

I John 3:15

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

F. Warnings Against Anger

1. Anger is for fools.

2. The person that controls his spirit is better than one who can take a city.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Proverbs 16:32

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

a. Get rid of all bitterness and wrath.

When people do things to make us bitter or angry, the proper response is kindness and forgiveness.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

G. We must Love Our Brother to Love God

1. Reconcile: To bring together again

2. God intends for us to live in harmony with our fellow man.

Matthew 5:23-24

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

I John 4:20-21

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

H. Learn to Resolve Conflicts Quickly

1. How do we resolve conflicts?

2. We take the low road.

Matthew 5:25-26

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

I. Committing Adultery in the Heart

1. Does this mean a person could never experience temptation?

Matthew 5:27-28

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The Sermon on the Mount - Part One

1.	In Psalm 51:10, David prayed, "Create in me a clean, O God; and
	awithin me."
2.	Charity thinketh no
3.	What shall the peacemakers be called?
4.	Jesus is theof
5.	Quotation completion: Matthew 5:10 "Blessed are they which are persecuted for
	"
6.	We are the of the
7.	Does a light under a bushel do any good?
8.	Are we under the law today?
9.	Did anyone in the Old Testament keep the law?
10.	Quotation completion: I John 3:15 "Whosoever hateth his brother is a"
) 11.	He that ruleth his spirit is better than one who
12.	Can we love God if we don't love our brother?
13.	What does the word 'reconcile' mean?
14.	How do we resolve conflicts?
15.	In Matthew 5:27 it tells us, "Thou shalt not:

The Sermon on the Mount - Part One

- 1. Heart, renew, right spirit
- 2. Evil
- 3. The children of God
- 4. Prince, peace
- 5. Righteousness sake Matthew 5:10
- 6. Salt, earth
- 7. No, it should be on a candlestick
- 8. No, once we are in Christ Jesus, we are not under the law
- 9. No
- 10. Murderer
- 11. Taketh a city
- 12. No, we must love our brother to love God
- 13. To bring together again.
- 14. We take the low road.
- 15. Commit adultery

The Sermon on the Mount - Part Two

Committing Adultery in the Heart (continued from page 69)

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- B. Making Choices That will Result in Godliness
 - 1. There are some friends we cannot afford.
 - 2. When we choose our friends, we choose our future.
 - 3. Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom.

Matthew 5:29-30

And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

C. Jesus Taught Against Divorce

- 1. Fornication: A master word covering all forms of sexual immorality.
- 2. For example: Automobile includes Fords, Chevrolets, etc.

Matthew 5:31-32

It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

- D. Christians should not swear
 - 1. Forswear: Don't swear falsely.
 - 2. Don't swear at all.

Matthew 5:33-35

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

E. Christians should Control What They Say

1. Careless, uncontrolled speech will turn into ungodliness.

Matthew 5:36-37

Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

- F. Resist not Evil
 - 1. An eye for an eye was under the law.
 - 2. Abigail to David: "Let it not be said that my Lord avenged himself."

Matthew 5:38-40

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

a. Always return good for evil.

Romans could compel those they had conquered to carry their load one mile.

Matthew 5:41-42

And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

b. Love your enemies.

Bless them that curse you. Do good to them that hate you. Pray for them that persecute you. *Matthew 5:43-45*

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

G. Be Ye Therefore Perfect

1. Perfect: Unto the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Matthew 5:46-48

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

H. True Religion does not Exalt Self

1. God wants us to serve Him, not men.

2. When Saul's heart was right, he hid among the stuff.

Matthew 6:1-2

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

a. God hates religion for show.

Things we do in secret are only for God. God will always reward us, but we shouldn't care about the reward.

Matthew 6:3-4

But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

b. Hypocrites pray to be seen.

Does this mean to literally get in the closet? The key to successful prayer is to be shut in with God. Matthew 6:5-6

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

c. Jesus taught against vain repetitions.

Example: Thirty "Hail Marys". Prayer is fellowship with God. Prayer is seeking God's face. *Matthew 6:7-8*

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

The Sermon on the Mount – Part Two

	Does a person commit sin when he is tempted?		
2.	When we choose our		
3.	Lot pitched his tent toward		
4.	What is the only legitimate cause that Jesus gave for getting a divorce?		
5.	Christians should not		
6.	Christians should	what they	
7.	An for an _		was under the law.
8.	Always return	for	
9.	Quotation completion: Matthew 5:44 "	your enemies,	
	them that curse you,	_ to them that hate you."	
10.	Quotation completion: Matthew 5:48 "Be ye therefor	·e	, even as your Father
)	which is in heaven is	."	
11.	. Giving to be seen and praying to be seen is a sure sign that a person is a what?		
12.	What is the secret of successful prayer?		

The Sermon on the Mount - Part Two

- 1. No, it means a person should not mentally desire to do wrong if he could get by with it.
- 2. Friends, future
- 3. Sodom
- 4. Fornication
- 5. Swear
- 6. Control, say
- 7. Eye, eye
- 8. Good, evil
- 9. Love, bless, do good Matthew 5:44
- 10. Perfect, perfect Matthew 5:48
- 11. Hypocrite
- 12. To be shut in with God, seek God's face, pray in secret, not with vain repetition

The Sermon on the Mount – Part Three

. Instructions for Prayer

- 1. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and enter His courts with praise.
- 2. It is not natural for God's will to be done on earth. We have to pray for this.

Matthew 6:9-10

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

a. Bringing needs before God:

You receive not because you ask not.

• God only forgives us as we forgive others.

Matthew 6:11-13

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

B. The Merciful shall Obtain Mercy

1. The unmerciful will not obtain mercy.

Matthew 6:14-15

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

C. Fasting should not be Done for Show

1. Notice Jesus didn't say, "If you fast." He said, "When you fast."

Matthew 6:16-18

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

D. We should Value Spiritual Things

1. What we give the most attention to is what we will end up setting our affections on.

Matthew 6:19-21

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

E. The Power of Single-Minded Dedication

- 1. A double-minded man is unstable in all of his ways.
- 2. It is impossible to be spiritual and carnal at the same time.

Matthew 6:22-24

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

F. God Wants Us Focused on the Spiritual

1. Take no thought - don't worry.

2. If God takes care of the birds, He will certainly take care of us.

Matthew 6:25-26

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; no yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

a. Consider the lily.

Worrying over material things demonstrates a lack of faith.

Matthew 6:27-30

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

b. God knows all about our needs.

Take no thought. Carnal people are focused on these things.

Matthew 6:31-32

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

c. Seek first the Kingdom of God.

The material things we need shall be supplied for us.

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

G. We should Never Criticize Others

- 1. Let him that is without sin cast the first stone.
- 2. The merciful shall obtain mercy.
- 3. The judgmental shall obtain judgment.

Matthew 7:1-2

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

a. The lesser always criticizes the greater.

A mote is a speck or a splinter. The critic says, "They do those things, but I don't."

Matthew 7:3-5

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

b. We shouldn't share spiritual treasures with just anybody.

People that will criticize others will criticize you. Jesus did not commit Himself unto them for He knew what was in man.

Matthew 7:6

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

H. How can We Find God?

- 1. Seek and you shall find.
- 2. Everyone that asketh receiveth!
- 3. Lesson of the unjust judge

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

a. God wants to give us good things.

We are good to our children. How much more will God be good to us?

Matthew 7:9-11

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

- I. The Way of Eternal Life is Narrow by Design
 - 1. The broad way is the wrong way. Many will go that way.
 - 2. The right way is narrow, and few will find it.
 - 3. Sometimes when truth comes, people say, "But I can't believe all those other people are lost." Matthew 7:12-14

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

- J. How do We Recognize False Prophets?
 - 1. What is the gospel? (I Corinthians 15:1-4)
 - 2. Anyone preaching any other gospel is a false prophet.

Matthew 7:15-17

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Galatians 1:8

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

- K. Everything Hinges on being Born Again
 - 1. The critical thing is not the fruit. It is whether the tree is good or corrupt.
 - 2. Don't try to put a new patch on an old garment.

Matthew 7:18-20

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

a. What we do indicates what we believe.

These people had prophesied and cast out devils in the name of Jesus, yet they were lost. *Matthew 7:21-23*

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

John 5:39

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

The Sermon on the Mount – Part Three

	How should we always begin our prayer?			
2.	You not because you not			
3.	What will God do if we forgive men their trespasses against us?			
4.	Notice Jesus didn't say, " you fast." He said, " you fast."			
5.	A double-minded is unstable in all of ways			
6. Quotation completion: Matthew 6:22 "If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be				
7.	Jesus said for us to take no thought for our, what we, or what we,			
8.	Quotation completion: Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and			
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9.	We should never others.			
10.	. Who is worse: the criticizer or the criticized?			
) 11.	Seek and ye shall			
12.	. Which way leads to eternal life – the broad way or the narrow way?			
13.	What is the gospel according to I Corinthians 15:4?			
14.	Quotation completion: Galatians 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other			
	unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be			
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The Sermon on the Mount - Part Three

- 1. With praise and thanksgiving
- 2. Receive, ask
- 3. He will forgive us our trespasses
- 4. If, when
- 5. Man, his
- 6. Full of light Matthew 6:22
- 7. Life, eat, drink
- 8. All these things shall be added unto you Matthew 6:33
- 9. Criticize
- 10. The criticizer
- 11. Find
- 12. The narrow way
- 13. The death, burial and resurrection
- 14. Gospel, accursed Galatians 1:8

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