

PRE-EXISTENCE (ETERNAL)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

THE ANCESTRY AND INFANCY OF JESUS

Matthew 1 - 2; Luke 1 - 2

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

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

1. From what two important Old Testament characters is Jesus' ancestry traced in Matthew 1:1? _____
2. Glance through this **genealogy** (list of ancestors), listing the names of any others you recognize:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3. Luke 2:

- a. Their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. _____
- b. Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. _____
- c. Visit of the shepherds to the manger in Bethlehem.

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

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

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

4. Matthew 2:

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

- b. The flight into Egypt. _____
- c. Herod's slaughter of the children in Bethlehem. _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTISM OF JESUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b. Luke 3:12 _____

c. Luke 3:14 _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Why was Jesus baptized? Matthew 3:15

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

a. Matthew 3:16 _____

b. Matthew 3:17 _____

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. The Results of Jesus' Temptations:

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

IN JUDEA: MIRACLES AND TALK WITH NICODEMUS

John 2:12 - 3:36

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

IN GALILEE: TEACHING AND HEALING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

THROUGH SOUTHERN GALILEE AND RETURN
Matthew 8:1, 5-13, 11:2-19, 12:22-13:3; Mark 3:19-4:2;
Luke 7:1-8:4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

THE JOURNEY TO BETHSAIDA AND RETURN THROUGH GENNESARET

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

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

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

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

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

B. Events Near Bethsaida:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

THE SECOND TOUR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

CONFLICTS WITH JEWISH RULERS AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. John 7:37

b. John 8:12

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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

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

FRIDAY: JESUS' CRUCIFIXION, DEATH AND BURIAL

Matthew 27:27-61; Mark 15:16-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:16-42

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

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

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

2. As the procession left the court, who carried Jesus' cross at first? John 19:17a Later? Mark 15:21 _____
3. As the crowds followed Jesus, weeping for Him, for whom did Jesus say they ought to be weeping? Luke 23:28 _____
4. What was the name of the place where Jesus was crucified?
 - a. Latin name: Luke 23:33 _____
 - b. Hebrew name: John 19:17b _____
 - c. English translation: John 19:17a _____

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

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

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

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

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

C. Jesus' Death:

1. What events in connection with Jesus' death took place at the following hours:
 - a. Third (Probably 9 a.m.): Mark 15:25 _____
 - b. Sixth (Probably 12 noon): Mark 15:33 _____
 - c. Ninth (Probably 3 p.m.): Mark 15:34-37 _____

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2. What important events took place at the time of Jesus' death?
 - a. Matthew 27:51a _____
 - b. Matthew 27:51b _____
 - c. Matthew 27:52, 53 _____

3. How did the following react to Jesus' death?
 - a. The centurion: Luke 23:47; Matthew 27:54 _____
 - b. The crowds: Luke 23:48 _____
 - c. The women who had ministered to Him: Luke 23:49 _____
4. Who bore testimony to the fact that Jesus actually died? John 19:32, 33, 35

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

1. What two men buried Jesus? Luke 23:50-54; John 19:39, 40

2. Where was Jesus buried? Mark 15:46; John 19:41, 42

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. For whom did Jesus endure all these agonies? (See 1 Corinthians 15:3b)

2. Have I accepted the atonement that Jesus made for my sin on the cross?

RESURRECTION AND APPEARANCES
(FORTY DAYS, BEGINNING WITH RESURRECTION SUNDAY)
Matthew 27:62 – 28:15; Mark 16:1 – 14;
Luke 23:56 – 24:49; John 20 20:1 - 31

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

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

1. After the women saw where Jesus was buried, what did they do that same afternoon?
Luke 23:56a _____
2. What did they do after the Sabbath began at sundown? Luke 23:56b

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

4. What did the women do when the Sabbath was past, probably at sundown on Saturday?
Mark 16:1 _____
5. When did they come to the tomb? John 20:1; Mark 16:2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Events Following the Resurrection: Read John 20:19-31

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

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

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