

# **Life of Jesus**

## **Week #1: Nativity of Jesus**

Sunday: Matthew 1:18-25. Why did Joseph desire to divorce Mary and what kept him from doing it?

Monday: Luke 1:39-56. In what ways did Mary's song (46-55) praise God?

Tuesday: Luke 2:57-66. Why was it so important that Zechariah's son be named John?

Wednesday: Luke 1:67-80. What did Zechariah prophesy about his son?

Thursday: Luke 2:1-7. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?

Friday: Luke 2:8-20. What was the Angel's message to the shepherds and how did they react?

Saturday: Matthew 2:1-12. Who came to see Jesus and why did they come?

## **Week #2: Jesus' Childhood**

Sunday: Matthew 2:19-23. How did Joseph respond to the angel of the Lord? Did Joseph know he was fulfilling prophecy?

Monday: Luke 2:39-50. In what areas did the "boy" Jesus grow? How can we as parents set a pattern for our children's growth?

Tuesday: Genesis 17:15-22. How did Abraham respond when God said he would bless Sarai? How do we react to God's promises?

Wednesday: Judges 13:24-14:7. How many times did the Spirit of God work in Samson's life? How often does he work in yours?

Thursday: 1 Samuel 1:21-28. How long after Samuel's birth was he dedicated? Who gave Hannah her child; and whom did she give her child to?

Friday: Proverbs 4:1-9. Fathers. What is our responsibility to our children? Children, what is your responsibility to your parents?

Saturday: Proverbs 4:10-19. What are the promises given to children "if" they obey their parents? What is the result of a wicked life?

## **Week #3: Baptism and Temptation of Jesus**

Sunday: Matthew 3:13-17. Why did Jesus go to John to be baptized? How is the trinity pictured at Jesus' baptism?

Monday: Mark 1:4-11. What were the results of John's preaching? How did you react to yesterday's message?

Tuesday: Luke 3:15-23. How old was Jesus when he was baptized? What does the Bible say about infant baptism?

Wednesday: John 2:29-34. How did John describe Jesus? vs. 29,30&34. Have you told anybody about Jesus lately?

Thursday: Matthew 4:1-11. Is the devil real, or just a myth? How else is Satan described in verse 3?

Friday: Luke 4:1-13. Why did the devil tempt Jesus? Why does he tempt us?

Saturday: Hebrews 4:14-5:3. What kind of a high priest was Jesus? How does he deal with us who often go astray?

#### **Week #4: Jerusalem Ministry**

Sunday: John 1:10-18. What exactly do we receive in v. 12 and v. 16? How did our heavenly Father reveal himself?

Monday: John 1:19-28. Who did the Jews think John was? What was John's reply of himself?

Tuesday: John 1:35-42. What was the first thing Andrew did after he met Jesus? What should we do?

Wednesday: John 1:43-51. What did Philip say to Nathanael about Jesus? What do you say about Jesus?

Thursday: Matthew 4:18-22. When Jesus called his first disciples, what was their response? Have you responded to the call of Jesus for service?

Friday: Acts 1:12-26. How was Mathias chosen to take the place of Judas? How do you think Mathias felt taking Judas' place?

Saturday: Psalms 69:22-28, 109:1-8. In yesterday's reading, did Paul know to quote from Psalms? When situations arise with us, what do we turn to for guidance?

#### **Week #5: Judean Ministry**

Sunday: John 2:1-11. How did Jesus demonstrate his divine power? What was the master of the banquet's response after tasting the wine?

Monday: John 2:12-22. Why did Jesus get angry? Why did he clean out the temple?

Tuesday: John 3:1-8. How important is it to be "born again?" How does Jesus illustrate the "new birth?"

Wednesday: John 3:9-15. Do all religious people understand the meaning of "born again?" How did Jesus foretell of his crucifixion?

Thursday: John 3:16-21. Why did God send his Son into the world? Why do people reject Jesus as their Lord?

Friday: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3. How were we "born again?" What should be our response to the "new birth?"

Saturday: 1John 2:28-3:3. As "children of God," what is our responsibility to one another; to ourselves?

#### **Week #6: Samaritan Ministry**

Sunday: John 4:1-6. In what way did Jesus show his humanity? And how can this relate to us?

Monday: John 4:7-18. What kind of water was Jesus talking about? Do you have this "living" water bubbling over in your life? How?

Tuesday: John 4:19-26. Where, and how are we to worship? Who are we to worship?

Wednesday: John 4:27-38. What was the woman's testimony to the people in her town? How come Jesus didn't eat the food his disciples gave him?

Thursday: John 4:39-42. How important is our testimony to the world? How important is the testimony of God's word?

Friday: Revelation 12:10-12. How much do you value your life in Christ? If you were on trial in court, would there be enough evidence in your life to convict you of being a Christian?

Saturday: 1 John 1-4. What did John testify, and, what did he proclaim?

### **Week #7: First Galilean Tour**

Sunday: Matthew 4:12-17. Why did Jesus go and live at Capernaum? What was his message?

Monday: Mark 1:14-20. How did Jesus' disciples respond to his calling them into the ministry? How has God called you to minister?

Tuesday: Luke 4:14-21. Why did Jesus read Isaiah 61:1-2? What was its message?

Wednesday: Luke 4:22-32. How informed was Jesus of Old Testament scriptures? Have you ever read through the Old Testament?

Thursday: John 4:43-54. What is it that stands out most about the royal official's faith? What about your faith?

Friday: Isaiah 9:1-5. Where was Jesus ministering at this time in prophecy? What was the response to his ministry?

Saturday: Joshua 20:1-9. Where were these cities of refuge? What was their purpose?

### **Week #8: Selecting the Twelve**

Sunday: John 5:1-15. What did Jesus mean when he told the crippled man to stop sinning? What might be the consequences of continual sin?

Monday: John 5:16-23. What does the Father and the Son have in common?

Tuesday: John 5:24-30. What happens to those who hear the voice of Jesus? (v. 25, also vs. 28&29)

Wednesday: John 5:31-47. Who are those that bear testimony of Jesus? (4) Do you tell others about Jesus?

Thursday: Luke 5:27-32. Who was Levi? Did everybody like him? How did Jesus treat him? How did Levi treat Jesus?

Friday: Luke 5:33-39. What is the contrast in Jesus' parable? How does this apply to the traditions of men?

Saturday: Mark 3:13-19. What did Jesus appoint his disciples to do? How was it accomplished?

## **Week #9: Sermon on the Mount, Part 1**

Sunday: Matthew 5:1-12. As a Christian, Jesus calls us blessed (joyful, happy) in our Christian life. Are you blessed? Review these verses and claim Jesus' promise.

Monday: Matthew 5:13-20. How are we to be the "salt of the earth?" How are we to be "lights of the world?" Pray for those around you for whom you are salt and light.

Tuesday: Matthew 5:21-26. Why does Jesus say it is so important to be reconciled to your brother? Do you have any one to be reconciled to?

Wednesday: Matthew 5:27-32. Why are God's laws so important? Can we only break his law outwardly?

Thursday: Matthew 5:33-42. Why is it so important for us to do what we say? How should we react to someone who does something to us? How does the world react?

Friday: Matthew 5:43-48. When someone wrongs you, what should your reaction be to them? Do you have someone you could pray for?

Saturday: Romans 12:9-12. How should we treat unbelievers? How should we "respond" to the evil done to us?

## **Week #10: Sermon on the Mount, Part 2**

Sunday: Matthew 6:1-4. What is the attitude of the "hypocrites" in their giving? What should be our attitude in our giving?

Monday: Matthew 6:5-18. What is the attitude of the "hypocrites" when they pray and fast? What should be our attitude when we pray and fast?

Tuesday: Matthew 6:19-24. What should be our attitudes towards worldly riches and treasures?

Wednesday: Matthew 6:25-34. What does Jesus say about being anxious and worrying? Are you anxious or worried about anything? What should you do?

Thursday: Matthew 7:1-6. What should our attitude be when we go to a brother to tell him his sin? Why is it so important?

Friday: Matthew 7:7-12. What can we expect from God when we ask him to do things according to his will?

Saturday: Matthew 7:13-29. What are some ways that Jesus says we can tell who is a Christian? If someone looked at you, could they tell you were a Christian?

## **Week #11: Second Galilean Tour**

Sunday: Luke 7:1-10. What was it that the centurion had that Jesus saw and lead to the healing of the sick slave? Why is it so important? Do you have it?

Monday: Luke 7:11-17. What was the crowds' reaction to Jesus' raising the dead? How do you react to Jesus' miracles?

Tuesday: Luke 7: 18-23. Why is John the Baptist so interested in Jesus' ministry? What did Jesus tell John's disciples to say?

Wednesday: Luke 7:24-35. What are the ways that the people perceive Jesus and John? How do people look upon you?

Thursday: Luke 7:36-50. What does Jesus say about forgiveness?

Friday: Luke 5:17-26. Who has authority to forgive your sins? Why does he have such authority?

Saturday: Matthew 9:1-8. Who has authority to forgive your sins? Praise him in a prayer of thanksgiving.

### **Week #12: Third Galilean Tour**

Sunday: Luke 8:1-3, Matthew 4:23-25. What were some of the things these women did as they followed Jesus? How can you apply them to your life?

Monday: John 5:16-23. What do the Father and the Son have in common?

Tuesday: John 5:24-30. What happens to those who hear the voice of Jesus? v. 25 and vs. 28, 29?

Wednesday: John 5:31-47. Who are those who bear testimony of Jesus? (4) Do you tell others about Jesus?

Thursday: Luke 5:27-32. Who was Levi? Did everybody like him? How did Jesus treat him? How did Levi treat Jesus?

Friday: Luke 5:33-39. What is the contrast in Jesus' parable? How does this apply to the tradition of men?

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### **Week #13: Crowd By the Sea**

Sunday: Matthew 13:1-16. What are the different ways seeds are sown? Why is it important to listen?

Monday: Matthew 13:18-23. Use the same questions from Monday.

Tuesday: Matthew 13:24-30. How can we tell the wheat from the weeds? How can you tell a "real Christian" from a false Christian?

Wednesday: Matthew 13:31-35. How is the Kingdom like a mustard seed? How is the Kingdom like yeast?

Thursday: Mark 4:21-25. Why should you not put a bushel over a light? Is your Christian "light" shining?

Friday: Matthew 13:44-46. How is the Kingdom like a hidden treasure? How is the Kingdom like a precious pearl?

Saturday: Matthew 13:47-52. How is a net like the Kingdom?

### **Week #14: Calming of the Storm**

Sunday: Matthew 8:18-22. What does it cost to follow Jesus? Are you ready to pay the cost?

Monday: Matthew 8:23-27. What was the disciples' response to the storm? What did Jesus say and do? What was the disciples' response?

Tuesday: Psalm 4:1-8. Where does the Lord say he will have us to dwell in spite of our distress?

Wednesday: Jonah 1:1-6. How did these people react to the storm? How do you react to your storms or trials?

Thursday: Mark 5:1-20. How did Jesus free this man? What were the men's reactions to what Jesus did?

Friday: Mark 5:21-34. How can faith make you well? Can faith make you well every time?

Saturday: Mark 5:35-43. What was the reaction of Jesus to the news of the dead girl? Why did they not believe Jesus? Do you believe?

### **Week #15: Mission of the Twelve**

Sunday: Matthew 9:35-38. As Jesus went about into the villages and cities what was his reaction to their condition?

Monday: Matthew 10:1-15. What was Jesus' charge to the twelve?

Tuesday: Matthew 10:16-23. What are some of the things the apostles were to expect as they went forward for Jesus? Can you expect any of these things as you go forward for Jesus?

Wednesday: Matthew 10:24,25. Why is a disciple not above his teacher? What comfort do we have from Jesus as his disciple?

Thursday: Matthew 10:26-31. As we proclaim Jesus to the world, who are we to fear? Why?

Friday: Matthew 10:32-39. What should be our life-fulfilling ambition?

Saturday: Matthew 10:40; 11:1. What is the progression for one who receives our word about the gospel? Can you think of anyone you can share a "cup of cold water" with? Pray for them.

### **Week #16: Feeding of the Five Thousand**

Sunday: Matthew 14:13-21. Contrast the compassion of Jesus and the lack of compassion of the disciples.

Monday: Mark 6:30-44. Why did Jesus and his disciples want to go to a lonely place? Do you ever feel that way as you minister for the Lord? Pray about it.

Tuesday: Psalm 145:1-9. Why does God have compassion for us?

Wednesday: Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 2:6-8. What is the reward for those who persevere to the end? Are you having problems? Share the problems and pray for them.

Thursday: Luke 9:10-17. When faced with the problem of so many hungry people to be fed with so little food, what was the reaction of Jesus? When problems seem impossible, where do you turn?

Friday: Acts 4:23-31. What did the disciples do when they were faced with what seemed to be insurmountable problems? What was God's response?

Saturday: John 6:1-14. After Jesus fed the people, what was their response?