

Touring the New Testament

Matthew – John



Gospels



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PREFACE

Introduction: In this attempt to portray the life of the matchless Son of God, one feels totally inadequate except for knowing that this matchless One lives inside. The Holy Spirit will direct and inspire every thought and word as one walks through this by faith. Words are totally inadequate in describing the Son through whom the worlds and every speck of dust was created. From eternity, He was and is one with the Father seeing this amazing universe being formed. Even now He upholds it all by the Word of His power. The author of Hebrews said “He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.” Heb. 1:3. Words will fail to paint the picture of His compassion, mercy, grace and sacrifice freely given to us His creatures. However, since by His death, and our surrender, we have a new nature and can now attempt to write a survey of the Gospels. The Holy Spirit will be our constant companion to help us lift up Jesus. By His help we will begin to comprehend a speck of the depths of His wisdom and love. This survey will then awaken our zeal to become more like our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ.

God’s Eternal Purpose

Father God’s eternal purpose is to have a Bride for His Son, Jesus, so as you study the life of Jesus, let it not be head knowledge only. Let Him speak to your spirit and lead you into an intimate relationship with the lover of your soul. We will begin to understand what a great price He paid to redeem us by His unconditional love. The more we know of Jesus, His life and how he reacted in every situation, we will have a pattern to follow. Our desire should be to be fully conformed into His image in order to be a suitable bride for God’s Son. It is only by our surrender and the Holy Spirit’s work that we can even attain to this fullness of Him.

His First Coming

The long awaited Savior came in the fullness of time. Roads had to be constructed for the gospel to spread. There had to be relative peace. There was a system of laws by the Romans and a common language namely, Greek. Trade routes through the Middle East were established. The wise men from the East were knowledgeable in astronomy so they could find the baby Jesus. Synagogues were constructed where the Torah was read. The O. T. feasts and festivals were reinstated. A young virgin had to be chosen and groomed. A prophet from a priestly lineage had to be born from an elderly couple. As the Scriptures says: “plans formed long ago in perfect faithfulness.” Isaiah 25:1.

A large number of Jews fled to Egypt after the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. When Alexander the Great founded Alexandria in 332 B.C., almost half of the population was Jewish. They were favored here and soon began to speak Greek which was the language of the city. It was here in Alexandria that the Greek translation of the Old Testament came about. It was called the Septuagint which was available by 180 B.C. Jerusalem was still the city of the great King as

about 50,000 Jews returned here by the decree of Cyrus, king of Persia. The city walls were rebuilt during the great persecution and the religious heritage was somewhat preserved. Instead of a personal relationship with their Creator, the people practiced works at the encouragement and persistence of the leaders. Rival religious sects mainly the Sadducees and Pharisees arose. The Pharisees were most influential in the society. Jesus called them “whitewashed sepulchers” meaning painted white but full of dead bones.

The Silent Years

During the 400 silent years after the Jews were released from captivity in Babylon, they scattered around the world. When Christ came there were large colonies of Jews in every large city in the Roman Empire. Even small towns and villages were inhabited by Jews so that when the first missionaries came, (Paul especially) Jews were there to welcome the visitors and hear what they had to say. The Jews who came back to Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah in the years 536 - 450 B.C. chose to forsake idols and worship the one true God. However, the rabbis soon formed their own set of rules and demanded obedience and honor to their additional creeds. Worship was at the local synagogue in the various villages and towns. There were teachers and interpreters of the law, called scribes and rabbis. The Jewish religion was reduced to a mass of outward ordinances.

The Romans ruled the holy land and set up rulers who collected taxes from the Jews. They reported to Rome and were instructed to stop any rebellion. Herod the Great ruled from 43-1 B.C. over Judea and Samaria. His son, Herod Archelaus was the ruler whom Joseph avoided on arriving in the Holy Land from Egypt. Herod Antipas ruled over Galilee and Perea from 6 B.C. to A.D. 39. Most of the Jews were looking for an earthly king to free them from these rulers.

Some Were Eagerly Waiting

However, there was a remnant of holy, godly Jews who were looking eagerly for the Messiah. This remnant included Zacharias, Elizabeth, Anna, Simeon, Mary and Joseph. This remnant was only given a mere shadow of what was to come when they celebrated the festivals and feasts. Jesus became the visible, real substance, the One who would fulfill all the feasts.

This brief survey of the Gospels is meant to encourage individuals who study the Word and let the Holy Spirit be the guide. May one be transported by our sanctified imagination so we can stand by Christ’s side and hear and see what was happening. He lives in us now! What a mystery!

For a more scholarly treatment of the Gospels, read: “The Life and Teachings of Christ” by Gordon Lindsey, or “Jensen’s Survey of the New Testament by Irving L. Jensen. The New Open Bible by Thomas Nelson Publishers is excellent also.

Why Four Gospels?

One gospel alone would not do justice to the life and ministry of Jesus. The writers gave different perspectives and different impressions of what was happening. This comprehensive picture was tailored to different audiences also. Following are the symbols for the different perspectives.

Matthew is symbolized by a LION which is used to portray Jesus as the King. A lion represents strength, royalty and kingly authority. Matthew records Jesus' legal descent.

Mark is symbolized by a OX representing service, power, a burden bearer and suffering servant. This short gospel emphasizes the healing power of Jesus.

Luke, a physician, pictures the compassionate, sensitive nature of the MAN, Christ Jesus, the Son of Man. Luke records the most unusual parables and heartfelt prayers.

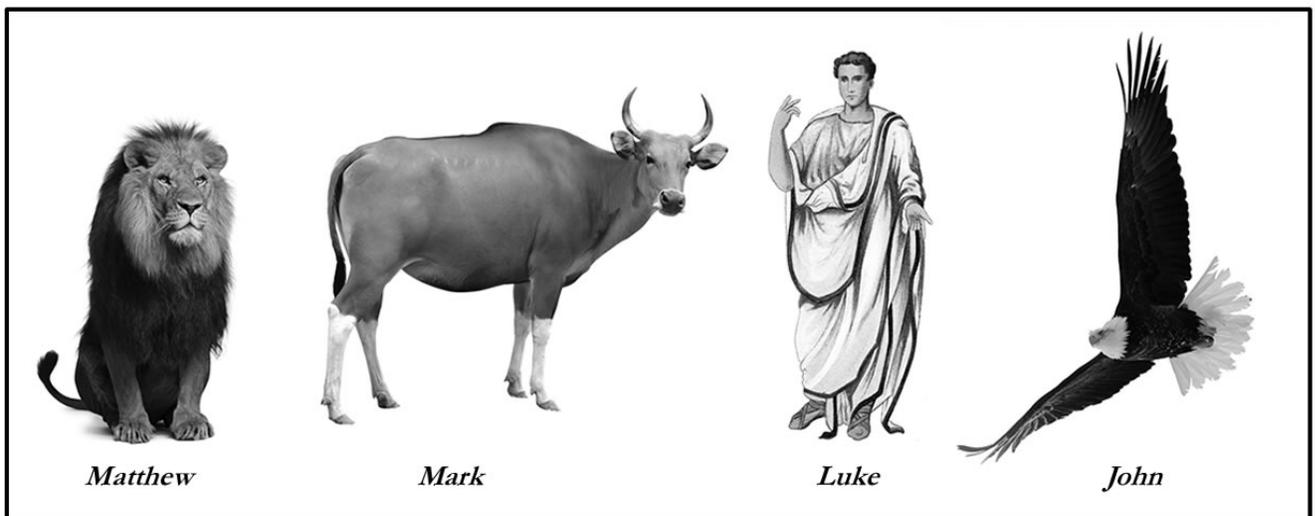
John's gospel is represented by an EAGLE which symbolizes the deity of Jesus, the One who came from the heavenlies. John had a deeper understanding of Jesus' mission as the One who came from above to bring mankind into this new kingdom. John's gospel was meant for all mankind regardless of culture.

As King

As Servant

As Man

As Deity



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MATTHEW

Author: Matthew, a tax collector from Capernaum. He was not well liked because he represented the ruling Roman government. He was personally called by Jesus and responded quickly. He soon gave a large reception for Jesus by inviting many of his Jewish friends. Matthew writes to the Jewish audience knowing most were looking for an earthly king, therefore he begins his narrative with the genealogy of the kingly line beginning with Abraham. The symbol for this gospel is the LION. Matthew continues the genealogy through King David to Joseph the husband of Mary. The Jews were wondering about His attitude toward the Old Testament law. Matthew's gospel is the link between the Old and New Testaments. Matthew uses more quotes from the Old Testament than any other book, almost 130 references. The term "Kingdom of Heaven" appears 28 times in Matthew's gospel. It was written and distributed by 53 A.D.

Setting: the events described in Matthew's account took place from 5 B.C. to 33 A.D. The location was Palestine, a cross roads of ancient civilization for both commerce and exchange of ideas. Ships brought goods from Europe and silks came from the Silk Road which started in China. Greek mythology, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism already started. Herod Archelaus was ruler in Palestine. See the introduction notes.

Theme: Jesus is the King of Israel and the promised messianic King.

Survey: Overview

I. The Presentation of the King

II. The Proclamation of the King

III. The Passion of the King

I. The Presentation of the King

Chapters 1, 2

Genealogy and Birth

1:1- 17 Genealogy: Matthew begins his record starting from Abraham, the one with whom God made His first covenant with Israel. Jesus is called the son of David. Joseph was Jesus' legal father only. Luke's gospel begins the genealogy with Adam, recognizing the supernatural virgin birth of the Son of God ending with Adam "of God". Jewish readers of Matthew's gospel knew Old Testament history which made this genealogy important.

1:18 Birth of Jesus, Joseph's dream about Mary's purity, fulfillment of Isaiah 7: 4. Arrival of Magi and Herod's scheme, Magi warned in dream and Joseph receives a dream, babies slain, and Joseph returns to Nazareth.

Chapter 3

John the Baptist presents the King

3: 1 John is the voice crying in the wilderness foretold by Isaiah 40:3

3:7 John rebukes religious leaders about real repentance.

3:13 Jesus is baptized with verification of voice from heaven. "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Chapter 4

The wilderness temptations

4:1 Temptation to make bread from stones, then throw Himself down and thirdly, worship the devil. Jesus replies: "It is written..."

4:11 The devil leaves and angels minister to Jesus.

II. The Proclamation of the King

Chapter 4 continued

Jesus begins His Ministry

4:13 Jesus settles in area of Zebulun and Naphtali fulfilling prophetic word from Isaiah 9:1. *The Land of Zebulun and the Land of Naphtali... the people who walked in great darkness saw a great light...*

4:17 Jesus preaches repentance for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

4:18 Jesus calls His first disciples saying: "I will make you fishers of men."

Chapters 5-7

The Beatitudes

5:1-13 Blessed are the poor, mourners, the gentle, those who hunger after righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted for righteousness sake, those who are insulted and accused falsely for great is the reward in heaven.

Picture yourself sitting on the grassy slope of a hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee. You are surprised at the words Jesus spoke. He spoke blessings, not at all like the Pharisees.

5:17 He said that He did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it.

5:27 Rules for a clean eye and hands. Not to be taken literally but figuratively. No lust.

6:9 The Lord's prayer

6:19-34 Trust Him for all provision. Use faith and seek righteousness.

7:1 Do not judge others but take the beam out of your own eye.

7:7 How to ask, seek, knock and receive. It shall be given and opened to you.

7:15 Beware of false prophets. They will be known by their fruits.

7:21 Do we have an intimate relationship with the Lord? Miraculous signs are not the sign of an intimate friendship with the Lord. Does He really know us? What is lawlessness?

Chapter 8:

Miracles begin

Power over the flesh

8:2 A leper asks for healing saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

8:5 The centurion's servant is healed as a result of great faith and his understanding about authority. (See also Luke 7:1-10)

8:17, 18 Jesus healed all... in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "*He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases.*" Isaiah 53:4 This is a very important reference from the Old Testament. Jesus is still fulfilling this now.

8:22 Follow Me and allow the dead (spiritually) to bury their own dead.

Power over the weather

8:23-27 Jesus rebukes His disciples for lack of faith and then rebukes the storm. The disciples are amazed. (see also Mark 4:35, Luke 8:22-25)

Power over demons

8:28-34 Two demonized men cry out. Demons know they have an allotted time and ask to be cast into the pigs. Jesus says "Begone" and the pigs rush down the hill and drown. (see also Mark 5: 1-17, Luke 8 :26-37).

Chapter 9

Miracles continue

9:1 Jesus demonstrates His authority again over sickness. He saw the paralytic man's faith and read the minds of the scribes. This man's sickness was related to unforgiveness. Jesus has authority to forgive sins also. The paralytic man arose healed. People were amazed.

9:18-25 A synagogue official's request is interrupted by a woman with an issue of blood. Jesus heals the woman and then went to raise the official's daughter from the dead. (See also Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8: 41-56).

9:27-31 Two blind men are healed after demonstrating faith.

9:32-34 A demon possessed dumb man is healed.

Chapter 10

Twelve sent out with instructions

10:6 Go to lost sheep of Israel, proclaim the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons, give freely.

10:16-31 You will be persecuted but do not worry about what to say.

10:39 *He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.* This principle is also repeated in Chapter 16:25 (Nate Saint, the man martyred by the Auca Indians said: "It is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.")

Chapter 11

Rejection begins

11:2 John the Baptist is put in prison and sends a delegation to Jesus asking if Jesus was the expected one. John needs reassurance. Jesus replies: *“Go report to John what you hear and see, the blind and lame are healed, lepers cleansed, the deaf hear and the dead are resurrected. Blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over Me.* (For us personally, don’t be discouraged when the ones you pray for are not healed or great hardship comes, we must keep our eyes on Jesus.)

11:12 The kingdom of heaven suffers (permits) violence and violent men take it by force.

11:28-30 *Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest, take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

Chapter 12

Controversies with the Pharisees Concerning Sabbath observance

12:1-8 The disciples plucked and ate from the fields. Jesus reminded them of King David eating the bread from the tabernacle. Jesus said that He, as the son of man was Lord of the Sabbath.

12:9-13 The man with a withered hand is healed on the Sabbath.

12:14 The Pharisees make plans to kill Jesus. He departs and continues healing all.

12:18 Description of Jesus’ call from Isaiah 42:1-4.

Concerning working with the devil (see also Mark 3:22-29, Luke 11:17-23)

12:31 Pharisee commit the unpardonable sin which is saying that Jesus is working with the devil. (Anyone who is worried that they have committed this sin, need not worry. Just this worry is evidence that they have the Holy Spirit.)

12:37 Jesus speaks about the importance of words: *“For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.”*

Concerning signs and wonders

12:38 The Pharisees ask for a sign and Jesus rebukes them pointing to the sign of Jonah. Jesus said that someone greater than Jonah and Solomon is here.

12:43 Instructions of how to keep a house (person) clean after this person has been freed from a demon. (Person must read the Word daily, pray, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.)

Chapter 13

Parables

Parable of the soils (see also Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15).

13:4-8 Seeds by the road were eaten by birds, other seeds on rocky places, other seeds fell among thorns, other seeds on good soil, yielding 100, 60 or 30 fold fruit.

13:13 Jesus explains why He speaks in parables quoting Is. 6:9.

13:19 Jesus explains the meaning of the parable.

Parable of the wheat and tares

13:24 Good seed sown but enemy sowed tares. Landowner reaps tares first, then wheat.

Parable of mustard seed

13:31 Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which became a tree.

Parable of the leaven

13:33 Kingdom of heaven is like leaven sown in three pecks of meal.

Jesus explains meaning of parable of tares (only in Matthew).

Parables of hidden treasure, pearl of great price, the dragnet and the head of the household. (only in Matthew).

Jesus is rejected at Nazareth (see also Mark 6:1-6).

13:57 They took offense at Him. He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14

John the Baptist is murdered (see explanation in Mark 6:17-29)

Jesus feeds 5,000 and has twelve baskets full of leftovers. (see also Mark 6:32-44, Luke 9:11-17, John 6:1-13).

Jesus walks on water. Peter steps out in faith but begins to sink. Jesus rescues him and says: *“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”* The disciples are awe struck. Mark adds more details. (see also Mark 6:45-53, John 6:16-21).

14:36 People wanted to touch the fringe of His cloak; as many as touched were cured.

Chapter 15

Tradition is questioned (see also Mark 7:1-23)

Scribes and Pharisees did not honor their parents saying their gifts were for God only rather than for helping their needy parents. He also called them blind guides for the blind.

Jesus feeds 4,000 besides women and children (see also Mark 8:1-10)

15:32 Jesus feels compassion for the hungry. He multiplies seven loaves and a few fish. Seven large baskets full of leftovers picked up.

Chapter 16

16:16 Peter says that Jesus *“is the Christ, the Son of the living God.”* Jesus says *“You are Peter (a little rock) and upon this (big) rock (his confession), I will build My church.”* (See also Mark 8:27-33 the same incident which includes Peter’s rebuke from the Lord.)

16:27, 28 Jesus prophesies His Second Coming.

Chapter 17

Jesus is transfigured, talking with Moses and Elijah about the future.

17:1-13 (see especially Mark 9:2-13 and Luke 9:28,36).

An epileptic is healed (see also Mark 9:14-29, Luke 9:37-42).

17:16-21 Jesus rebuked the demon and the boy was healed. The disciples ask why they could not cast it out. Jesus answers: *“Because of the littleness of your faith... if you had faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it shall move and nothing shall be impossible to you. This kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting.”*

Chapter 18

Instruction about humility and not giving and taking offense (see also Mark 9:33-37, Luke 9:46-48)

18:3 *“Unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

18:10 *“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven.”*

Parable of the lost sheep. (see also Luke 15:1-4).

18:14 *“It is not the will of your Father in heaven who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.”*

Instructions for treating an offended brother (only in this Gospel)

18:15 Reprove him in private, if he does not listen to you, take two or three witnesses. If he still does not agree, go to the church. If he still does not agree, let him be as a Gentile and a tax gatherer. Of course, talk in humility.

Instructions about forgiveness (only in this Gospel)

18:21-35 Parable of king who wished to settle an account with the one who owed him money. The king forgave the entire account. However, this forgiven man would not forgive another man that owed him money. The report came to the first man who forgave, who then chastised the second man who would not forgive a lesser amount. The unforgiving man was handed over to the torturers. Jesus said: *“So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”*

Chapter 19

Instructions about divorce (see also Mark 10: 1-16)

Rich young ruler (see also Luke 18:18-30 and Mark 10:17-27) Mark’s Gospel adds that Jesus looked at him with love! This young man had evidently kept the law religiously but did not have a relationship with Father God. Jesus came to show them how to have this relationship.

19:24 *It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.* The incident tells us that following Jesus will cost us a great deal, but with Him all things are possible. Poverty is not a condition of discipleship for the love of money is the root of all evil. Peter is discouraged and asks about his reward. Jesus answers:

19:29 *“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.”*

Chapter 20

Parable of the Laborers (only in this Gospel)

20:1-16 A landowner hired laborers for his vineyard some who came early and others at various hours. He agreed to pay them a certain wage. When pay time came all received the same wage. Those who had worked all day complained that they had worked through the heat of the day and received the same amount. The owner replies:

20:13-15 *“Friend, I am doing you no wrong, did you not agree with me for a denarius...go your way...Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish, with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous? Thus the last shall be first and the first last.”*

Jesus warns about ambition (see also Mark 10:35-45)

The mother of James and John ask Jesus what position they will have in His coming kingdom. Jesus replies that she does not know what she is talking about and adds did she and her sons know that they had to drink a cup (of suffering) as He would do. He also said that they would drink a similar cup and adds:

20:26 *“Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Healing of the blind men (see also Mark 10: 46-52, Luke 18:35-43)

III. The Passion of the King

Chapter 21

The Triumphal entry (see also Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:29-38, John 12:12-15)

21:2 Jesus instructs His disciples to go get a colt and bring it to Him. This fulfills Zechariah 9:9 *Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your king is coming to you, He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'* Then the people spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from trees and spread them on the road. As Jesus rode on the donkey, they cried: *"Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."* This fulfilled Ps. 118:26.

Luke records here that Jesus wept over the city. See Luke 19: 41-44

21:12 Jesus then enters and casts out the money changers again saying: *"It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a robbers' den."* Isa. 56:7, Jer. 7:11

21:14 The blind and the lame came to Him and were healed. The chief priest became very angry. Jesus rebukes them saying: *"Yes, have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou hast prepared praise for Thyself?'"* Ps. 8:2

Jesus curses the fig tree

21:21,22 *"If you have faith and do not doubt, you shall not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it shall happen. 'And all things you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.'"*

Jesus continues to teach

Parable of the landowner (see also Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20: 9-19)

21:33-44 A landowner planted a vineyard, rented it out expecting to receive profits. The slave sent to get the profits was killed. The next group of slaves were also killed. The owner finally sent his son to get the profits. He also was killed. Jesus likened the wicked men to those who had rejected Him saying to the chief priests: *"Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief cornerstone; this came about from the Lord and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" Therefore I say to you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it; and he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."*

Beginning here in Matthew, Chapter 22, I will include only the unique writings that are found in Matthew's account of the life of Jesus. Mark and Luke together with Matthew are called the Synoptic Gospels because they are similar in content.

Chapter 22

Parable of the Marriage Feast

22:1-14 The kingdom of heaven was likened to a wedding feast to which many guests were invited. The invited ones refused to come for various reasons and they even killed the servants who had invited them. So the host sent other servants to the highways to invite others and they found many who came and sat down. When the king came, he noticed one man did not have on proper clothing, so he ordered him cast out to outer darkness. This parable fully portrayed how the Pharisees and other groups had rejected the King and the condemnation coming to them.

Chapter 23

Jesus condemns the Pharisees

23:13 Woe because you shut off the kingdom of heaven for yourselves and others.

23:14 Woe because you devour widow's houses, and make pretence in prayer.

23:15 Woe because you proselytize and make these as son's of hell like yourselves.

23: 16 Woe because of their perverted swearing about the temple, the altar and God.

23: 23 Woe because they tithe but neglected more important matters such as mercy.

23: 25 Woe because they clean the outside of the dish but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

23: 27 Woe, you are like whitewashed tombs, but full of dead men's bones such as hypocrisy.

23:29 Woe, you have built tombs for the prophets, but you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Jesus said that more prophets would come and they would be killed and persecuted. Because of this the guilt of innocent blood has fallen on them and the sentence of hell.

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem (see also Luke 19:41-44, however Matthew has more details.)

23:37-30 Jesus is heartbroken over His reception in Jerusalem and how they killed the prophets saying He would have liked to gather them as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but they were unwilling. Now their house would be left desolate." *From now on you shall not see Me until you say. 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'*"

Chapter 24

Unique Words

24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations and then the end shall come.*

24:36 *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.*

Chapter 25

Parable of the ten virgins

25:1-13 Ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom. Five had oil in their lamps and five did not have oil. When the bridegroom came, the five wise virgins trimmed their lamps and went with the bridegroom to the wedding feast because they were ready. The five foolish virgins asked the wise virgins for oil and were refused. The five foolish virgins were refused entrance by the bridegroom because He did not know them.

Parable of the talents

25:14-30 A man gave out talents of various amounts to his slaves and gave them instructions to use the talents according to their abilities. The most faithful slave was given more talents. The unfaithful slave was condemned to outer darkness.

Judgment of the Gentiles

25:31-44 The Gentiles will be judged according to their acts of kindness on the hungry, thirsty, homeless, those in prison or those without clothing. It is He to whom we minister when we do these acts of kindness.

25:45 *Truly, I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me; and these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous unto eternal life.*

Chapters 26-27

Will be covered in Mark, Luke or John.

Chapter 28**Some unique words**

28:9, 10 Jesus greeted the women who worshipped Him and said: *“Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they shall see Me.”*

28:11-15 The chief priests and elders gave a large bribe to the guards from the tomb so that they would say that the body of Jesus was stolen while they were asleep.

28:16-20 The eleven disciples went to Galilee and worshipped Jesus but some doubted. Jesus spoke to them saying: *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

End of Matthew’s Gospel

MARK

Author: Mark was the son of Mary, a godly woman,(Acts 12:12) and was also called John Mark. He wrote his book particularly to the Romans. The Roman mind was impressed more by action and power rather than talk. This gospel shows rapid action, and vivid detail and compassion. The symbol for Mark was the OX, the burden bearer and the worker. The Lord is represented in Mark's Gospel as an active, compassionate, obedient servant who constantly ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of others. Mark traveled with Barnabas and Saul and was sent out from Antioch. At one point Mark left the team and returned home. Paul was disappointed with Mark but Paul later says that Mark was with him while imprisoned in Rome. Also, in Paul's later years he wrote tenderly of Mark as being the "only one with him." II Tim. 4:11. The most distinctive word in this gospel is "immediately" used forty times. Mark was not an eyewitness to the events he records. It seems that Peter told him the events because Peter called Mark his son. I Peter 5:13. However, Mark may have been a witness to some of the events.

Setting: Mark wrote this account while he was in Rome. He was possibly there after Nero, the Roman emperor, who was worshipped as a god, had Rome burned in A.D. 64. Nero had the fires started and then blamed the Christians. Mark may have written his gospel to encourage the persecuted Christians. The introduction to the Gospels before Matthew's account also pertains to the setting of Mark's gospel.

Theme: The theme is expressed in Mark 10:44,45 *And whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.* Namely: servant-hood.

Survey: Overview

I. The Service of Jesus

II. The Sacrifice of Jesus

III. The Triumph of Jesus

I. The Service of Jesus

Chapter 1

Presentation

1:1-13 John the Baptist presents Jesus followed by the wilderness experience.

1:14-20 Jesus speaks about the kingdom and calls the disciples.

1:21-45 record of demons cast out, Peter's mother-in-law is healed and many others healed including a leper. (see also Matthew 8 and Luke 5)

Chapter 2

More healings, Matthew's call, the parable of the cloth and new wineskins and the controversy over Sabbath work. (see also Matthew 8, 9 and Luke 5,6).

Chapter 3

Controversies with the Pharisees

3:1-5 Healing on the Sabbath

3:6 Pharisees plan to destroy Jesus

3:10 Jesus healed all who touched Him because of afflictions. *Even those with unclean spirits would fall down before Him and cry out saying: "You are the son of God."* Jesus tells them earnestly not to make Him known because He didn't want crowds who came to see miracles only, He wanted to teach them about the Kingdom, repentance, and have time with His disciples alone. He had great compassion on the sick but His mission was to teach and see inner transformation. Even now many people are healed but there is no inner transformation. Our goal is to be like Jesus, become a spotless Bride.

3:13-19 Jesus calls His disciples

3:20 His own people wanted to take custody of Him because they thought He had lost His mind.

3:22-29 The scribes commit the unpardonable sin: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of eternal sin. Namely, the unpardonable sin is accusing Jesus of working with the devil.

3:35 Jesus said this about His family: *Whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.*

Chapter 4

Parable of the soils found also in Matt. 13: 1-23, Luke 8:4-15.

Parable of the growing seed found only in Mark 4:26-29

The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil. And goes to bed at night... the seed sprouts up, grows, he himself does not know. The soil produces crops by itself, first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. But when the crop permits, he immediately put in the sickle, because the harvest has come.

Chapter 5

The miracles of the demons cast into swine, Jairus' daughter's resurrection, and the woman with the issue of blood are covered in Matthew chapter 9.

Chapter 6

6:4-6 Jesus was rejected at Nazareth. *A prophet is not without honor except in his home town and among his own relatives and in his own household.* As a result: *He could do no miracles there except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And He wondered at their unbelief.*

The twelve are sent out. See Matthew 10: 1-42 for more details.

John the Baptist is beheaded

6:14-29 John had rebuked Herod because he had taken his brother's wife, Herodias. She had a daughter who delighted Herod when she danced at his birthday party with his guests. Herod made a rash promise to the girl who asked her mother what she should ask for. Her mother told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod was embarrassed in front of his guests but gave the order and it was obeyed. The disciples came and took the body away and laid it in a tomb.

Jesus walks on water. Mark gives more details here than in Matthew 14:22-33.

6:48-53 The disciples were straining at the oars. Jesus was walking on the sea and intended to pass them by. Matthew adds: *Peter asked for permission to come to Jesus on the water to which Jesus replied: Come.* Peter got out of the boat but began to sink. Jesus rescued him. When he got into the boat, the wind stopped. Mark continues: *The disciples had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened.* Is that like us when big storms arise?

Chapter 7

7:1-13 Jesus talked about the tradition of the elders being worthless in light of the true meaning of the Scripture. The elders invalidated the word of God by their actions of not taking care of their parents.

7: 15 *There is nothing outside the man which going into him can defile him, but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.*

7:21-23 *For from within out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.*

Syrophenician's (Gentile's) daughter is healed. (See the miracle in Matt. 15:21-28)

7:24-30 This woman's daughter was demon possessed. When seeing Him, she fell at His feet and called Jesus, the Son of David. Matthew adds that the disciples asked Him to send her away because she was shouting at them. At one point Jesus answered her not a word. Finally, Jesus said *He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* The woman continued to bow down to Him and said: *"Lord, help me."* Jesus said it was *not good take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.* Even this did not discourage her. She answered: *Yes, Lord but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs. And He said to her, "Because of this answer, go your way. The demon has gone out of your daughter."* Going back home she found her daughter healed. Matthew 15:28 includes these words from Jesus: *"O woman, your faith is great."*

7:31-37 A deaf and dumb man was brought to Jesus. Jesus took him aside from the multitudes, put His finger in his ear and after spitting, He touched his tongue with saliva. Jesus looked up to heaven and spoke: *Be opened!* Then his ears were opened and his speech was healed. The multitudes were astonished, *saying He does all things well.*

Chapter 8

The 5,000 fed (is noted in Matthew's account, Chapter 15.)

Blind man from Bethsaida is healed (only in Mark's gospel)

8:22-26 A blind man from Bethsaida was brought to Jesus. Jesus took him out of the village, and after spitting in his eyes, and laying His hands upon him, He asked him. *Do you see anything?* The man replied that he saw men like trees walking about. Jesus again laid His hands upon the man and his sight was totally restored. Jesus told him not to enter the village. Why?

In Matthew 11:21-24 Jesus had said *Woe, to you Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago. It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you.* Jesus also said that it would be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for Capernaum. These cities had seen many miracles, but were without faith. That is why Jesus took the man out of the village.

Peter's confession of Christ (see also Matt. 16:13-23, in which Jesus calls Peter a little rock. Peter's confession was the big rock upon which the church would be built.)

8:27-33 Jesus asked Peter: *Who do you say that I am?* Peter said: *Thou art the Christ.* After this Jesus began to teach that He must suffer, at which time Peter rebuked the Lord. Jesus turned and said: *Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.*

The cost of discipleship

8:34-38 *If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me....For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.*

Chapter 9

The Transfiguration

9:1-13 Jesus brought Peter, James and John up to a high mountain and was transformed. His garments became exceedingly white. Elijah and Moses appeared with Him and were talking. Peter made a proposal to make three tabernacles there. A cloud came and then a voice from heaven said: *This is My Beloved Son, listen to Him!* Suddenly Moses and Elijah disappeared. As they walked down the mountain, Jesus began to explain to them about His coming death and resurrection. When the disciples asked about Elijah, Jesus said: *Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him.* (Jesus here was referring to John the Baptist who came in the spirit of Elijah. This will happen before Jesus comes again. Elijah's spirit will be evident again.)

9:23 Concerning the demonized boy Jesus said: *All things are possible to him who believes.* Jesus commanded the spirit to *come out and do not enter him again.*

Servant-hood explained by taking a child in His arms, defending another one who cast out demons in His name and the reward for giving a cup of cold water. (only in this gospel)

9:37 *Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me.*

9: 39 *Do not hinder him, for there is no one who shall perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is for us.*

9:41 *For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.*

Warning about lack of purity and the consequences

9:42-50 As in the beatitudes Jesus again warned about purity and adds here the possibility of going to the place *Where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.* The hand, the foot and the eye must be used in purity or it is better that those parts be cut off (figuratively). In the beatitudes, the heart is guilty if controlled by evil thoughts. Matt. 5:27-30.

Chapter 10

10:1-12 The Pharisees asked Jesus his thoughts on divorce. Jesus replied: *What did Moses command you?* Moses permitted divorce. Jesus added that it happened because of hardness of heart. Then He said that God intended for them to stay together with the man leaving his father and mother and cleaving to his wife so that they become one flesh. He said they should not separate. See other instruction given by Paul in I Corinthians 7:10-16 especially verse 15.

10:13-14 Children were brought to Jesus. He said: *Permit the children to come to Me for the kingdom belongs to such as these.*

10:15 *Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all.*

10:29-31 Jesus repeats the reward for those who have given up so much for following Him: eternal life. Here He adds that persecutions will follow and that *many that are first will be last and the last first.*

Blind Bartimaeus is healed

10:46-52 He was sitting beside and road and hearing Jesus was coming he cried out: *Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.* Others told him to be quiet but he cried out all the more. Jesus noticed him and the man jumped up and left his cloak behind. Jesus asked him; *What do you want me to do for you?* The man replied that he wanted his sight. Jesus said: *Go your way, your faith has made you well.* Then the man could see!

II. The Sacrifice of Jesus

Chapter 11

The Triumphal Entry, the fig tree and the cleansing of the temple is covered in Matt. 21 and Luke 21.

Requirements of faith

11:23-24 *Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be cast into the sea... and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that whatever he says is going to happen, it shall be granted him.*

Forgiveness necessary

11:25,26

Chapter 12

Parable of the landowner (see Matthew's account in this tour. Chapter 21:33-46)

Questions about marriage in heaven

12:18-27 Sadducees questioned Jesus about the woman who was married one at a time to seven brothers after each one died. They asked to whom would the woman be married in heaven? Jesus told them they did not understand the Scriptures: *for when they rise from the*

dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven... I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are greatly mistaken.

What is the greatest commandment?

12:28-34 When questioned Jesus replied : *Hear oh Israel, the Lord our God is one God, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You shall love your neighbor as your self.*

Jesus condemns the leaders (see Matthew's account in this tour Chapter 23, where Jesus condemns them 8 times.)

Jesus commends the poor widow who gave

12:41-44 A poor widow was observed putting two small coins into the treasury while many rich people put in large sums. Jesus said: *Truly I say to you this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury... she out of her poverty put in all she owned...*

Chapter 13

The Tribulation time (see also Matt. 24:4-26, Luke 21: 8-24).

13:5-22 There will be wars, famines, earthquakes, persecutions. *This gospel must first be preached to all the nations. You will see the abominations of desolations standing where it should not be. You will flee to the mountains. False Christs and false prophets will arise.*

13:24-27 *After the tribulation, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light and the stars will be falling... and then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory and angels will gather...*

13:31 *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.*

13:32-37 *But of that day or hour no one knows... be on the alert!*

Chapter 14

Mary anoints Jesus (see a more complete account in John 12:2-11).

Passover prepared, celebrated and Judas' denial predicted

14:12-25 Jesus gave His disciples instructions on finding the guest room. All reclined and Jesus said that one would betray Him, in fact it would be the one who was dipping with Him in the bowl. Woe, to him, Jesus said. Then Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples saying: *Take it, this is my body.* Afterward, He took the cup and said: *This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many...I shall never again drink the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.*

14:26-31 After singing a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives. Jesus said: *You all will fall away...but after I have been raised, I will go before you into Galilee.* Peter denied this word and said he would not fall away. Jesus replied: *This very night before the cock crows twice, (you) shall three times deny Me.*

Jesus prays in Gethsemane and Judas comes

14:32-37 Jesus went to the garden and asked His disciples to pray with Him but they fell asleep. Jesus asked His Father that if it were possible could this hour pass Him by. His soul was deeply grieved . He said: *Abba Father all things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me, yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt.* Jesus found His disciples sleeping and asked if they could not watch one hour? Jesus then knew the time had come for Him to be betrayed.

Judas then came with the chief priests, scribes and elders. He planted a kiss on Jesus' face and the soldiers seized Him. The high priest had his ear cut off by Peter. (Matt26:51-54) Jesus acknowledged that this was happening so that Scripture might be fulfilled.

The Sanhedrin tries Jesus

14:53-65 Peter followed at a distance into the courtyard. The scribes tried to find witnesses against Jesus but none of their stories agreed. Then they asked Jesus if He was the Christ. Jesus answered: *I am and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.* At this point the scribes accused Jesus of blasphemy, began to spit at Him, blindfold Him and beat Him.

Peter denies Jesus

14: 66-72 A servant girl and some bystanders accused Peter of being a friend of Jesus. Peter began to curse and swear saying that he did not know Jesus. Immediately the cock crowed and Peter remembered the words of Jesus when He said that Peter would deny Him before the cock crowed twice. Matthew 26:75 and Luke 22:62 say that Peter then went out and wept bitterly.

Chapter 15

Pilate tries Jesus

15:1-14 Jesus was led away to Pilate and Jesus was asked if He is the King of the Jews. Jesus answered: *It is as you say.* Even though charges were made against Jesus, He answered no more. It was the custom at that time to release one prisoner during the feast. Pilate asked the crowd whom he should release. They answered: Barabbas, a known murderer. Pilate then asked what should be done with Jesus. The crowd answered: *Crucify Him.* Pilate said: *What evil has He done?*

Jesus is beaten and taken to Golgotha

15:15-41 Jesus was given a purple robe and a crown of thorns for His head. They continued to beat, mock, scourge and spit at Him. He was given the cross to carry to Golgotha. Simon of Cyrene was pressed into service to carry the cross. (see also Matt.27:26-34, Luke 23:24-32 and John 19: 17-37). John's gospel records the words Jesus spoke on the cross.

Jesus is crucified

15:24-36 His garment was divided by lot and a sign was put above his head: **The King of the Jews.** Others kept mocking but at the sixth hour, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. Jesus then cried: *My God, My God why hast Thou forsaken Me?* Jesus then uttered a loud cry and the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion who saw Jesus give His last breath, said: *Truly, this man was the Son of God!*

Jesus is buried

15:42-47 Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he was given permission, he took the body of Jesus down from the cross, wrapped it in a linen cloth, laid Him in a tomb and rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Two women named Mary saw where Jesus was laid.

III. The Triumph of Jesus

Chapter 16

The resurrection

16:1-8 Early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome, brought spices to the tomb in order to anoint the body of Jesus. They wondered who would roll away the stone, but when they arrived they saw the stone was already rolled away. They entered the tomb and saw a young man sitting at the right wearing a white robe. The (angel) says: *He has risen, He is not here. Go tell His disciples and Peter, He is going before you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as he said to you.*

Jesus appears to them

16:9-14 Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene, who went to report the good news to the disciples, but they did not believe her. After that Jesus appeared to two men as they were walking along the road. Later Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they were reclining at a table and He reproved them for their unbelief.

The Great Commission

16:15-18 Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. And these signs shall accompany those who have believed; in My name they shall cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them; and they shall lay hands on the sick and they will recover.

The ascension

16:19,20 He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

End of Mark's Gospel

LUKE

Author: Luke, the physician, who was a close associate and travelling companion of Paul, was most likely not an eyewitness to the events he describes but relied on other's testimonies and written accounts. He was skilled in the Greek language. Tradition says that he was from Syrian Antioch, remained unmarried and died at age 84. This gospel and the book of Acts were written to Theophilus. Luke writes about the humanity of Jesus Christ therefore this gospel shows Jesus Christ as a MAN full of compassion, grace and mercy. Luke gives the most complete account of Christ's ancestry, birth, development, feelings and humanity. Luke had a heart for the downtrodden, women, children, poor, and the Samaritans. Luke was a man of prayer and writes more of Christ's praying than the other gospels. He wrote three parables on prayer. He was also a man moved to praise and thanksgiving. He records more glorifying praise to God, which words were later made into songs. Examples:

Ave Maria 1:28-31
 Magnificat 1:46-56 (Mary's song)
 Benedictus 1:68-79 (Zacharius' prophesy)
 Gloria in Excelsis 2:14 (angel's song)
 Nune Dimittis 2:29-32 (Simeon's prayer)

Luke ends his gospel on a high note also: 24:52, 53 *And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God.*

Setting: Luke, being a man of great detail, investigated many of the stories and possibly rumors of the life of Jesus. He wanted to give an accurate account of the happenings for the Greek mind. Luke explains Jewish customs and geography to his Greek readers. Theophilus was a man of high social standing who could influence many Greeks with this accurate account.

Theme: Jesus is the perfect Son of Man who come to seek and to save those who were lost. Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

Survey Overview

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I. The Introduction of the Son of Man

Chapter 1

1:5-25 Zacharias entered the temple and an angel appeared to him with the message that he and his wife would have a baby. He was also told the destiny of this child. Zacharias doubted the words from Gabriel so he was made dumb.

1:26-28 The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary proclaiming that she would have a son by the Holy Spirit and what this child's destiny would be. She erupted in praise saying: *For nothing will be impossible with God... be it done unto me according to your word.*

1:39-56 Mary was led to visit Elizabeth whose baby leaped in her womb when Mary arrived. Elizabeth and Mary praised God for the great things which would happen as a result of these births.

1:57-79 When Elizabeth's baby was born Zacharias named him John and as a result his tongue was loosed. He then prophesied the destiny of their son. He also said that salvation and forgiveness of sins would come to their nation and a light from on high would shine upon them.

Chapter 2

Christ is born

2:1-7 Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem to register for a census. Mary gave birth in a stable because there was no room in any inn.

2:8-20 An angel appeared to shepherds who were tending their flocks in the field. The angel said: *Fear not for I bring you tidings of great joy for today in the city of David there has been born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord... you shall find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.* Suddenly there was a host of angels singing: *Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.* The shepherds then found the baby Jesus and worshiped Him.

Christ is presented at the temple, Simeon and Anna prophesy

2:21-40 The baby Jesus was brought to the temple to be circumcised fulfilling the law of Moses. Simeon, a righteous and devout man, who was looking for the Messiah, received a word from the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. When the parents brought in the baby, Simeon takes the baby Jesus in his arms and proclaims: *For my eyes have seen Thy salvation... a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.* Anna also came into the temple at that very moment and began to give thanks and spoke to many. (Possibly Jesus and his parents lived in Bethlehem for a while and the wise men came with their gifts. Jesus was later taken to Nazareth where he spent time learning to be a carpenter.)

Jesus later returns to Jerusalem for the Passover as a twelve year old boy

2:39-52 Jesus stayed behind after his parents left. They became concerned for him and three days later found Him in the temple discussing things with the elders. Jesus answered that He was doing His Father's business. Jesus then went with them back to Nazareth where He *kept increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.*

Chapter 3

Ministry of John the Baptist (see especially Luke 3:1-20)

Luke's genealogy ending with Adam (3:23-38)

Temptations in the Wilderness (see also Matt. 4:1-11)

II. The Ministry of the Son of Man

Chapter 4

Rejection at Nazareth.

4:16-30 When the book of Isaiah was handed Jesus while in the synagogue, Jesus read: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.* He then closed the book gave it back and sat down, then added: *Today this Scripture has been fulfilled to your hearing.* Jesus added other remarks and the people were filled with rage. They then brought Him to a hill and tried to throw Him down the cliff, but Jesus *passing through their midst, He went His way.*

Chapter 5

Disciples called and an amazing catch of fish (fish story only in Luke)

5:1-11 Jesus began teaching from a boat in the water. He noticed fishermen laboring with no success. He told them to *Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.* Simon Peter protested but said: *at your bidding I will let down the nets.* James and John came in their boat to relieve Peter because his net was so full and the fish filled their boat too. Jesus then called Peter James and John to follow Him and be fishers of men.

Chapter 6

6:35 *But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return and your reward will be great...*

6:38 *Give and it will be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together. Running over, they will pour into your lap, for by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.*

Parable of the speck in one's eye

6:39-45 Don't say to your brother, let me take the speck out of your eye. Rather: *First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye...Each tree is known by its own fruit.*

6: 47 *Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts upon them, I will show you whom he is like: a man who built upon a rock whose house will not collapse during the flood. If there is no solid foundation (of acting and speaking the Word) the house will be destroyed during the flood (of tribulation, hardship.)*

Chapter 7

A widow's son is raised

7:11-16 Jesus entered the city of Nain and saw a funeral procession for an only son of a widow. Jesus felt compassion for her and said: *Do not weep.* Jesus then touched the coffin and said: *Young man, I say to you arise!* The young man sat up to the great amazement of the people.

A woman anoints Jesus' feet, teaching about forgiveness

7:36-50 While Jesus was dining at the Pharisee's house, a woman came in and anointed Jesus' feet with perfume and wiped His feet with her tears. The Pharisee's protested, so Jesus told this parable about forgiveness: A money lender forgave two debtors of various amounts. He said which one would love the money lender more? The point was that the one who owed much

would be most grateful. He then pointed out that the woman who anointed Him was forgiven much and that's why she was so grateful and anointed His feet. He then said to her: *Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you, go in peace.*

III. The Rejection of the Son of Man

Chapters 8 and 9 have similar accounts in Matthew and Mark

9: 62 *No one after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

Chapter 10

Seventy sent out

10:1-24 Similar instructions as to those given to the twelve disciples are in Matthew 10. However, this gospel records the report they gave when they returned. They said: *Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!* Jesus replied: *Behold I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions; and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you, nevertheless, so do not rejoice in this that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.*

Parable of the good Samaritan (only in Luke)

10:29-37 A man was travelling and was beaten and left for dead. A priest and later a Levite passed him by without helping. When the Samaritan came by, he felt compassion, picked up the man after ministering to his wounds, put him on his beast and then brought him to an inn. He then promised to pay the innkeeper for helping and would pay all the costs when he returned. Jesus asks: *Who is the neighbor?* After their correct answer He said: *Go and do thou likewise.*

Mary and Martha are contrasted (only in Luke)

10:38-42 Jesus said: *Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only a few things are necessary, really only one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her*

Chapter 11

Similar accounts in Matthew and Mark

Chapter 12

Parable of the rich fool (only in Luke)

12:13-23 A rich man was so successful that he didn't know where to store all his goods. He thought to build bigger barns and say to himself: *Soul, you have many goods laid up for years, take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said: you fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared? So is the man who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.*

12:40 Warning about being ready: *Be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.*

Parable of the faithful steward and other warnings

12:42 *Who then is the faithful and sensible steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to give them their rations at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.*

12:48 *And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required, and to whom they entrusted much of him they will ask all the more.*

12:49-53 Divisions and persecutions among family members predicted. Discerning the times is important.

Chapter 13

Teaching on repentance (only in Luke)

13:1-9 Jesus talked about the fig tree (Israel?) that did not bear fruit. The keeper put fertilizer on it and dug around it and the tree was given a reprieve. (Israel was invaded later in 70 AD and Jerusalem's citizens were killed.)

Jesus heals the crippled woman who had been bound for 18 years. (only in Luke)

The way into the kingdom (only in Luke)

13:22-30 Those who do not have a personal relationship with the head of the house (Jesus) will be sent to a place where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last.

Chapter 14

Instructions on compassion and humility

14:1-6 A sick man was healed on the Sabbath day. Jesus asked the Pharisees if they would let their son fall into a well, and not rescue him on the Sabbath day.

14:7-14 Instructions are given about choosing a seat at the last place in the wedding feast, so that when the host comes he will choose you to move to a better seat. *For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.*

The cost of discipleship

14:26 *If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. (Your love for Jesus must be first above even family members. However, this does not give freedom to divorce).*

14:27 *Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. Count the cost as any builder does or a king who sets out to battle.*

Chapter 15

The prodigal Son (only in Luke)

15:1-32 The younger of two sons asked for his inheritance early, was given it and then went and squandered it on loose living. When he finally came to his senses, he went back to his father, asked for forgiveness and it was granted him. A banquet was given to celebrate the return of the unfaithful son. The older faithful son complained to which the father replied: *All that is mine is yours. But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.*

Chapter 16

Parable of the unjust steward (only in Luke)

16:1-9 A rich man heard a report of his steward squandering his possessions, so he asked for an account before he was to be fired. The unjust steward went to all the creditors and forgave much of their debt if they would pay quickly, which they did. For this he is praised and told to make friends with those kind of people for later benefits.

16:10 *He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much, and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much, If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you?*

16:13 *No servant can serve two masters.... You cannot serve God and mammon.*

Parable of rich man and Lazarus (only in Luke)

16:19-31 Contrast is given of a rich man and a poor man, sick Lazarus being the poor man, who longed to be fed from the rich man's table. Both die and receive their reward. The rich man wanted his five brothers to be warned of his torment in Hades, however there was a great gulf between the two. When the rich man pleaded to father Abraham, he was told that since his brothers did not listen to Moses or the prophets, they also would not listen to someone who came back from the dead.

Chapter 17

Stumbling blocks, ten lepers and Jesus' 2nd coming (only in Luke)

17:11-10 Warning about being a stumbling block and unforgiveness. Jesus then spoke about faith: *If you have faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you.*

17:10-19 Ten lepers appealed to Jesus for healing and were told to go show themselves to the priest. **As they were going, they were healed.** Only one turned back to thank Jesus who was surprised at this Samaritan. Jesus said: *Rise and go your way, your faith has made you well.*

17:20-37 Jesus said that first He must suffer and be rejected. Just as in the days of Noah. He said, they would be eating, drinking and marrying and destruction would come. Also the same things happened in the days of Lot when it rained fire and brimstone. *Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.* He also said that two women or two men would be working together, one would be taken and the other left behind.

Chapter 18

Parable of a woman and an unjust judge (only in Luke)

18:1-8 A distressed woman continued to ask an unrighteous judge to protect her. Finally the judge gave her legal protection because she kept bothering him. In contrast Jesus said: *Shall not God bring about justice for His elect,...will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?*

Parable of the Pharisee and the tax-gatherer (only in Luke)

18:9-14 The prayers of the righteous, proud Pharisee and the humble tax-gatherer were contrasted. The humble man *went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone: who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted.*

Chapter 19

Zaccheus receives Jesus at his house (only in Luke)

19:1-10 Being small in stature, Zaccheus climbed into a tree so he could see Jesus as He passed by. Jesus addressed him and said He would stay at his house. Zaccheus promised to give much to the poor and repay anyone who had been defrauded. Jesus said: *Today salvation has come to this house... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

Parable of the ten minas (100 days wages) (only in Luke)

19:11-27 A certain nobleman was planning to take a journey and before he left he gave out one mina to each servant, which was to be used for business purposes. When the nobleman returned he inquired of the servants to whom he had given the money. The first man invested his mina and gained 10 more. The nobleman was so pleased that he gave him 10 cities as his reward. The second man also invested his mina and gained 5 more, and was awarded 5 cities. The last man buried his mina, and was rebuked. Then the mina of the last man was given to the man who had gained 10 more. Jesus said: *I tell you that to everyone who has shall more be given, but from the one who does not have, even that which he does have will be taken away.*

IV. The Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of Man**Chapter 20**

Parable of the landowner was covered in Matthew 21:33-44

Question about tribute money

20:19-26 The chief priests were hoping to catch Jesus by trickery and asked: *Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?* Jesus replied: *Show Me a denarius, Whose likeness and inscription does it have?* When they replied: Caesar's, Jesus said: *Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.* They marveled at His answer and were silent.

Question about resurrection was covered in Mark 12:18-27.

Chapter 21

Last days wisdom and preservation of the saints (only in Luke)

21:12-19 *You will be brought before kings and governors for My name's sake...so make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves for I will give you utterance and wisdom...relatives will deliver you up... yet not a hair of your head will perish, by your endurance you will gain your lives.*

21:28 *When these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*

21:32 *This generation will not pass away until all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away but My words will not pass away.*

Chapters 22-23

Jesus' betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection covered in Mark's gospel.

Chapter 24

Discussion with two men on the way to Emmaus (only in Luke)

24:13-32 After His resurrection Jesus began talking to two men walking to Emmaus. They did not recognize Him. They related to Him the recent events and even about the women who went to the tomb. Jesus then explained to them how Christ had to fulfill Scripture. When they reached the village, they asked Jesus to stay with them. He went to sup with the two men, broke bread, blessed it and suddenly their eyes were opened, whereupon He vanished from their sight. The men remarked how their hearts burned within them.

Jesus shows His disciples His new body

24:33-37 The two men returned to Jerusalem, found the eleven disciples and others and related their experience with the resurrected Jesus. While they were speaking, Jesus appeared in their midst. They were startled and thought He was a spirit, but Jesus calmed them by saying:

24:39-43 *See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. Since they still had trouble believing, Jesus said: Have you anything here to eat? When given fish, He took it and ate it before them.*

The great commission

24:44-49 *These are My words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the law and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled...thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations beginning from Jerusalem...And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on High.*

Luke ends his gospel with praise and thanksgiving.

Jesus blessed them and parted from them:

24:52,53 *And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God.*

End of Luke's Gospel

JOHN

Introduction: Since this is an entirely new perspective on the life of Jesus Christ, we will examine some new features. John's gospel is portrayed by the EAGLE which represents the deity of Jesus, the one who came from the heavenlies. It is only by the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit that one can put down on paper or computer a minute speck of the essence of the Son of God of whom John writes. One can begin to feel His presence by listening to a dramatization of the book on the iPad or like devices. Jesus is other worldly in His conversations when He explains about His Father. As you read or listen to the words of Jesus, you will observe that He is repeatedly talking about His Father. He talks about where he came from and where He will soon go. Jesus blesses us who read His words and promises a Helper, Comforter who is coming to help us.

Author: John was the son of Zebedee and Salome. According to tradition, John was the "disciple whom Jesus loved." John was a brother to the apostle James. They were called the "sons of thunder." These two young men were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee with their father Zebedee. Both were called by Jesus at the same time to follow Him and left their boats with their father and hired men. (Mark 1:19-20). John was a man of great courage, loyalty, love and spiritual discernment. John also wrote three epistles and the book of Revelation.

Setting: This gospel was the last one written between 85 and 90 AD after the fall of Jerusalem. It has a worldwide appeal with references to Jews, Romans and Greeks. The **overwhelming message is the deity of Jesus, His miraculous powers and His origin** as coming from another world are very evident. Many word-for-word conversations with the scribes and Pharisees are recorded in which Christ defends His divinity. Jesus knew they were planning to kill Him and addressed this issue many times before their plans were laid. Jesus continued to irritate them by healing on the Sabbath and raising the dead, for example Lazarus. The two words Jesus used repeatedly were "life" and "believe".

Theme: *John 20:31 These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

Survey Overview:

I. The Presentation and Preparation of the Son of God

II. The Opposition to the Son of God

III. The Preparation of the Disciples by the Son of God

IV. The Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of God ¹

¹ The Open Bible, NASB, The Survey and the Christ of John. Pgs. 1197-1199.

I. The Presentation and Preparation of the Son of God

Chapter 1

Noteworthy Scriptures:

1: 10-12 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him, But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children (sons) of God, even to those who believe in His name.

1:14 -17 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth... for of His fullness we have all received and grace upon grace.. realized through Jesus Christ.

1:29 The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Chapter 2

1. **Jesus changes water into wine at a wedding** (only in John's gospel). It is noteworthy that John chose 7 miracles of Jesus, some of which are repeated in other gospels, to prove His divinity. This is the first miracle. The others are:
2. **Healing the nobleman's son (4:46-54)**
3. **Healing the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda (5: 1-16)** (only in John)
4. **Feeding the multitude (6:1-13)**
5. **Walking on water (6:16-21)**
6. **Sight to the man born blind (9:1-7, after washing in the pool of Siloam)** (only in John)
7. **Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-44)** (only in John)

Chapter 3

Jesus talks to Nicodemus

Most Noteworthy Scriptures:

3:3 Truly, truly, I say unto you, unless one is born again (born from above) he cannot see the kingdom of God.

3:16-17 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life, for God did not send His Son into the world to condemn (judge) the world but that the world through Him might be saved...

3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life, but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

Chapter 4

Jesus witnesses to the woman at the well (only in John)

4: 10 He would have given you living water

4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.

4:34 My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.

4:38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored, others have labored and you have entered into their labors.

II. The Opposition to the Son of God

Chapter 5

Jesus heals the paralytic man at the pool of Bethesda. (only in John) This man was waiting for the pool to be stirred but Jesus chose to heal him in spite of many others who were there. The Jews became very angry because this miracle was performed on the Sabbath day.

5:19 Truly, truly, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

5:30 I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

5:39 You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; but it is these that bear witness of Me.

Chapter 6

Miracles of multiplying food and walking on water as mentioned before.

Let us note now the 7 “I AM” statements.

- 1. I am the Bread of Life (6:35,48)**
- 2. I am the Light of the World (8:12, 9:5)**
- 3. I am the Door (10:7,9)**
- 4. I am the Good Shepherd (10:11,14)**
- 5. I am the Resurrection and the Life (11:25)**
- 6. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life (14:6)**
- 7. I am the Vine (15:1-5)**

Let us now return to Chapter 6 which has very significant words. Jesus was explaining how others were to eat His flesh and drink His blood in order to inherit eternal life.

6:51- 56 I am the living bread which came down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever, and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh...He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day for My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

Jesus was speaking figuratively, that His flesh must be eaten as spirit food. That is, He was the Word made flesh. We eat the Word as spirit food and our spirit is strengthened. We drink His blood when we understand that the blood He shed at Calvary is spirit food.

6:63 It is the spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Many who had been following Jesus turned away after these words not understanding the spiritual meaning. Peter said to Jesus: *You have the words of eternal life.*

Chapter 7

Jesus speaks about how He speaks for His Father and His glory

7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but He who is seeking the glory of the one who sent Him. He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

Jesus explains about Living Water.

7:37-38 If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture said: “From His innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.” Jesus was referring to receiving the Holy Spirit after His resurrection, and the nine manifestation gifts of the Spirit (I Cor 12:7-11).

Chapter 8

A woman is caught in adultery

The scribes and Pharisees were testing Jesus to see if He would obey the law which required her to be stoned. Jesus stooped down, wrote in the sand and challenged anyone who was without sin, to be the first to cast a stone. They all left one by one. Jesus again wrote in the sand and said: “*Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?*” She answered: “No one.” Jesus said: “*Neither do I condemn you, go your way. From now on sin no more.*”

Jesus says He is the Light of the World

8:12 I am the light of the world, he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.

8:24 Unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins.

8:28 When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing of my own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

8:31-32 If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

8:36 If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Jesus told the people that He came from His Father and that He hears from Him and if God were their father, they would love Him. He then said that they were from their father, the devil who is a liar and a murderer. They accused Jesus of having a demon, but He said He did not have a demon.

8:49-58 I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father. Truly, truly, I say to you if anyone keeps My word, he shall never see death...If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste of death.... Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad....Truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

Chapter 9

Miracle # 6 healing of the man born blind

Jesus and His disciples encountered a man whom they knew was born blind, so Jesus was asked “*Who sinned, this man or his parents?*” Jesus replied:

9:3 It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents, but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him. Then Jesus spat on the ground, made clay and applied the clay to his eyes and told him: *Go wash in the pool of Siloam.* The man obeyed, and came back healed. Many, including the Pharisees, then asked what happened. The man testified that a certain man had healed him but he did not know where that man was. His parents were asked also and they replied: *Go ask our son, he is of age.* They were afraid that they would be put out of the synagogue. Jesus sought out the man and said: *Do you believe in the Son of Man?* To which the man replied: *Who is He, that I may believe in Him?* Jesus replied:

9:32 You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking to you. The healed man then believed in Jesus and worshipped Him. Jesus said:

9:39 For judgment I came into the world, that those who do not see Me see, and those who see, may become blind.

Chapter 10

The Good Shepherd

Jesus likens His ministry to that of a good shepherd who watches over his beloved sheep and will not let any thief come through the door. He said that the sheep know the shepherd’s voice and follow him and will not follow the voice of a stranger because the sheep do not know the stranger’s voice.

10:7-10 *Jesus said: Truly, truly, I say to you. I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers but the sheep did not hear them. **I am the door**; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly.***

10:11 *I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.* Jesus then explained what a hireling does: he flees when the wolf comes. Jesus knows His own and they know Him.

10:16 *And I have other sheep which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice, and they shall become one flock, with one shepherd.*

10:27-28 *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish, and no one shall pluck them out of My hand.*

It must be noted here that one can choose to leave the Father's hand. Jesus made it clear when He said: ***If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed.*** (John 8:31).

10:30 *I and the Father are one.* This statement irritated the Jews greatly. They sought to seize Jesus, but He eluded their grasp. Jesus then ministered again and many believed in Him.

Chapter 11

Lazarus is resurrected

When Jesus was ministering in the hills of Perea, about two days journey away from Bethany, a man sent by the sisters, Mary and Martha, arrived and informed Jesus that his friend Lazarus was sick. Jesus knew in His spirit that this incident would be for the glory of God. Jesus stayed where he was for two more days. He then told the disciples that they would leave because Lazarus was dead. At first Jesus said Lazarus was sleeping. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to Him saying: *If you had been here, my brother would not have died.*

11:25 *Jesus said to her: **I am the resurrection and the life**, he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.*

Mary then came to see Jesus and fell at His feet. Jesus became deeply moved in His spirit and asked where they had laid Lazarus. Jesus then wept. When He arrived at the tomb, He commanded them to remove the stone. Martha objected because of the possible stench since four days had passed since the death, but Jesus said:

11:40 *If you believe, you will see the glory of God.* After the stone was removed, Jesus raised His eyes and said:

11:41-42 *Father, I thank Thee, that Thou hearest Me and...Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that Thou didst send Me.*

11:43-44 *He cried out with a loud voice: Lazarus come forth. And he who had died came forth bound hand and foot with wrapping... Jesus said: Unbind Him and let him go.*

Some of the bystanders went and told the Pharisees of this incident. Caiaphas, the high priest prophesied that Jesus would need to die for the nation: John adds:

11:52 *and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.* Little did he know that this would come to pass.

Chapter 12

Mary anoints Jesus

Jesus was invited to a supper at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, the man who had been raised from the dead. Mary took a portion of very costly perfume and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. Judas was upset and wondered why this perfume was not

sold and the money given to the poor. He said this because he was a thief, taking some money from the money box, and using it personally. Jesus said:

12:7-8 Let her alone, in order that she may keep it for the day of My burial, for the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.

The Triumphal Entry was covered in Matthew 21.

Certain Greeks asked to see Jesus

12:23-26 Jesus answered them saying: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal... If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

12:27 Jesus then said: Father, save Me from this hour, But for this reason, I came to this hour. Father, glorify Thy name. A voice then came from heaven: *I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.* The crowd thought it had thundered but Jesus said:

12:31-32 Now judgment is upon this world and the ruler of this world shall be cast out, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself. Jesus departed and hid Himself.

12:43 Jesus then talked about people who loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; and the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.

III. The Preparation of the Disciples by the Son of God

Chapter 13

Jesus washes the disciples' feet (only in John's gospel)

13:1 Jesus, knowing that His hour had come... and having loved the disciples to the end, and knowing that the Father had given all things into His hand, took a towel, girded Himself and began washing His disciples feet. When He came to Simon Peter, Peter protested. Jesus said:

13:7-8 What I do you do not realize now, but you shall understand hereafter... If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.

13:15 For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

13: 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me, receives Him who sent Me.

13:21-30 Jesus identified Judas as the one who would betray Him because he received the bread dipped in the liquid which was handed to him. Jesus said: What you do, do quickly. Jesus then told the eleven about His soon departure:

13:31-35 Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him... Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You shall seek Me;... where I am going you cannot come... A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. That you also love one another, by this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

13: 36-38 Peter questioned why he could not come with Jesus and promised to lay his life down for Jesus to which Jesus replied: Truly, truly, I say to you, a cock shall not crow, until you deny me three times.

Chapter 14 (These next few chapters are so sublime that they should be read or listened to on a device in their entirety. Truly one will feel the presence of Jesus and His love.)

Jesus comforts His disciples

14:1-4 Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions (dwelling places) ...I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and receive you to Myself.

14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

14:9 He who has seen Me, has seen the Father.

14:12-17 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to the Father. And whatever you ask the Father in My name, that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep My commandments; and I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever: that is the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive...but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

14:20 In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me and I in you.

14:26-27 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Let not your heart by troubled, nor let it be fearful.

14:30 The ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

Chapter 15

15:1-11 Jesus said: I am the true vine and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit...I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me, you can do nothing...These things I have spoken unto you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

15:12-17 This is My commandment that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you slaves...but I have called you friends...you did not choose Me, but I chose you.

15:20 A slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Chapter 16

16:7-11 It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you and He, when He comes will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe Me, and concerning righteousness because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me, and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

16:23-24 And in that day, you will ask Me no questions. Truly, truly I say unto you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name...Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full.

16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world.

Chapter 17

Jesus Prays to the Father for Himself

17:1-5 Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee...I have glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do, and now glorify Thou Me together with Thyself Father with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

Jesus Prays for His disciples

17:6-14 ...And I am no more in the world, and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to Thee, Holy Father keep them in Thy name, the name which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are. While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name which Thou hast given Me, and I guarded them, and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled...that they may have My joy made full in themselves...I have given them Thy word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world...

17:15,17 I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one...sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

17:20-23 I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in me through their word; that they may all be one, even as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. And the glory which Thou hast given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one...I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.

17:24-26 Father I desire that they also ...be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me...and these have known that Thou didst send Me, and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me, may be in them, and I in them.

IV. The Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of God

Chapter 18

(In Mark's gospel notes, chapter 14, the Passover, Jesus' prayer in the Garden and Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial is covered. Now Jensen's Survey of the New Testament by Irving L. Jensen has an excellent outline of the trials.

Jewish Trial

Before Annas (18:12-14, 19-23)

Informal trial by Sanhedrin before dawn (18:24; Matt. 26:57,59-68; Mark 14:53, 55-65; Luke 22:54, 63-65)

Formal trial after dawn (Matt. 27:1; Mark 15:1, Luke 22:66-71)

Roman Trial

First appearance before Pilate (18:28-38, Matt. 27:2, 11-14, Mark 15:1-15, Luke 23:1-5)

Before Herod Antipas (Luke 23:6-12)

Final appearance before Pilate (18:39-19:16, Matt. 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25) ²

During the time of these trials, Jesus was mocked, spit upon, beaten severely, and wore a crown of thorns. Do look at the Hebrew definitions for griefs and sorrows. *Isa.53:4 Surely our griefs (Hebrew 2483, choliy, malady,sickness) He Himself bore, and our sorrows (Hebrew 4341, makobah, pain) He carried...was smitten of God and afflicted, pierced through for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him and by His scourging, we are healed. (Isa. 53:4,5; I Peter 2:24)*

In answer to Pilate, Jesus said in *John 18:36 My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.*

Chapter 19

Crucifixion

Matthew 27 records Jesus' words on the cross: *Eli, Eli Lama Sabachthani? That is My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?*

Luke 23:43 Jesus responded to the one thief on the cross and said: *Truly, I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise. And it was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour.*

Matt. 27:51 *And behold the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split. And the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.*

9:17-21 *They took Jesus...bearing His own cross to the Place of a Skull...There they crucified Him with two men, one on either side...and Pilate wrote an inscription: Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.*

19:23, 24 *the soldiers cast lots for the outer garments of Jesus that Scripture would be fulfilled. (Ps.22:18)*

19:26,27 *When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, Woman, behold your son! Then He said to the disciple, Behold, your mother!*

Death

*19:28...in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said; **I am thirsty.***

19:30 *When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said: **It is finished!***

19:33 *but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His bones. This fulfilled the Scripture which said: *Not a bone of Him shall be broken.* (Ps. 34:20)*

The Burial of Jesus

19:38-42 *Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple of Jesus, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. Nicodemus came also bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes and placed the body of Jesus in a garden where there was a new tomb.*

Chapter 20

The Resurrection

20:1-10 *Mary came to the tomb while it was still dark and saw the stone rolled away, and so she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid*

² Jensen's Survey of the New Testament, pg. 194

Him. Peter and the other disciple ran, entered the tomb and saw the linen wrappings... As yet they did not understand the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead. So they went away again to their own homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

20:11-18 When Mary was outside the tomb weeping, she saw two angels in white. They asked her why she was weeping, to which she replied that the body of Jesus was gone and she did not know where it was. Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there but did not know it was He. He also asked her why she was weeping. Thinking He was the gardener, she asked where Jesus was laid. Jesus said to her *Mary. She turned and said Rabboni, which means Teacher. Jesus said to her. Stop clinging to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, I ascend to My Father, and My God and your God.*

Jesus later appeared to His disciples when the door was shut and showed them His hands and His side and said:

20:21-22 Peace be with you, as the Father has sent Me, I also send you. And when he had said this, He breathed on them, and said: Receive the Holy Spirit, If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them, if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.

Thomas, at this time was not with them and expressed to the other disciples that he would not believe unless he saw the imprint of the nails and put his finger into His side. Then eight days later Jesus appeared to them again even though the doors were shut. Seeing Thomas, Jesus said:

20:27 Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side, and be not unbelieving, but believe. Thomas then said: My Lord and My God!

20:29 Jesus said to him: Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed art they who did not see, and yet believed.

20:31 John's theme expressed again: But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Chapter 21

Christ appears to more disciples, especially Peter

Some of the disciples were at the sea fishing when Jesus stood on the beach and asked them if they had any fish. When they replied "No", Jesus told them to *cast the net on the right hand side of the boat, and you will find a catch.* When they did this, there were so many fish, that they were not able to haul it in. When they landed, they found that a fire was already started and fish laid upon it. Jesus said: *Bring some of the fish which you have now caught and come and have breakfast.*

When they finished breakfast, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved (Greek: agape, strong love, or phileo, friendship type of love) Him more than these fish. When Peter responded that he did love Jesus (Greek: phileo, friendship) he was encouraged with three different words: *Tend My lambs, Shepherd My sheep, and Tend My sheep.* Then He said to Peter:

21:18 Truly, Truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go. Jesus then encouraged Peter to follow Him and not be concerned about anyone else.

Many other things which Jesus did, in fact *if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books which were written.*

End of John's Gospel

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