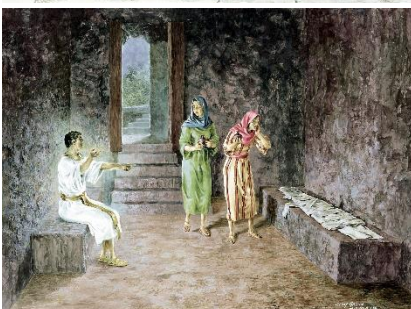
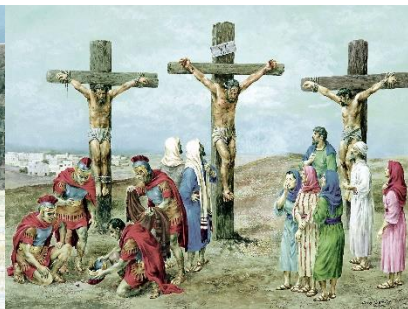
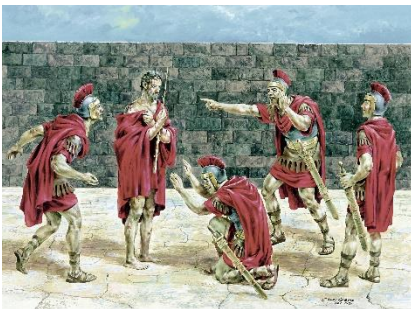
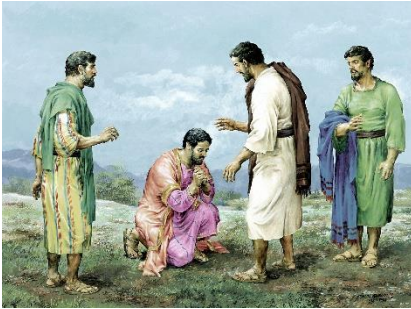


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Lesson 19 - Jesus Proves He is God

As Jesus continued His public ministry among the people of Israel, there were great crowds of people that came to hear Him speak and watch His miracles. People came to see Jesus for various reasons.

Some people were curious. Some wanted to be healed. Some thought he was going to be the king who would deliver them from Roman rule. Some wanted to hear him because he spoke God's Word with power, but others hoped he would say or do something they could find fault with. They wanted to charge him with a crime, not because he was guilty, but because they were jealous of his popularity with the people.

Jesus Preaches to the Crowds

The Bible says in Mark 2:1-4, "And again he entered into Capernaum, after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay."

This man could not do anything to heal himself. No doctor could heal him, and his friends could not make him better. This reminds us of the helplessness of all people. No person can deliver himself from Satan's rule, the sin which controls his life, and the punishment for his sin. Neither good works nor a good life can save us. We cannot deliver ourselves.

The Bible says in Mark 2:5-7, “When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?”

Jesus saw that this man truly believed him, and he forgave his sins. Those in the audience were right when they said only God can forgive sins. They were wrong when they said Jesus sinned by what he said. Jesus is God and has the authority to forgive people their sins.

The Scribes and Pharisees did not believe Jesus was God who had come to be the Savior. Jesus then demonstrated his power as God by completely healing the man. All the people were truly amazed.

What About Miracles?

Jesus did many miracles like this one that totally amazed everyone who saw and heard of what He did. Did you ever wonder why Jesus did so many miracles? The Bible says in John 5:36, “The works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.”

Jesus had one purpose for doing miracles, and it was only to prove to the people of Israel that He had been sent from God to be the Messiah.

Many religious leaders today claim that they are faith healers and have power to work miracles, but they do not have the same purpose that Jesus had. Most of these so-called faith healers are trying to get large crowds, make money, and build big churches. They are taking advantage of multitudes of people who are hoping for a miracle.

This was never the purpose for Jesus' miracles. The miracles of Jesus always were to prove that He was sent from God. If you read John 6:26-27, you will find that Jesus turned people away who were seeking miracles but were not seeking Him. Many today are seeking miracles, but are not seeking Jesus, and God will turn them away!

Jesus, the Friend of Sinners

The Bible says in Mark 2:14, "And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him."

Jesus called Levi, also known as Matthew, to follow him as one of his disciples. Matthew was working for the Romans as a tax collector. The tax collectors were hated and despised by the Jews. Often tax collectors had a reputation for collecting extra taxes from the people and keeping the money for themselves.

Matthew was a sinner just like everyone else born into this world. He deserved death and everlasting punishment for his sins. However, Matthew repented of his sin. He changed his mind about his sin. He agreed with God and trusted Jesus as the Savior whom God had sent into the world. Many years later, God used Matthew to write the first book of the New Testament.

The Bible says in Mark 2:16-17, "And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

The Scribes and Pharisees were proud. They believed they were far better than others because they fasted, prayed, and did many other things trying to please God. They would not even eat a meal with people like tax collectors who openly sinned.

Jesus told them that healthy people do not need a doctor, but the sick. Jesus did not come to help people who think they are sinless or good enough for God to accept them. Instead, he came to be the Savior of those who would admit that they are helpless sinners who can only be saved by the mercy of God.

Jesus calls the Apostles

The Bible says in Mark 3:13-15, “And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils.”

Jesus had many disciples who followed him to learn the message of God. Jesus chose twelve men from a large group of followers to help him in his work of teaching, healing, and casting out demons. Jesus planned to train these men to become his special representatives.

Most of these twelve disciples whom Jesus picked were not highly educated. Neither were they rich men. Some of them were fishermen before they began to follow Jesus as his disciples.

All of them believed him, except one man named Judas Iscariot. Judas said that he agreed with God and believed on Jesus, but he spoke only with his lips and did not believe in his heart. He was a hypocrite, because his mind and heart did not agree with God. He did not truly trust Jesus to be his Savior from the control of Satan,

sin, and death. The other eleven disciples did not know that Judas was not a true believer, but Jesus knew what he was really like. Jesus knew that Judas would one day betray him to his enemies.

Why do you follow Jesus?

The Bible says in John 6:1-2, “After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.”

Many of these people followed Jesus because they were looking for material benefits from him. You need to understand that it will not help a person if he follows the teachings of the Bible in order to receive earthly benefits or wealth. Jesus did not come into the world to give earthly riches. Jesus came to be the Savior from Satan, sin, and everlasting death.

The Bible says in John 6:5-7, “When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.” Jesus already knew what he was going to do. He asked Philip, one of the twelve disciples, this question to test him. He had seen Jesus already perform many miracles, but he did not believe Jesus could feed all these people.

Another disciple brought five small loaves and two fishes that a young boy had given to Jesus. Jesus broke the loaves and fish, and they multiplied in his hands. He fed 5,000 men besides women and children. He was able to do this because he is Almighty God. The people wanted Jesus to be their king so he would heal their sicknesses, give them food, and deliver them from the control of

the Romans. During the night, Jesus and his twelve disciples took a boat trip across the lake.

Many of these people the next day went across the lake to find Jesus. The people still did not believe Jesus. They wanted to see another miracle. They were just looking at the great things he did, instead of listening to the truth he was teaching. God sent Jesus from Heaven into the world to save sinners from eternal death. If a person refuses to eat food, he will die physically. If a person refuses to trust in Jesus as his Savior, he will remain separated from God forever in the Lake of Fire.

Do you remember that when Adam and Eve sinned, they were immediately separated from God? Although they had been created in the image of God with the ability to know, love, and obey Him, they were no longer able to respond to God. They were under Satan's control. They were no longer in fellowship with God.

We are Adam's descendants, and we are also born sinners and separated from God. The only person who can give you eternal life is Jesus Christ. The only One who can make you accepted with God is Jesus Christ. All who trust in Jesus as their Savior will refuse to trust in any good works that they might do themselves, or in anyone or in anything else.

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Lesson 20 - The Way of God and the Way of Man

Suggested Bible Reading: Mark chapters 7-9 and Luke chapter 18

Did you ever wonder why there are so many religions and different churches around the world today? The simple answer is, because all the religions and churches have different ideas about who God is, how to worship and please God, and how to get into heaven.

The Bible is clear that there is only One True God, and the Bible clearly tells us who God is, how to worship Him, and how to get to heaven. God is not confused, but many people on earth are very confused. God's ways and man's ways are very different indeed!

The Religious Leaders Despise Jesus

The Bible says in Mark 7:1-5, "Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders....And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?"

The Scribes and Pharisees were highly respected religious leaders of the people of Israel, when Jesus came to the earth. When a Pharisee gave money to the poor, he made sure that everyone was aware that he was going to give so they could watch him give the money.

He liked to pray in public places so everyone could see him. Praying and giving money was not wrong, but the attitude of his heart was wrong. He was not doing these things to please God, but to show everybody else how spiritual he was.

The Pharisees thought they were going to heaven, because they did so many good works for God. They prided themselves on doing all the outward things, such as washing their hands, pots, and tables before they ate. The Pharisees were hypocrites. They did not realize that God saw all the evil in their hearts.

The Scribes and Pharisees added hundreds of their own rules to God's words. They taught that a person must follow these rules in order to be accepted by God. The Pharisees disapproved of Jesus' disciples because they did not do many of the things which the Pharisees said were necessary for a person to be accepted by God.

Most of the religious leaders in the world today are just like the Pharisees. They claim to believe the Bible, but in reality, they do NOT teach the Word of God. Instead, they teach their own church laws, and they do not approve of someone who believes and lives according to the Bible!

How do you Honor God?

The Bible says in Mark 7:6-7, "He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

The Pharisees said many good things about God with their lips, but in their hearts, they did not love God nor obey his Word. They did

not come to God agreeing with Him that they were sinners and trusting in his promises regarding the Savior.

Today, there are still many people who teach their own ideas instead of God's Word. People are taught that if they follow these rules and do the things that their church teaches, then they will be accepted by God.

God says that such teaching is useless. Those people say they are following and worshipping God, but truly they are not. Those who are trying to please God by keeping the church laws, will not be accepted by God!

Trusting God or Trusting in Yourself?

The Bible says in Luke 18:9-14, "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

A parable is a story that teaches us about God and our relationship with him. The Pharisee went up to the temple to pray. He was a very proud man. He was trusting in his own goodness and the things which he did. He thought that he was good enough for God to accept him because of what he did. The Pharisee is like Cain

who came to God in his own way. Just as God rejected Cain, God also rejected this Pharisee.

This Pharisee is no different from the person today who relies on his own good works to save him. Many people today may think they will go to heaven because of what they do, such as live a good life, pray, go to church, be baptized, do not drink, do not smoke, or do not lie or steal.

You may try to keep the laws of God and live a good life, but in order to get to heaven by keeping God's law, you must keep it 100% perfectly, your whole life! That is impossible for anyone to do.

The first time you sinned and broke one of God's laws, you earned yourself a place in the lake of fire! God is true, and God says that all have sinned and there is nothing anyone can do by his own efforts to reunite himself with God.

Publicans are tax collectors. They were hated by their own people. This tax collector did not try to hide his sin from God. He saw himself as God saw him. He agreed with God about his own sin. He knew that, if God did not send a Savior, he would spend all eternity being punished by God for his sins. However, he trusted in the Savior God promised to send. God had mercy on him, forgave him and accepted him.

He was like Abel who agreed with God and trusted him to be his Savior. The Pharisee would not admit that he was a guilty and helpless sinner who needed God's mercy, so his sins were not forgiven by God. God rejected him just as he had rejected unbelieving and rebellious Cain.

Jesus Talks About His Coming Crucifixion

The Bible says in Mark 8:31, “And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.”

Jesus clearly showed the people he was the Savior whom God had promised from the beginning. He had showed them by performing great miracles, but most of the people still did not believe him. He knew that Satan would use the Jewish leaders to kill him.

Jesus also knew that although he would die and be buried, he would come out of the grave after three days and three nights. Jesus knew these things because he is God. Hundreds of years earlier, the prophets foretold many details of the life of Jesus. These include that he would suffer many things, he would be rejected by the Jewish leaders, he would be killed, and he would be raised from the dead.

The Bible says in Mark 9:2-4, “And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.”

Jesus was a real man, but he also was God. This is the only time while Jesus was on earth that the “God part” of Jesus showed through his human body. His body usually hid the “God part” so he looked like an ordinary man. Moses and Elijah began to talk with Jesus. Elijah was a prophet who lived 850 years before Jesus came to earth. We know Moses died about 1,400 years before

Jesus came to earth. They had been with God for hundreds of years in Heaven.

God accepted them along with Abel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and everyone else who had agreed with God that they were helpless sinners and trusted in God to send a Savior. God now allowed Elijah and Moses to come back to earth to talk to Jesus. Elijah and Moses also knew the promised Savior had to die. They knew about God's promises concerning the Savior and were talking to Jesus about his coming death. Heaven is a real place and it is God's home. Everyone who agrees with God and trusts Jesus, the Savior, will go to live with God in Heaven when they die.

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Lesson 21 - The Way to Eternal Life

Suggested Bible Reading: John chapters 10-11

Every person that is born into this world, has a God-given desire to try to find out what happens on the other side of death. Every culture in the world has developed their own ideas and traditions for dealing with the sad reality of death.

Some believe that when a person dies, they simply cease to exist, and that there is nothing more than this physical life. Others believe that you will go to a temporary place like purgatory until you have paid for the sins you committed in this life, and then you will go to heaven. Others yet believe that after death, they will eventually be reincarnated and come back into the universe in some other form, depending on how they lived while on the earth.

The Bible teaches that there is a real place called heaven and a real place called hell. Who is right? Is there a heaven and a hell? Who goes to heaven? Who will go to hell? Let's find out what Jesus Christ taught people while He was here on the earth!

Much of the land of Israel is dry and barren, and sometimes it is very hard to find grass for the sheep to eat. Shepherds often must leave their homes and lead their sheep a long way in search of food. Many times, the shepherds would be so far from their homes at nightfall that they would sleep out in the fields with their sheep. It was dangerous to sleep out in the open because there were robbers who would try to steal the sheep, and there were wild animals which would kill them.

So, the shepherds would find a cave or make a sheep pen made of stones and thorn bushes. The shepherd would put his sheep in this protected area and lie down to sleep at the entrance. There was

only one door into the sheepfold and the shepherd was acting like the door or gate.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

The Bible says in John 10:7-8, “Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.”

Jesus meant that he was the only way into the place of safety and security. Outside, in this world, are Satan, his evil spirits, sin, and death. They are like the robbers and the wild animals which want to kill and eat the sheep. Satan wants to convince those “outside the sheepfold” that it is much safer in his territory. He offers many temptations and tells many lies to keep people from entering the sheepfold of God.

Satan doesn't want you to enter the safety and security of God's sheep fold. He will use your pride and fears to keep you from entering. As we have read in God's Word, Satan is a liar and a deceiver. He appeals to our sinful desires.

Satan has been deceiving and destroying people for thousands of years. We are born under his control. His purpose is to destroy us so we will be separated from God forever. He does everything he can to make his way look best, but it is the way of death.

Jesus is the Only Door to Heaven

There is only one door into the sheepfold of God. Inside is the true place of safety, security, and eternal life. Jesus is God, and he is the only Savior. Jesus is the only door to eternal life. There is no

other way to heaven. He wants to be your Savior from Satan, sin, and eternal separation from God.

The Bible says in John 10:9-11, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”

Just as there was one door into the sheepfold, so Jesus is the only doorway into eternal life. Some people may say to you that what the Bible teaches is all right for Christians, but there are other religions that also lead people to God. That is a lie of Satan.

There are not many ways or many doors to be accepted by God. There are not many ways to eternal life. There is only one door to God and to eternal life. Jesus is that door. He came to be the Savior of all people in every place, no matter what language they speak.

Remember when God told Noah to build the ark. God commanded Noah to build only one boat and to build only one door in it. Only those who came through that one door into the ark were saved from God’s judgment.

The way to enter the door to everlasting life is to repent regarding your sin and trust only in Jesus the promised Savior. Jesus is the doorway to God and there is no other way. Jesus said that he is not like Satan who only wants to destroy people. Jesus came into the world to give eternal life to all who believe him.

One of Satan’s lies is that his way is the most exciting and fun way to live. He gives people just enough pleasure to make them think that his way is better than the way offered by Jesus Christ. What a

terrible lie! The Bible makes it very clear that all who refuse to repent and believe Jesus Christ will be separated from God and punished forever in the Lake of Fire. Jesus came to give eternal life to those who will believe him.

Jesus already told his disciples that the Jewish leaders would not believe that he was the Savior and would therefore kill him. Jesus said that he was like a shepherd who loved his sheep so much that he would die for them in order to save them from the robbers and wild animals.

The Bible says in John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

Jesus is the only way to God and everlasting life. All that Jesus said is truth. He is God and cannot lie. Jesus is the Savior of all who will choose to believe on Him alone. He is the only one who can save us from sin, death, and separation from God in the Lake of Fire.

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Very few people want to talk about death. We spend money trying to get well and stay well and trying to look young and stay young. Jesus talked about death, and what he had to say should change forever our thought about life and death.

Jesus had a good friend near Jerusalem named Lazarus. At one time, Jesus received news that Lazarus was very sick and about to die. Jesus healed many people, and the messengers were sure Jesus would come right away and heal his good friend.

Jesus was a long way from where Lazarus was living. Jesus knew Lazarus was going to die. He could have healed Lazarus without

even going to where he was. Instead, Jesus waited two days because he knew that this situation was going to be an opportunity for him to show his mighty power as God.

It may seem as though Jesus did not love Lazarus and his two sisters Mary and Martha, but that was not true. He loved them and was concerned for them. He had a good reason for allowing Lazarus to die. Through Lazarus' death, Jesus was going to show his power to give life to those who believe.

The Bible says in John 11:25, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Jesus was speaking to Lazarus' sister Martha. He wanted her to understand that he is the only one who can give life to the dead. Satan cannot give life to the dead. Only God can give life, for he is the Almighty Creator who gave life to everyone.

Jesus also told Martha that every person who believes Him as their Savior may still die physically, but they will never be separated from God and never be punished for their sins. They only leave this world to go to live with God in heaven.

Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus and there he wept. He was grieved because of the horrible results of sin. The result of sin is sickness and death. This was the very reason he came into the world: to deliver people from spiritual death, and to give eternal life.

The Bible says in John 11:41-44, "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said... with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes:

and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.”

Jesus Christ spoke, and Lazarus was raised from the dead. Jesus Christ is God. He is all powerful. God created all things in the beginning by speaking. So, it is no surprise that Jesus was able to bring life back into Lazarus by speaking. Jesus was again proving that He alone has the power to give eternal life to all that will believe on His name!

There is really and truly life after death. According to the Bible, you will either go to heaven or to hell when you die. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment.”

There is no such place as purgatory. There will be no second chances to get into heaven after you die. There is no such thing as reincarnation. You will live forever in heaven or you will live forever in the fires of hell! You must choose in this life to believe on Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin!

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Lesson 22 - The Foolishness of Trusting in Riches

The greatest question that a person must answer while they are living on this earth is this question, “What will happen to me when I die?” Other similar questions people ask are these: Is there life after death? Is there a real place called heaven? Is there a real place called hell? How will I make it to heaven? How will I stay out of hell?

Many people try to ignore these questions and think only about living this present life. People are consumed with making money, getting nice things, and doing whatever is necessary to survive and make themselves happy in this life.

Many times, Jesus warned us not to make the mistake of ignoring these questions. The Bible says in Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

What Does it Mean to Trust Jesus?

Jesus used many different illustrations to teach us what it means to believe on Him for salvation. The Bible says in Mark 10:13-15, “And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.”

The disciples did not think that Jesus would want to take time to show love and care for little children. However, Jesus loves children. He wanted them to believe His Word and trust Him too.

We are all born sinners and under the power of Satan and death. The only way for any of us to be rescued is by putting our trust in Jesus as our Savior. Those who are not willing to come to God and trust in Him like a little child will not enter Heaven.

A little baby loves to be held in your arms. He is not afraid of being dropped. He trusts you to hold him and take care of him. When you were a baby, you believed whatever your parents told you. You did not try to figure things out for yourself, but as you grew older, you became more independent.

God did not design us to be independent of him. God made us so that we would know, love, and obey him. As sinners, we cannot do that. We are servants to the desires of sin in our wicked hearts. We are naturally independent and self-centered.

Jesus Christ came to save sinners. He said that we must be born again. Just as it is impossible for anyone to bring about his own physical birth, so it is impossible for us to bring about our own spiritual birth. God alone is able to give us new life. Only he can save us from our sins.

The only way to be delivered from your sins is to surrender your life to Jesus Christ and ask Him to deliver you and forgive you. You may find it difficult to accept the simplicity of the Gospel because we are naturally independent and want to be in control of everything that happens to us.

That is why Jesus said we must come to him like a little child. Many people will go to the Lake of Fire because they simply will not trust God. When a person humbles himself and believes God like a little child, God will accept that person into Heaven.

The Rich Young Ruler

The Bible says in Mark 10:17-20, “And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.”

This young man thought he could be accepted with God because he was such a good person. He thought that by doing good things, he could be good enough to deserve eternal life. This man was like Cain, who thought that he could bring his own offering to God and that he would be accepted by God. But God did not accept Cain because he brought his own kind of offering, instead of following God’s instructions.

This young man did not understand that no one can ever be good enough to please God. He did not realize that God is the only one who is good. When Jesus answered him, he was not denying that he was good or that he was not God, but he wanted the man to realize that no ordinary man is good. If this man believed Jesus was good, then he should also have realized that Jesus was God, because he only one who is good is God.

This man did not want to admit that he was born a sinner and under Satan’s control. Therefore, he could never perfectly obey God’s laws. He did not really want to be honest about the sin in his life. He had broken every one of God’s laws, some of them outwardly, and some of them in his heart.

Jesus already taught the meaning of the Law by explaining that if a person simply hates another person in his heart, that he has committed murder. If a man looks at a woman and desires her, he has committed adultery in the heart.

God does not judge a person according to his outward acts alone. God gave the Ten Commandments to prove to every person that all have sinned and come short of God's standard of righteousness.

You may think that you are a good person and that you do not deserve to go to the Lake of Fire, but you too have broken many of God's laws, many times. And according to James 2:10, you only have to break God's law ONE time and you are guilty! So, we all stand condemned before God!

The Bible says in Mark 10:21-22, "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions."

Jesus knew that the man was covetous and loved his riches more than he loved his neighbors. Jesus was trying to show him that he had broken God's law which says that we must love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. Jesus wanted him to admit that he was a sinner and needed a Savior.

Jesus was trying to help this young man realize that he had made his money more important than God. This man chose his riches and turned away from eternal life with God. He loved his money more than God. The rich and poor are the same in God's sight. No one is able to take their money with them when they die.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Jesus told the following true story because he wants us to realize that our relationship with God is far more important than the riches of this world. Even if a man had all the wealth in the world, it would be no benefit to him if he would go to the Lake of Fire. Believing God and having everlasting life is of far more value than being rich in this life.

The Bible says in Luke 16:19-24, “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”

The rich man had everything he wanted. Did his riches keep him from dying? Were his riches any benefit to him after he died? When people die, they either go directly to be with God in Heaven, or they go to Hell.

Lazarus was accepted by God and went to Heaven, but the rich man went to Hell, where there is eternal suffering. Lazarus did not go to Heaven because he was poor on earth. Lazarus went to heaven because he agreed with God that he was a sinner and trusted in the promised Savior.

The rich man did not go to hell because he was rich. The rich man went to Hell because he did not agree with God that he was a sinner and did not trust in the promised Savior to rescue him from Satan, sin, and death. He just lived his life on earth to enjoy his riches. He lived for himself and did not care about God.

Abraham could not grant this rich man's request for Lazarus to dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. The Bible says in Luke 16:26, "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

Once a person dies and goes to Hell, there is no way he can be delivered. There is no way to escape. He will be there forever and ever. For all those who die without being accepted by God, they too will go to Hell. Those who die separated from God remain separated from God forever.

Satan has really deceived people about living today. Most people believe that money, possessions, and health are more important than God. After two thousand years, Lazarus is still with God in Heaven and the rich man is still in Hell suffering great pain. There are no changing places. They will be where they are forever and ever.

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Lesson 23 - The Betrayal and Trial of Christ

Crowds of people followed Jesus everywhere he went. Some wanted healing for physical problems. Others wanted political freedom from the Roman government. Very few that followed Jesus were concerned about their spiritual needs. Very few were willing to admit that their greatest need was to be saved from Satan, sin, and death.

It is not really much different today. Many people will only follow Jesus as long as he allows good things to come into their life. A true follower of Jesus will follow him all the way, in good times, and in difficult times.

The Bible says in Mark 11:7-10, “And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.”

As Jesus sat on a young donkey and rode into Jerusalem, the crowds welcomed Him as the promised Savior from God. They praised him as the promised Messiah that all the Old Testament prophets had spoken about.

Most of the people, however, did not personally trust in Jesus to deliver them from Satan’s power, their sins, and God’s punishment. They only wanted Jesus to be their king so he would deliver them from their enemies. The Jewish leaders were determined to kill Jesus, but they were frightened of the crowds.

Jesus was very popular because of all the great miracles he had done.

Judas Betrays Jesus

The Bible says in Mark 14:10, “And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.”

Judas was one of the twelve apostles whom Jesus had chosen, but Judas was not a true follower. He did not trust in Jesus as his Savior. Judas followed Jesus for his own personal gain.

The Bible even tells us that Judas was a thief. He was entrusted to keep the money bag, but he would often steal part of the money and keep it for himself. When it seemed that he was not going to receive any more personal benefits from following Jesus, he was willing to sell Jesus to his enemies.

Satan was guiding Judas to betray Jesus. Satan hates Jesus because Jesus is God and has all power. Satan would like to have all power, but he knows that one day he will be destroyed by Jesus Christ. Satan thought that if he could get the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus, he would hinder God’s plan.

Judas went to the enemies of Jesus and told them that he was willing to betray Jesus for money. The Jewish leaders paid Judas thirty pieces of silver.

The Bible says in Mark 14:12, “And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?”

Many years after the first Passover in Egypt, the Jews were still celebrating this feast. Jesus had some of his disciples prepare a

place for them to eat. Jesus already knew that Judas was going to betray him. At the feast, Jesus said to his disciples that there was one among them who was going to betray him to the Jewish leaders. Jesus wanted Judas to realize what a horrible thing he was planning to do and to give him a chance to change his mind.

The Bible says in Mark 14:22-24, “And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.”

In this portion of Scripture, Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper. He broke the bread and then explained that the broken bread was an illustration of his body which would be broken by evil men. Jesus said the grape juice was an illustration of his blood which would flow out of his body. Jesus said that he was going to sacrifice his life in the place of every person.

Before the supper was finished, Judas departed from Jesus and the rest of the disciples to betray Jesus. After the supper, Jesus and the rest of the disciples went to a beautiful garden where Jesus often prayed. He knew that in order to be our Savior, he would have to go through terrible suffering more than anyone has ever experienced.

After Jesus prayed, he said unto his disciples in Mark 14:42-43, “Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand. And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.”

Jesus is Arrested

Those who came to arrest Jesus did not realize they were being guided by Satan. The disciples all ran away and left Jesus, just as God predicted would happen. The disciples were afraid, disappointed, and confused. They believed that Jesus was the Savior sent from God, but they could not understand how he could be the Savior if he was going to be killed by his enemies. They did not yet understand how his death could deliver them from Satan, sin, and death.

After Jesus was arrested, he was taken to stand before the Sanhedrin Rulers, the high court of the Jewish people. Jesus had not done anything wrong. Therefore, they could not find any lawful reason to condemn him. In fact, the only reason that they hated him was because they loved their sin and refused to repent!

Hundreds of years earlier, God's prophets had said that false witnesses would tell lies about the Savior. Now as Jesus stood before the Sanhedrin, the exact words of the Old Testament prophets were being fulfilled. The Jewish leaders found false witnesses to tell lies about Jesus Christ. Jesus was quiet and did not answer the false witnesses. Then they asked Him if He really was the promised Savior and Jesus answered very plainly that He was.

The high priest became very angry and said in Mark 14:64-65, "Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands."

This is exactly what God's prophets said would happen to the Savior hundreds of years earlier. The Romans who ruled Israel

would not allow the Jews to kill anyone unless they gave permission.

A man named Pilate was the Roman governor over the region of Jerusalem. The Jewish leaders took Jesus to Pilate, hoping that they could convince Pilate to sentence Jesus to death. But Pilate knew that Jesus had done nothing wrong.

It was a custom at the Feast of the Passover that Pilate would release one prisoner for whom the Jews asked. He knew that the Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus only because they were jealous of his popularity. Pilate asked the Jewish people if they would rather release Jesus or a prisoner named Barabbas, who was guilty of murder. Pilate hoped that they would choose to release Jesus.

Crucify Him!

The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to be crucified, and they convinced the crowd to demand that Pilate should crucify Jesus. The same crowd that was ready to ask Jesus to be their King, now called for him to be crucified. Jesus would not deliver them from the Romans, so they did not want him anymore. Pilate gave in to the pressure of the people and ordered for Jesus to be crucified.

Crucifixion was used by the Romans for the very worst criminals. Today it might be compared to the gas chamber or the electric chair. However, crucifixion was even worse because the person did not die immediately. The criminal endured hours and sometimes days of intense physical agony before dying.

Jesus was whipped and mocked by the Romans before he was led away to be crucified. A Roman soldier whipped the back of Jesus Christ with a leather whip. Pieces of sharp metal and bone were tied onto the leather so they would cut the back of the prisoner

when he was beaten. This whipping laid open the skin, cutting the flesh, muscle, and nerves.

After the terrible beating, the soldiers mocked Jesus. They dressed him in a purple robe, which was the color that kings often wore during that time. They made a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus' head. After this, they led Jesus to Golgotha where he was to be crucified, suffer, and die to deliver us from Satan, sin, and death.

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Lesson 24 - The Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Suggested Bible Reading: Mark chapter 15 and Luke chapter 24

The most important event that has ever happened in all of history is the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no question that Jesus Christ is the most important person in all of history. More books have been written about Jesus Christ than any other person who has ever lived. But, why did Jesus come? What was His reason for living on this earth?

The Bible says in Matthew 18:11, “For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.” We are going to study what Jesus did for us so that we can be accepted by God and go to heaven when we die.

The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

The Bible says in Mark 15:22-25, “And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.”

Golgotha was a lonely hill that was located just outside the walls of Jerusalem. The women of Jerusalem often prepared a drink as an act of mercy to help numb the pain of those being crucified, but Jesus refused to drink it. Jesus was then made to lay down upon the cross and the Roman soldiers nailed his hands and feet into the wooden cross. The cross was then placed in an upright position and dropped into a hole on top of the hill.

Jesus said in John 3:14-15, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” Jesus was prophesying to Nicodemus that one day He would be crucified for the sins of the world.

Usually a sign was put above the criminal to indicate what crime he was being crucified for. But Jesus had committed no crime. Pilate could find nothing with which to charge him and so they made a sign instead which said, “This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”.

Jesus did not die because he was a guilty sinner. Jesus had NO SIN! Jesus was dying for my sins, your sins, and the sins of the whole world. You and I are the ones who deserved to be on that cross. He was taking our place and was punished for our sin.

A Sinless Sacrifice

Jesus was able to sacrifice his life for our sins because he was sinless. From the beginning, God said that whenever a person sacrificed an animal to God, it had to be perfectly healthy. It could not be sick or injured.

Remember when Isaac was bound to the altar and Abraham was about to slay his son? God stopped Abraham and caused a ram to be caught by his horns in a bush behind them. God put it there so it could die in the place of Isaac. If the ram was injured, then it would not be acceptable to God. That is why the ram was caught by his horns. Just as the ram died in Isaac’s place, so Jesus came into the world to die in our place.

Jesus suffered the complete punishment for our sins so God can freely forgive and accept all those who repent and believe on Jesus

the Savior. The Bible says in Mark 15:37, “And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.”

Jesus did all that was necessary to deliver us from Satan, sin, and death. He shed his blood as the payment for our sins. All those who repent and trust in Jesus are forgiven by God of all their sins. God gives them the gift of everlasting life.

Jesus Christ did for us what we could not do. He was the only One who could make a way for you to be accepted by God. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only payment that God will ever accept as payment for our sins.

The Burial and Resurrection

Jesus was taken down from the cross and put in a tomb of a rich man named Joseph of Arimathaea. A massive stone was rolled in front of the entrance. Jesus’ body was in the tomb for three days and three nights.

At the end of this time, on the morning of the first day of the week (Sunday), some of the women who had believed in Jesus returned to the burial cave. It was the custom of the Jews to put fragrant spices on the bodies of the dead. These women came early Sunday morning to anoint the body of Jesus. They expected to find his body still in the tomb. But what a shock they received!

The Bible says in Luke 24:2-3, “And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.”

The women did not know that God had sent his angel to roll the heavy stone away from the entrance of the grave. The body of

Jesus was not in the tomb! And then, they were greeted by two angels.

The Bible says in Luke 24:4-7, “And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”

Jesus had risen from the dead, just as He said He would. Jesus is God. He came down to earth and became a man to deliver us from Satan, sin, and death. Jesus knew before he left heaven that he would die and rise again.

All of his followers should have been waiting for Him and expecting Him to rise from the dead, because He had told them many times, He would rise on the third day. But they were so sad that He had been crucified, that they totally forgot all the Scriptures that promised that Jesus would rise again!

We are sure that Jesus is God and the promised Savior because He was raised from the dead. The Jewish leaders crucified Jesus because He claimed to be the Savior, but God raised Jesus from the dead so that everyone would know that Jesus was who he claimed to be.

We are also assured that God was completely satisfied with the payment for our sins which Jesus made with his blood because God raised him up from the dead. The only way for us to be accepted by God was for Jesus to pay the complete price of our sins.

So, how can you be delivered from Satan, sin, and everlasting separation from God? You must repent and agree with God that you deserve to go to hell for your sins against God, and that you are unable to save yourself.

Then place your complete trust in the Lord Jesus, believing that He gave his blood as the full payment for your sins and rose again from the dead to give you eternal life.

Jesus died for all people and God wants everyone to know that they can be delivered from Satan, sin, and death. God does not want anyone to suffer everlasting punishment. This is the purpose of this Bible Study, so you can hear and understand and believe this wonderful news and be able to share it with others.

What is the Gospel?

This is the message of the Gospel. Many people have heard about the Gospel, but they really have no idea what the Gospel is. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “I declare unto you the Gospel....how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

The Gospel is the message that Jesus Christ has died and paid the price for your sins with His own blood, and He rose again from the dead, to defeat the curse of sin forever.

It is important that you believe this message which God has written in His Word. God says that those who believe on Jesus Christ can know that their sins are forgiven by God and that He will accept them. The only way to be born again is to believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Bible says in Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Are you willing to believe on the Son of God? Are you prepared to depend only on Jesus to forgive your sins, guide your life, and give you a home in heaven?

After Jesus commanded his disciples to take this Good News to every person, he left them and returned to Heaven. Jesus is coming back to the earth again, but this time it is not to deliver sinners from Satan, sin, and death because He completed that work. The next time Jesus comes, it will be as the Judge of the whole earth.

God now commands everyone to repent, that is, to turn from their sins and to trust only in the payment which Jesus has made for them. All those who have not repented and trusted in Jesus the Savior will be thrown along with Satan and his demons into the Lake of Fire, when Jesus judges the earth!

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Lesson 25 - The Meaning of Christ's Death from the Old Testament

The Old Testament is like a signpost on the side of the road giving directions. God knows that everyone has been lost. He made sure that the way back to him is well marked. Many of the great stories in the Old Testament were recorded to be a picture of the way to be made right with God.

In this last lesson, we will now review some of these Old Testament stories and see how they pointed forward to the Lord Jesus Christ and his death for us on the cross.

Adam and Eve, Genesis 3

Do you remember what Adam and Eve did when they sinned and became aware that they were naked? They made themselves coverings of leaves. Did God accept the clothing they made?

No, God refused to accept what they made because he wanted to teach them that they could not do anything to make themselves acceptable to him. God wants each of us to realize this.

There is nothing we can do to make ourselves acceptable to God. Going to church, providing for our families, doing good deeds, being baptized, and praying are all things that we should do, but none of these things will make us acceptable to God.

Are you trying to do something to make yourself right before God? If you are, you need to realize that what you are doing is no more acceptable to God than the clothes Adam and Eve made.

God rejected the clothes that they had made, and God made His own plan, and killed an animal to provide clothes for them. God

refuses to accept anything we do to make ourselves pleasing to him, and He has provided the only way for us to be right with Him.

Because He loved us, He sent Jesus Christ to die for us so we could be made acceptable to Him. If you trust only in Him, then, just as God put the clothes on Adam and Eve, He will forgive your sins and accept you.

God will accept you, not because you are sinless, but because the Lord Jesus who died in your place is sinless. All who trust in Him alone are forever accepted by God because they are clothed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Cain and Abel, Genesis 4

The next story we need to consider is the one about Cain and Abel. God made it clear from the beginning that, whenever anyone came to worship, he must bring an animal, kill it, and allow its blood to run out. God said to do this because he knew one day Jesus Christ would give his blood to pay for the sins of the world.

God rejected Cain because he came to God in his own way, according to his own ideas, and not in the way God had commanded. Abel was a sinner too, but he was accepted by God because he trusted in God to save him and brought the blood sacrifice God required. In the same way, God will accept all those who believe on Jesus the Savior.

Noah and his Family, Genesis 6

Do you remember reading about the way people were living in Noah's time, before the flood? People refused to listen to God's warning given through Noah. God said he was going to destroy the

world by a flood. Did God intend to destroy Noah who, like Abel, knew he was a sinner and trusted in God to send a Savior? No.

Do you remember how many doors God told Noah to make in the ark? Just one. There was only one way they could enter the ark and be saved from God's judgment. Before the flood came, the animals, Noah, and his family all entered the ark by the one door, and God shut them in. Inside the ark, they were safe from God's punishment on the sinful world. God only sent one Savior just like there was only one ark.

Everyone outside the ark died in the flood, because they refused to believe God and enter the ark by the one door. That one door reminds us of the Lord Jesus who is the only way to eternal life. When anyone believes that Jesus died for his sins and puts his trust only in Him, God forgives his sins and gives him eternal life. Don't be foolish like the people in Noah's day that refused to enter the ark and be saved.

Abraham and Isaac, Genesis 22

One day, God instructed Abraham to take his only son Isaac and offer him for a burnt sacrifice. The place where God told Abraham to go was very near, if not the very same place, where Jesus Christ was sacrificed.

Abraham laid the wood for the burnt sacrifice on the back of Isaac and went up the hill. Jesus Christ carried the wooden cross up the hill to where he would be crucified. When Isaac asked his father where the sacrifice was, he responded, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb."

Jesus Christ is God the Son. God did indeed provide himself as a

sacrificial Lamb. The Bible says in John 1:29 that Jesus Christ is, “the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.”

The Passover Lamb, Exodus 12

God brought 10 plagues upon the land of Egypt, so that they would release the people of Israel to go and worship God. During the last plague God promised to kill the firstborn child in every family. The Israelites would have lost their firstborn too, but God made a way for them to escape.

Each family had to choose a lamb. First, the lamb had to be without blemish. God commanded the Israelites to choose a lamb that was in perfect physical condition. These perfect lambs of the Israelites were a picture Jesus Christ. He was without sin.

Second, the lamb had to die. The Israelites kept the lamb until the time God said they should kill it. The lamb had to die, and its blood had to be shed, if the firstborn child was to be saved from death. In the same way, it was necessary for the Lord Jesus to give his blood as the payment for our sins. There was no other way we could be saved from God’s judgment on our sins.

Third, the lamb’s blood had to be placed on the top and sides of the door frame. Even though the Israelites killed the lamb and caught its blood in the basin as God had commanded them, the firstborn child would still have died unless they put the blood on the top and sides of the door frame.

This teaches us that merely knowing that we are sinners and that Jesus died for our sins will not save us from God’s terrible judgment. The Israelites had to put the blood of the lamb on the door frames of their houses to show God they were trusting in the blood to protect them from the angel of death.

In the same way, we have to trust personally in the Lord Jesus and his death as the payment for our sins. Jesus, the perfect Lamb, has already died and shed his blood. Have you had his blood applied to your life to cover your sins? We must believe that what the Lord Jesus did on the cross was for us as individuals. Jesus died for me personally. Jesus died for you personally.

Did the angel of death kill any firstborn child inside a house where the blood had been applied? No. God said he would pass over every house where he saw the blood and He did.

In the same way, you can be absolutely certain that if you trust in Jesus Christ you will never be punished for your sins. Jesus blood paid for all your sin and you can be certain that God will never demand a second payment. But only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone will have their sins paid for. If you reject Jesus Christ, you must pay for your own sins!

The Day of Atonement, Leviticus 16

After God delivered the Israelites from the Egyptians, he led them through the wilderness until they came to Mount Sinai. Here, God gave them his commandments which showed them they were helpless sinners under the condemnation of death.

They could never keep the laws of God and make themselves acceptable to him. However, God is also loving, merciful, and gracious. He instructed Moses to have a tabernacle built where he would meet with his people and forgive their sin, if they would follow His instructions.

Once a year, the high priest was to enter the inner room of the tabernacle and sprinkle the blood of a lamb on the mercy seat. Year after year animals were sacrificed and their blood sprinkled

on the mercy seat in the tabernacle, but the blood of animals could never pay for sin. These offerings only pictured Jesus Christ who was to come to provide the one complete sacrifice for sin by sacrificing his own life.

What about You?

How foolish the Jews were who refused to accept that Jesus was the Savior sent from God. How foolish they were not to believe that his blood had fully paid for all sin.

People today are just as foolish when they try to save themselves by the things they do instead of simply trusting in what Jesus has already done. Are you going to trust in what you do or in what Jesus has done for you on the cross? What are you going to do?

Millions of people from countries all over the world have looked back to what Jesus Christ did when he died for them and they have trusted him as their Savior. What about you? Will you repent of your sins?

Agree with God that you are a sinner and deserve eternal separation from him in the Lake of Fire. Stop trying to make yourself acceptable to God by your own efforts, and trust completely and trust only in Jesus Christ as your Savior.

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Lesson 19 Questions

1. Everyone who followed Jesus, did so because they loved the truth and they were committed to Jesus. True or False.
2. What can you do to deliver yourself from sin and Satan's rule over your life?
3. The purpose of the miracles that Jesus did was...
 - a. To help the poor people.
 - b. To gather large crowds to follow Him.
 - c. To prove that He was sent from God as the Messiah.
4. Jesus turned some people away who were only seeking miracles. True or False.
5. What did Matthew do to become a follower of Jesus?
6. The Pharisees did not become followers of Jesus because...
 - a. Jesus did not prove that He came from God.
 - b. They were proud and thought they were already ok with God, so they refused to repent.
 - c. Jesus did not fulfill the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah.
7. Judas Iscariot was a hypocrite because he said he believed on Jesus, but his _____ and _____ did not agree with God.
8. Jesus came into this world to bless people with riches and material blessings. True or False.
9. Are you following Jesus for a miracle, or because you love the truth of the Bible?

Lesson 20 Questions

1. Most of the churches in the world today are worshipping the One True God. True or False.
2. The Pharisees thought they were going to _____ because they did so many good _____. Do you think that they were really born again? Yes or No
3. Jesus condemned the Pharisees because they honored him with their _____, but their _____ was far from God.
4. If you try to keep the church laws...
 - a. God will receive you into heaven for your good work.
 - b. God will not accept you, because you are trying to make your own way to heaven.
 - c. It doesn't matter, because God lets everyone into heaven.
5. In order to get to heaven by keeping God's law, you must keep it _____ your whole life.
6. Have you kept God's laws 100% perfectly your whole life? Yes or No.
7. According to God's Word, have you lived good enough to go to heaven? Yes or No
8. God had mercy on the Publican because he _____ with God about his sin, and he _____ in the Savior as his only hope of being made right with God.
9. Jesus knew that He was going to die, be buried, and resurrect again. True or False.
10. Why did God accept Moses and Elijah into Heaven?

Lesson 21 Questions

1. The Bible teaches that after death, a person will...
 - a. Be reincarnated into the universe.
 - b. Go to heaven or to hell forever.
 - c. Go to purgatory to pay for their sins, and then be accepted into heaven.
2. There are many other good religious teachers that are just as good as Jesus. True or False.
3. What are some lies of Satan that people believe, that will keep them from making it to heaven?
4. There is more than one door to enter into heaven. True or False.
5. What must a person do to enter the door to heaven and everlasting life?
6. Jesus could have healed Lazarus and prevented him from dying. True or False.
7. Why did Jesus allow Lazarus to die?
8. The reason that Jesus came into this world was to deliver people from spiritual _____ and to give _____ life.
9. Who is the only One that has power to give you eternal life?
10. When did you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver you from your sin and give you eternal life?

Lesson 22 Questions

1. What is the most important question you must answer in life?
2. Jesus taught that you must trust Him as a _____ trusts his parents if you want to make it to heaven.
3. How much does a little child depend on his parents in order to survive? (Circle the correct answer)
 - a. 25%
 - b. 50%
 - c. 75%
 - d. 100%
4. The rich young ruler thought that God would accept him into heaven because he was such a _____ .
5. The rich young ruler loved his _____ more than he loved God.
6. Be honest. How many of God's Ten Commandments do you think that you have broken?
7. How many times do you have to break God's Laws to be guilty before God?
8. Believing God and having _____ is of far more value than being rich in this life.
9. Lazarus went to heaven because he was poor. True or False.
10. A person that dies and goes to hell will never be able to get out. True or False.
11. Why did the rich man die and go to hell?

Lesson 23 Questions

1. Most people are true followers of Jesus Christ. True or False.
2. Are you a follower of Jesus?
3. If you are a follower of Jesus, why do you follow Him? Be honest.
4. Even Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles was not a true follower of Jesus. Judas followed Jesus for _____.
5. Jesus was surprised when Judas betrayed him into the hands of the rulers. True or False.
6. When the rulers examined Jesus, what sin did they find him guilty of committing?
7. Pilate believed that Jesus should be crucified. True or False.
8. What convinced Pilate to allow the Jewish people to crucify Jesus?
9. Why did the crowd demand that Pilate crucify Jesus?
10. Crucifixion was used by the Romans for the very worst _____.
11. Was Jesus guilty of a crime?

Lesson 24 Questions

1. Why did Jesus come to this earth (Matthew 18:11)?
2. In John 3:14, Jesus prophesied to _____ that he would be crucified for the sins of the world.
3. Jesus was able to sacrifice His life for your sins because He was _____.
4. What is the only payment that God will ever accept for your sins?
5. The disciples expected Jesus to rise again from the dead after 3 days. True or False.
6. What must you do to be delivered from your sins and eternal separation from God?
7. What is the message of the Gospel?
8. Jesus died for all people. True or False.
9. God will accept everyone into heaven. True or False.
10. Will God accept you into heaven? _____. Why or why not?

Lesson 25 Questions

1. What did Adam and Eve do when they realized that they had sinned against God?
2. What are some ways that people try to make themselves acceptable with God today?
3. What have you done to try to make yourself acceptable with God? According to what the Bible says, has that worked?
4. God _____ Cain because he came to God in his _____ way, according to his _____ ideas, and not in the way God had commanded.
5. How many doors were made to enter into the ark? _____. How many ways have been prepared to enter into heaven? _____.
6. What 3 things needed to be true of the Passover Lamb?
 - a. It had to be a _____.
 - b. It needed to _____.
 - c. The _____ needed to be put on the door frame.
7. Jesus has already died and shed His blood. Have you applied his blood to your life to cover your sins?
8. God gave Israel the 10 commandments to teach them what?
9. Are you going to trust in what you do or in what Jesus has done for you on the cross?

Conclusion

The gospel is a wonderful story. Jesus paid for our sin and then conquered death by rising from the dead on the third day. In rising again, He is now able to give eternal life to all that turn from their sins in repentance and believe on him with all their heart.

Religion says you have to work your way to God for Him to accept you. Jesus says there is nothing you can do to work your way to Heaven. You simply receive the gift of God as it is freely offered.

That is God's plan to bring you into a right relationship with Him. In order to receive eternal life, you must realize you are a hell-deserving sinner, repent of your sin, trust Jesus Christ with all your heart and receive Him as your Savior.

This is God's plan to bring you into a right relationship with Him. There is no other way to Heaven. How does a person know if they are ready to be saved? You are ready if you realize that you are a hell-deserving sinner, you are willing to turn from your sin and believe on Jesus Christ with all your heart, and then receive Him as your Savior.

If you are not ready, that is o.k. We do not want to pressure you. We recommend you continue to seek God through reading and studying the Bible and praying to God for understanding. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or do not yet understand salvation. We are happy to talk to you more about how to come into a right relationship with God. If you would like to be saved today, you can. If you are ready, feel free to contact us and we would be happy to lead you to salvation. However, it is not necessary for us to be with you when you receive Christ. If you would like to pray for salvation and receive Jesus Christ right

now, you can pray the prayer below or you can pray to God in your own words.

“Dear Heavenly Father, I know that I am a hell-bound, hell-deserving sinner. I know there is nothing I can do to save myself from the penalty of my sin. I am willing to turn from my sin in repentance and trust in what Jesus Christ did on the cross to pay for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross, He was buried, and three days later, He rose from dead. I now am trusting Jesus Christ with all my heart. Please forgive me of all my sin and save me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

If you sincerely prayed that prayer, you just became a Christian. Please let us know so that we can rejoice with you.

As a new believer, there are some things we recommend to help you grow in your faith.

1. Tell your friends and family about what you are learning.
2. Invite your friends and family to study this course.
3. Read your Bible every day. For English, we recommend you get a King James Version.
4. Pray to God every day. If you need help to know how to pray, let us know and we will teach you.
5. Faithfully attend a Bible-believing church that teaches the gospel so that you can grow in your faith. If you need help finding a church, please let us know and we can help you find a church in your area.
6. Continue to study the Bible. We have free Bible studies to help believers grow in their faith. If you would like one of these Bible studies, please let us know and we will send them to you, free of charge.

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