

Triumphal Entry

John 11:54-12:19; (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44)

As we studied about Jesus in our last lessons, we learned that the leaders of the Jews wanted to kill Him. They tried to tell people that He was not the Son of God because they did not want people to believe in Him. The chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where Jesus was, they should report it so they could grab Him. From this time on, Jesus was careful where He went.

At this time, many people had come to Jerusalem for the Passover. They wondered if Jesus would hide out or if He would come to Jerusalem to observe the Passover. Many wanted to meet Him because of everything they had heard about Him — especially what they had heard about the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

The chief priests and Pharisees had decided that they would not only put Jesus to death, they would put Lazarus to death also because many were believing in Jesus because of his testimony. At this time Jesus was staying at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

After Jesus and His disciples left and as they came near to Jerusalem, He said to two of them, *"Go to the village nearby."* As you enter the village, you will see a colt that has never been ridden. Untie him and bring him to me. If anyone asks, *"Why do you do this?"* say *"The Lord has need of him."*

The disciples brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on its back. Jesus sat on the colt and rode it into Jerusalem. When the great multitude found out that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they gathered palm branches and went out to meet Him. Many people even spread their clothes along the road for Jesus to ride over. They shouted, *"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."*

When He entered Jerusalem, the people asked, *"Who is this?"* The crowd answered, *"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."* Some of the Pharisees wanted the people to stop shouting about Him. Jesus replied, *"I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out."* Jesus knew that His message and story must be told.

The disciples did not understand everything that was happening at this time. Later on, after He was glorified, they remembered that these things were written of Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Notes for Parents:

- Jesus fulfilled all prophecy as He rode into Jerusalem. He was truly a King, but of a different nature. He deserved a great deal more than the glory He received here, but He was more interested in providing for our salvation than He was interested in claiming His glory as God.

Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. Why were so many people in Jerusalem? | Donkey |
| 2. Who was also going to Jerusalem? | King |
| 3. What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? | Quiet |
| 4. What the people said when they saw Jesus. | Jesus |
| 5. What the people laid on the street. | Passover |
| 6. What the Pharisees wanted from the people. | Clothes |

For the More Advanced:

Read Chapter 12 verses 1-6 and answer the following questions.

1. What was Jesus doing at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus?
2. What did Mary put on the feet of Jesus and wipe with her hair?
3. What did Judas think should be done with the perfume?
4. Why was Judas so concerned about the money for the perfume?

Memory Work:

John 14:1

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

Authority of Jesus Questioned

Luke 19:45-20:40; (Matthew 21:12-22:33; Mark 11:12-12:27)

After Jesus came to Jerusalem, He went to the Temple. During that period of time, people had turned the Temple into a business place. They were buying and selling animals for the Passover and exchanging money for certain other kinds of coins the people had to have. And even worse than that, some were being dishonest and cheating people out of money.

Jesus was so unhappy with these people that He went in and cast out all the people who were buying and selling, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers. Listen to Jesus' words to the people: *"Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a robber's den."*

Jesus then returned to Bethany and spent the night there. In the morning, as Jesus returned to Jerusalem, He became hungry. As He and His disciples walked along they saw a fig tree. This fig tree only had leaves on it, but no fruit. (This kind of fig tree puts out its fruit first and afterward the leaves. By the time the tree has all its leaves, the fruit should be ripe.) Jesus said to the fig tree, *"No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you."* And at once the fig tree withered and died.

The disciples didn't understand what had just happened. Jesus had caused the tree to wither and die to teach the Jews a lesson. The Jewish nation was like this fig tree outwardly they looked like religious people who loved and obeyed God. They had all the blessings and goodness of God but they were not producing any fruit. Inwardly they were sinners. They, too, would be destroyed.

Jesus also told them that if they had faith and did not doubt, they too could do wondrous acts. He said that with faith they could say to a mountain, *"Be taken up and cast into the sea"* and the mountain would be cast into the sea. He was teaching them that everything that is asked for in prayer, with belief, would be given to them.

The chief priests and scribes began seeking how to destroy Jesus, but they were afraid of the people. They came to Him and questioned His authority. But Jesus knew their hearts were not right, and He would not even answer their questions. Others came and questioned Him and He gave them such wondrous answers that they could not ask anything else. Jesus knew the will of God and He lived it perfectly. It was impossible for the Jews to catch Jesus doing something wrong, because He never did anything wrong. Jesus is our perfect example.

Notes for Parents:

- Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32) and the Parable of the Landowner (vs. 33-46) were excluded due to length. Include as you feel appropriate to age level.
- Jesus had the answer to anything He was faced with. He provides us with access to the same through His word. We must look to Him.

Getting the Main Points:

True or False

1. ____ Jesus was happy when He saw what they were doing in the Temple.
2. ____ The house of God is a house of prayer.
3. ____ Jesus stopped and ate from the fig tree.
4. ____ He used the tree to teach the Jews a lesson that they would be destroyed for their lack of faith.
5. ____ Jesus also taught them that prayer was not valuable.
6. ____ The chief priests could not catch Jesus doing anything wrong.

For the More Advanced:

Read Chapter 20 verses 33-40 and answer the following questions.

1. Do those who have been resurrected marry others?
2. Those who are resurrected are like what?
3. Are the dead truly raised?
4. God is a God of the _____.
5. After questioning Jesus, what did the Sadducees say?

Memory Work:

John 14:1

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

Destruction of Jerusalem

Luke 20:41-21:32; Mark 12:35-13:23; (Matthew 24:1-28)

Jesus warned His disciples to beware of the Scribes who like to walk around in long robes and like respectful greetings in the marketplaces. These people have an outward show of being good, but inside they are mean and evil people who cannot be trusted. Trust in those who trust in Jesus because they speak the truth in love.

Jesus was standing in the temple and He saw some people putting money and gifts into the treasury. He saw the rich put in their gifts and then a poor widow who only put in two small copper coins. Jesus said that the poor widow put in more than all of the rich people added together. They put in out of the extra they had and she put in all that she had to live on. This is how Jesus wants us to sacrifice to Him. We need to first give ourselves to Him and then everything else will follow from there.

As we studied in our last lesson, Jesus had warned the Jews that they would be destroyed some day because of their lack of faith and obedience. While He was in the temple, Jesus saw some people who were talking about all of the nice stones and gifts that were there. He told His disciples that one day the Temple would be torn down and Jerusalem would be destroyed.

His disciples wanted to know when these things would happen. Jesus gave them warning signs of things that would happen before this destruction. He said many people would come saying they were the Christ, and try to mislead the people. There would be wars, fightings, false prophets, and the people's love would be gone.

We know from a study of history that Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in 70 A.D. All the things Jesus had said came true at that time. God not only knows everything that will happen, He has the power to make it happen. Nobody has the strength to stop Him.

God has warned us about another important time that we should be concerned about. In the New Testament we are told that Jesus will come again someday, and all of us who remain faithful and obedient will go to heaven with Him for eternity. We must never be like some of the Jews who looked so "good" on outside, but were so "bad" on the inside! Jesus knows our hearts, and wants us to be with Him forever. It's up to you! Be faithful, and always keep Him first!

Notes for Parents:

- The widow gave everything she had in just giving two coins. God does not want more than we have to give, but He does want everything we have to give. It is not much to ask when we consider the reward we will receive for being faithful unto death.
- We should be certain about the second coming of Christ since we can see that God's word does come to pass. God is faithful to keep His promises and what He says will truly happen. Remain faithful to Him.

Getting the Main Points:

Circle the correct answer.

1. Jesus told his disciples to beware of the _____.
a. Pharisees b. Sadducees c. Scribes
2. Some people in the temple were giving _____.
a. gifts b. money c. both a & b
3. Who gave more than all the rest?
a. the rich b. the widow c. the Jews
4. Jesus told the people that the _____ would be torn down.
a. temple b. old law c. treasury
5. God's words are always _____.
a. confusing b. meaningless c. truth

For the More Advanced:

Read Chapter 21 verses 13-19 and answer the following questions.

1. All the hardships will lead to an opportunity for what?
2. Who would give them the words they are to utter?
3. Who would deliver them up to persecution and even death?
4. How would they (and we) gain their lives?

Memory Work:

John 14:1

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Second Coming of Christ

Matthew 24:29–25:46

On the Mount of Olives, Jesus told His disciples a story, or parable, about the kingdom of heaven. He said it is like 10 young women (virgins) who had been invited to a wedding. They each took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of the young women were called wise and five were called foolish. We will see why.

The wedding was at night so they took their lamps for light. The bridegroom was late in coming, and the young women became tired and fell asleep. At midnight there was a shout, "*Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.*" The women all arose and prepared their lamps. But five of the women had no oil left. They were foolish for not taking enough oil with them. They asked the other five women, the wise ones, if they could borrow some of their oil. They said no, because there wasn't enough oil for all of them.

The foolish women had to leave to buy oil for their lamps and while they were gone, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him, and the door was shut. Later the five foolish women returned to find the door shut, and they could not enter.

Jesus told this parable to teach a very important lesson. Jesus is like the bridegroom and we are like the young women. No one knows when Jesus will come again, but He wants us all to be prepared so we can go to heaven with Him when that time comes!

Jesus continued telling His disciples about the end of the world. He told them He will separate the good from the evil, just like a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. Those who obeyed He will place on His right; those who disobeyed on His left.

Then the King will say to those on His right, "*Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you. When I was hungry, you fed me; thirsty, you gave me drink; a stranger, you invited me in; naked, you clothed me; sick, and you visited me; in prison, you came to see me there.*" The people will answer and say, "*When did we do all of those things for you?*" The King will say, "*Whenever you helped one needy person, you helped me.*"

The King will turn to those on His left and say to them, "*Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels ...*" so then those who are on the left will go away into eternal punishment and those on the right side will go with Jesus into eternal life in heaven.

Which side will you be on?

Notes for Parents:

- Include Parable of Talents if time permits.
- Discuss how we can "Trim our Lamps" (be prepared) for Lord's return.
- How can we help others? Discuss its importance.
- We must understand the finality of the judgment.

Getting the Main Points:

1. Why were five young women more wise than the other five?
 - a. They got to the wedding earlier.
 - b. They knew the bridegroom better.
 - c. They brought extra oil for their lamps.
2. Why didn't the wise women share their oil?
 - a. There wasn't enough for all of them.
 - b. They were selfish.
 - c. They didn't want the others to go to the wedding.
3. Who represents the bridegroom in this parable?
 - a. John the Baptist
 - b. Jesus
 - c. a man really getting married.
4. What lesson do we learn from this parable?
 - a. Always carry extra oil with you.
 - b. Go to a lot of weddings.
 - c. Be prepared for the Lord's return!
5. What is one of the things we must do to go to heaven?
 - a. Help those who are in need.
 - b. Don't worry about the needy.
 - c. Don't help anyone you don't know.

For the More Advanced:

Read Chapter 25 verses 14-30 and answer the following questions.

1. What did the man with 5 talents give back?
2. What did the man with 2 talents give back?
3. What did the man with 1 talent give back?
4. Who was praised and who was condemned?

Memory Work:

John 14:1

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

Jesus Foretells His Death

John 12:20-50

As Jesus begins the last week of His life on earth, He wanted to prepare people for His death. He compares Himself to a grain of wheat. He said unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it will never bear any fruit. The lesson He taught from that example was unless He died, was buried, and then arose, there would be no salvation for you and me. Jesus knew those whose hearts were sincere and seeking the truth would understand this teaching.

Jesus said those who would not live for Him, but wanted to do everything their own way would lose their life in heaven. He also said those who would live for Him and give their lives for Him would get their reward with a life in heaven. This is a great reward.

Many of the rulers believed in Jesus, but they were afraid of the Pharisees and they didn't want anyone to know they believed. They loved the approval of men more than the approval of God. Which do you think is more important? Jesus said if we believe in Him, we show that we believe in God also.

Jesus again reminded them that He was the "Light." He told them to "*Walk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.*" Sin and the devil are darkness. Jesus is the Light. He will show us the way to heaven, and help us every step of the way.

Jesus then told the disciples that everyone who hears His word and rejects Him will be judged by the very words that He has spoken. And these words are very important because they were not His words, they were the words of the Father in heaven. What hope is there for us if we reject the saving words of the Father in heaven?

Jesus' soul was troubled about the death on the cross. Even though His death was extremely painful, we need to be so very thankful that He loved us enough to suffer, die and rise again. He died so we can live!

Notes for Parents:

- As Jesus begins the last phase of His life, He begins to think about the death He will die. He knows that this is the lowest and highest part of His life. What a position to face!
- Jesus and God are inseparable. We cannot love one without loving the other and we cannot reject one without rejecting the other.
- Jesus' words will guide us to heaven. They will also judge us if we are unfaithful and will send us to our doom.
- Jesus fulfilled all prophecy of the Old Testament.
- Approval of men is not as important as approval by God. Even though we know this, it still is difficult to overcome. We need to pray to God for the courage to overcome this fear. There will always be those who will try to pressure us into rejecting God.

Getting the Main Points:

Cross out the statements that are false.

1. A grain of wheat must die before it can grow.
2. Jesus' death is the reason we have salvation.
3. It is alright to hide our belief in Jesus.
4. Jesus is the light and in Him is no darkness at all.
5. We will be judged by our beliefs — not God's word.
6. God wants us to be saved so badly that He will ignore our sins.
7. Jesus was troubled over the death that He was facing.

For the More Advanced:

Read verses 27 through 32 and answer the following questions.

1. Why couldn't Jesus ask God to save Him from "this hour"?
2. What happened after Jesus said, "*Father glorify Thy name*"?
3. Why did God speak (for whose sake)?
4. What would Jesus do if He was lifted up from the earth?

Memory Work:

John 14:1

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:14-35; Mark 14:1-2, 10-31; John 13:1-2, 21-38; (Luke 22:1-38; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

The Passover was near, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death. Judas, one of the twelve apostles, went to them and offered to help them. They paid him 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus.

As the first day of Unleavened Bread came, Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, *"Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."* They asked where they should go? He said, *"When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters. You shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' And he will show you a large, furnished, upper room; prepare it there."*

Peter and John left and found everything just as Jesus had told them. They then prepared the Passover. When the time came, Jesus reclined at the table with His apostles. He took some bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, *"Take eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."* Then He took the cup and said, *"Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."* Jesus said He would not partake of this supper again until the day when He drinks it new with them in God's kingdom (the Church).

Jesus said that He must go, just as it is written. By this He meant that He must die. Then He warned that the one who would betray the Son of Man (Jesus) would be better off to not be born. Judas spoke up and said, *"Surely it is not I Rabbi?"* Jesus responded and said, *"You have said it yourself."* Judas was about to betray Jesus and both he and Jesus knew it.

Later on, as they were around the table with the Lord, the apostles got into an argument over who was the greatest among them. Jesus told them the one who serves others is the greatest of all. He was the best example of all, for Jesus truly did serve others.

Notes for Parents:

- Judas would have been better off if he had not been born. Anyone who goes against God's word is in the same position.
- The Lord's supper was instituted just before Jesus' death. He wanted us to remember what He did for us.
- Jesus told them that the greatest of all is the one who serves. He told them that He was among them and He was the one who was serving them. It was not as the rich who show their greatness by forcing others to serve them.
- 1st Corinthians shows us how to partake of the Lord's supper. It even tells us the consequences of not doing it properly.

Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. What feast was near | Servant |
| 2. Who Jesus sent to prepare for this feast | Jesus' body |
| 3. What the bread represented | Judas |
| 4. What the fruit of the vine represented | Peter and John |
| 5. Who is greatest of all | Jesus' blood |
| 6. Who would betray Jesus | Passover |

For the More Advanced:

Read Luke 22 verses 31 through 34 and answer the following questions.

1. What had Satan demanded?
2. What did Jesus do to help Peter (Simon)?
3. What was Peter supposed to do after he overcame Satan's trials?
4. What would Peter do before the cock crowed three times?

Memory Work:

John 15:12

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-38

As the disciples and Jesus were gathered together to eat the Passover feast, Jesus knew He was about to depart from this world and return to His Father. He thought about how much He had loved His disciples on this earth and how He would love them to the very end.

After they had finished eating the Passover supper, Jesus took a towel and put it around Himself. He poured water in a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and wipe them with the towel. When He came to Peter, Peter asked, "*Lord, do you wash my feet?*" Peter couldn't understand why the Lord, who was the greatest of all men, would be washing his feet. Jesus took this opportunity to teach them a lesson.

Listen to Jesus' words: "*If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.*" Jesus also told Peter that if he would not allow Jesus to wash him, Peter would have no part in Him. What Jesus meant by this was that Peter would have to accept the cleansing power of Jesus (for his sins) if he wanted to be a Christian.

Jesus indeed was the Lord and greatest man to ever live. But He wanted His disciples to understand the importance of serving others. He showed them the most effective way He could — by being the greatest servant of all, and then told them to follow His example. Not only did Jesus want them to be servants to one another, He also wanted them to forgive one another. This is very important if we all want to be in a good relationship to one another and especially to God.

He then told His disciples that He would only be with them a little while longer (He would soon be betrayed by Judas and then crucified). He told them to love one another, even as He had loved them. John 14:35 says, "*By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have loved for one another.*"

Peter didn't really understand what was about to take place, so He asked Jesus where He was going? Jesus answered, "*Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you shall follow later.*" Peter said, "*Lord, why can I not follow you right now? I will lay down my life for you.*"

Jesus then said to Peter, "*Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly I say to you, a cock shall not crow, until you deny Me three times.*" Peter must have been surprised to hear those words. In another lesson we will see how those words came true.

Notes for Parents:

- Discuss specifically how children can be "servants." The more we love, the easier it is to serve.
- Jesus' power to cleanse is very important to the Christian. We must also realize the importance of forgiving one another.

Getting the Main Points:

Draw a happy face if True or a sad face if False.

- ____ 1. Jesus did not wash the disciples' feet because He was greater than they were.
- ____ 2. Part of being "great" is being willing to serve others.
- ____ 3. Jesus was soon to be betrayed and crucified.
- ____ 4. We should love one another as Christ loved us.
- ____ 5. Jesus told Peter he would never deny Him.
- ____ 6. We must be willing to forgive one another.
- ____ 7. Jesus' blood allows us to be cleansed.

For the More Advanced:

Read verses 21-30 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus say when He became troubled in spirit?
2. How did Jesus show them who would betray Him?
3. What did Jesus tell Judas to do?
4. What time of day did this event occur?

Memory Work:

John 15:12

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

Promise of the Holy Spirit

John 14:1-31

Jesus knew what was soon to happen. He knew Judas would betray Him and that Peter would deny Him. He knew He would die on the cross and He knew He would rise again and return to heaven to be with the Father. But the disciples didn't know all of these things. So when Jesus talked to them about leaving them and other matters that had to do with what was about to happen, it was hard for them to understand.

Jesus said to them, *"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."* He went on to tell them, *"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."*

Jesus was talking about going to heaven. He was trying to tell them that after He died, He would return to heaven. He said He would go and prepare a place for them so that they could be in heaven with Him forever.

Thomas told Jesus they did not know where He was going, and wanted to know how to get there? Jesus said, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."* Jesus then told them that if they had known Him, they would also have known the Father—since He and the Father are one. Philip did not understand this. Jesus told them that they must believe that He and God are one and if they do, they could do many wonderful works. Just ask in His name and He would do anything for them.

Jesus then told them He would ask the Father to give them another Helper, which was the Holy Spirit. He would be with each of the disciples after Jesus was gone and continue to teach them. He would also help them remember everything Jesus had taught them so they could continue teaching others. Jesus wanted the disciples to know they would have this special Helper so they wouldn't be afraid after He was gone (Read John 14:27). This special helper would eventually help them write down these words into a very important book. Do you know the name of this book? That's right — the Bible.

Jesus' words were so very important. He said that if we love Him, we will keep His commandments. He also said that those who do not love Him will not keep His commandments. He warned them that this was important since they were not rejecting Jesus' commandments, but God's commandments. Jesus then told them how much He loved His Father, God. He said, *"... and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do."* Jesus obeyed God just as we should obey Him. Our salvation depends on our obedience to God's words in the Bible.

Notes for Parents:

- True love is not shown in affection only, but in a deep commitment that is demonstrated by keeping God's commandments. We cannot truly love God unless we are willing to give ourselves to Him.

Getting the Main Points:

1. Did Jesus know what was about to happen to Him?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
2. Did the disciples understand everything Jesus understood?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
3. What did Jesus mean by, "I am going to prepare a place for you?"
 - a. He would find them a new house
 - b. He would be on the earth with them forever
 - c. He would return to heaven, and they could be with Him forever
4. What is the way to heaven?
 - a. Through Jesus and His word
 - b. Through men
 - c. Through yourself
5. Jesus said if we loved Him we would do what?
 - a. sell all our possessions
 - b. keep His commandments
 - c. not get married

For the More Advanced:

Read verses 18-21 and answer the following questions.

1. Jesus said He would not leave us as what?
2. Would the world see Jesus much after that time?
3. Why do we live?
4. If Jesus loves us, who also will love us?

Memory Work:

John 15:12

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

Vine and the Branches

John 15:1-27

As Jesus taught His disciples and others, He used examples of physical things they were very familiar with to teach spiritual lessons. In the area where Jesus was at this time, there were many vineyards, especially grape vineyards. The grapes would grow on vines, and the man who took care of the vineyard was called the "vinedresser." He would check the vines to see how they were growing, and how much fruit they were producing. Every branch that was weak or sickly would be cut off so that the sap would flow into the healthy branches that would bear fruit. Healthy branches would be pruned (cut back) and this would cause them to be even healthier and bear more fruit than before. The branches that were closest to the trunk or root would usually bear the most grapes.

Now listen to Jesus' words in John 15:1-2: *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 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."* Verse 5 tells us: *"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."* (Read verse 6)

Jesus tells us here that we must bear fruit, which means that we must do the things that God tells us to do and let His word work in our lives. Remember the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5? If we do not bear fruit, we will be like the weak or sickly branch. We will not get to live with Jesus forever in heaven. Jesus has no use for a weak and sickly branch — He will cut it off and give His blessings to those who are bearing fruit.

And remember also, the branch closest to the trunk or root of the vine usually produced the most fruit. When we are close to Jesus and are trying very hard to do right, we will bear the most fruit in our lives. We will want to do things that help others. We will love one another, be joyful, be peacemakers, be patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and have self-control.

A branch cannot live apart from the vine. We cannot spiritually live apart from Jesus. He provides everything we need for a good healthy and happy life. Let's be "healthy branches" and produce a lot of "fruit" for the Lord!

One of the good works Jesus wants us to have is also talked about in this lesson. Jesus wants us to love one another, just as He has loved us. Jesus said that the greatest love that can be shown is to give our lives for a friend. Jesus gave His life for us and He wants us to give our lives for Him.

Notes for Parents:

- Older classes may discuss how trials in our lives "prune us, and should make us stronger and "healthier."
- The branches in this context represent individual Christians not churches as is commonly taught in the denominational world.

Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. Who is the vine | Christians |
| 2. Who is the vinedresser | branches close to trunk |
| 3. Who is the branches | bear fruit |
| 4. What happens to branch not bearing | Jesus |
| 5. The branch that bears most fruit | your life for a friend |
| 6. Great love is to give | God |
| 7. Jesus wants us to | cut off and burned |

For the More Advanced:

Read verses 18-21 and answer the following questions.

1. Who did the world hate first-us or Jesus?
2. Would the world love you if you act like they act?
3. Why does the world hate us?
4. Who is not greater than a master?

Memory Work:

John 15:12

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

The Holy Spirit

John 16:1-33

As Jesus' life here on earth was about to come to an end, He continued telling His disciples about things that would happen. He said they would be persecuted for teaching truth; some of them would even be killed. Jesus, Himself, would also go through these same trials. But He didn't want them to become discouraged. He told them He would always be with them (not physically, but spiritually).

He also reminded them that when He was gone, He would send them the helper, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. The Holy Spirit would speak to them the words of God the Father. Jesus told His disciples in a little while He would no longer be with them. As before, they did not understand what He meant, but it made them sad. Jesus explained that He had come from the Father into this world, and He would be leaving the world again to return to His Father.

Listen to the reason Jesus gave for speaking these things to the disciples: *"In Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation (troubles), but take courage; I have overcome the world."*

The disciples could handle anything with Jesus' help. The same is true today for you and me. Jesus did overcome the world, and our faith and trust in Him will give us the strength to stand strong in the truth, and live for Him. We are sad when we think about the pain and suffering He endured for us, but we are very happy when we think about His victory when He arose from the dead and went back to heaven to be with God. Now He is with us today, and through prayer we can ask for strength and wisdom to live right.

When Jesus left this earth for heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit just as He said He would. The Holy Spirit works in our lives today through the Word of God. God, through the Holy Spirit, gave His words to various men so they could write them down for us. These words teach us the way to heaven. All of the words in the Bible are God's words. So the more we study the Bible and live just as it teaches, the more the Holy Spirit is in our lives.

Notes for Parents:

- In Jesus we have the depths of sadness in His death and suffering and we have the heights of joy in his victory over sin and death. The promises and blessings we have from Him are also very great.
- The Holy Spirit works in our lives today through the word of God. What a very important work the Holy Spirit had to accomplish.
- It was to our advantage that Jesus died on the cross, since He purchased our salvation. It was not to His advantage, since He had no sin that needed forgiveness.
- Jesus had many things to say to them that they were unable to understand at the time. In order for us to understand His word, we must grow up into a mature Christian.

Getting the Main Points:

Cross out the sentences that are false.

1. Jesus was not going to leave them soon.
2. The people did not understand that Jesus was going to leave them.
3. After Jesus left them, He would send them the helper.
4. The Holy Spirit's job was to give them God's words.
5. We can handle anything by ourselves.
6. We can ask Jesus for help when we want to live right.
7. The Holy Spirit works in our lives today.

For the More Advanced:

Read verses 28-33 and answer the following questions.

1. Where would Jesus go when He left the world?
2. Did the statement cause the disciples to believe in Jesus?
3. What would happen to the disciples when the "hour comes?"
4. In Jesus we have peace-what is there in the world?

Memory Work:

John 15:12

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

Lord's Prayer for Unity

John 17:1-26

Prayer was a very important part of Jesus' life here on earth. He understood the importance of talking to His Father in heaven. He prayed to the Father so God would give Him the strength to endure everything that He faced. But Jesus didn't just pray for Himself. He prayed for everyone who would believe in Him through their words. That includes you and me.

In the 17th chapter of John, we read of Jesus' prayer to His Father. He asked God to take special care of the disciples, and to keep them from Satan. The world had treated Jesus badly and He knew that the world would treat the disciples badly because the world did not always want to hear truth. But they were to be strong because the message they preached was more important than any persecution they went through. It would determine where people would spend eternity.

Jesus also prayed for those who would believe in Him through the disciples' words. His prayer was that "*they may all be one.*" To be "one" means to be united, to believe the same thing, to be of the same mind. Jesus did not give different messages for different people. He gave one message for all people (Jude 3). The same things that Jesus taught would save the people back then are the same things that will save people today. God tells us we must:

1. Hear the Word
2. Believe the Word
3. Repent of our sins
4. Confess Jesus is the Son of God
5. Be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins
6. Continue to be faithful

When people follow those steps of salvation, they become Christians, just like the people did on Pentecost in Acts 2. Jesus wants His followers to be "one." He wants us to believe His Word, and teach it to others so they can be saved. Jesus loved His disciples and you and me enough to pray for us. Let's pray for one another, and be thankful for God's Word that teaches us the way to heaven!

Notes for Parents:

- Being united is so important because only through everyone going forwards in the same direction will God's work get done. If we are all going different directions, we will not be effective.
- Jesus prayed that God would protect His people while He was away from them. Jesus is so concerned about His disciples that He took time during this most important time in His life to pray for them.
- Jesus longed to be with God in heaven. He had finished His work and was looking forward to being glorified with God and returning to His place at the right hand of God.
- Jesus asked God to bring His disciples to heaven too so they could see His glory in heaven.

Getting the Main Points:

Circle the items below that Jesus prayed for in this lesson.

Nice Homes	Heaven	Nice Cars
Strength	The Elders	Food
Special Care	School	To Be One
Everyone who believes	Disciples	Pets

For the More Advanced:

Read verses 14-18 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus give to His disciples?
2. Did Jesus want God to take us out of this world?
3. Are we "of this world?"
4. Where has Jesus sent us?

Memory Work:

John 15:12

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

The Betrayal of Christ

Luke 22:39-53; (Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; John 18:1-11)

Jesus and the eleven disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. As they arrived Jesus told eight disciples, *"Stay here while I go and pray."* He took Peter, James, and John, and they went into the garden to pray.

Jesus was very troubled over what was soon to occur. He dreaded the pain and suffering that would shortly be upon Him. He also dreaded the time when He would be separated from His Father-when He took the sins of man upon Himself. He wanted His closest disciples to be with Him. Jesus went a little way beyond Peter, James, and John and fell on His face to pray. He prayed, *"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as you will."* The "cup" Jesus referred to was the suffering and death on the cross. Jesus was human like you and me. He was asking God if there might be another way to do what God wanted-to save man from his sins.

That wasn't all Jesus prayed. He also prayed, *"Yet not as I will, but as You will."* Jesus wanted to do God's will no matter what it cost. He knew God's way was the best way, and He wanted to do what God said. Jesus prayed this same prayer three times to God, but each time was willing to, and did, accept God's answer. God then sent an angel to strengthen Jesus. As Jesus was praying, Peter, James and John had fallen asleep. Jesus awoke them and told them His betrayer was near.

Jesus knew, and had even told His disciples at the Passover Supper, that one of them would betray Him. He knew Judas Iscariot was the betrayer. Judas had even been given money, 30 pieces of silver, to betray Jesus. Therefore, Judas, along with a great crowd of people with swords and clubs, approached Jesus. Judas told the men, *"Whomever I shall kiss, He is the One; seize Him!"* Immediately Judas went up to Jesus and kissed Him. Jesus said, *"Friend, do what you have come for."* Then the crowd came and grabbed Jesus and began to take Him away.

Peter drew out his sword and cut off the ear of a slave of the high priest named Malchus. Peter was ready to go to battle to protect Jesus. Jesus told Peter to put away the sword, and then He healed Malchus' ear. Jesus knew all of these things had to happen in order for God's plan to be accomplished. Jesus could have called thousands of angels to protect Him, but He knew that was not God's plan.

Jesus asked the multitude of people, *"Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber? While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me ..."*

We will see how Peter reacts in a later lesson.

Notes for Parents:

- Jesus was willing to carry out God's words even though it would be so difficult. Being killed and separated from God would be very hard for Jesus to endure. Jesus was willing to pay the price of obedience.

Getting the Main Points:

Write a "T" for True or an "F" for False

1. ___ Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him to Gethsemane.
2. ___ Jesus did not look forward to suffering and dying on the cross.
3. ___ Jesus refused to do God's will.
4. ___ Judas kissed Jesus because he loved Him.
5. ___ Peter wanted to protect Jesus from the crowds.
6. ___ Jesus was a dangerous person so the crowds needed the swords.
7. ___ Jesus suffered all of this for you and me.

For the More Advanced:

Read Mark 14 verses 37-41 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus tell Peter to do when He found him asleep?
2. Our spirits are willing but what is weak?
3. How many times did Jesus find His disciples sleeping?
4. What hour had come?

Memory Work:**Matthew 28:19**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

Jesus Before Annas and Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57-75; (Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:54-65; John 18:12-27)

In our last lesson, Jesus had been betrayed and arrested by the crowd. In our lesson today, Jesus is taken to Annas (a former high priest), and then to Caiaphas (the present high priest) for a trial. The court of this time was called the Sanhedrin, and had approximately 71 members in it. They had certain rules to follow when trying a criminal, but they did not follow these rules when they put Jesus on trial.

As Jesus was being taken to the court, Peter was following Him at a distance. Peter waited outside in the courtyard as they took Jesus in. They needed at least two witnesses to testify against Jesus to judge Him guilty of a crime. People were lying and making up stories about Him, but none of these people told the same story. So Caiaphas began asking Jesus questions, but He kept silent. Finally, Caiaphas asked Jesus if He was the Son of God and Jesus said He was. Caiaphas then accused Him of blaspheming (speaking against God), and the people said He deserved to die! They spat in His face, blindfolded Him, and hit Him and mocked Him.

Peter was still sitting in the courtyard. A certain servant girl came to him and said, "*You too were with Jesus.*" But Peter denied it, and said he didn't know what she was talking about. A couple hours later, another girl said to the people, "*This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.*" Again Peter denied it and said, "*I do not know the man!*" A little later some of the people said, "*Surely you too are one of them; for the way you talk gives you away.*" Then Peter began to curse and swear, saying "*I do not know the man!*" Immediately a cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Peter remembered the words which Jesus had said, "*Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times.*" Peter went out and wept bitterly. Do you think Peter was sorry?

We will see more about the trial of Jesus in our next lesson.

Notes for Parents:

- Peter succumbed to peer pressure, and later regretted it! Peter's and Judas' sins were of equal magnitude. However, their reactions were totally different. Judas hung himself while Peter repented. No sin is too great for God's forgiveness. Stand up for Jesus!
- Jesus did not add to or take away from the trial. He truly was taken as a lamb to slaughter since He did not open His mouth in defense of Himself. He only confirmed to these people that He was the Son of God. Even if He had been lying, this was not a crime deserving of death under their laws.
- Caiaphas allowed his hatred to blind him of the truth.

Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. Former high priest | made up stories |
| 2. Present high priest | wept bitterly |
| 3. What Jesus was guilty of | denied Jesus 3 times |
| 4. What Peter did | the Son of God |
| 5. Peter's reaction to his sin | nothing |
| 6. The witness' stories were | Annas |
| 7. Jesus confirmed He was | Caiaphas |

For the More Advanced:

Read Mark 14 verses 55-59 and answer the following questions.

1. Was the Council being successful at getting a testimony?
2. What was wrong with the testimony given?
3. What was one of the specific testimonies given?
4. Were they even consistent about this specific testimony?

Memory Work:

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

The Trials of Jesus

Matthew 27:1-26; (Mark 15:1-15; Luke 22:66-23:25; John 18:28-19:16)

As Jesus' trial went on, Judas became sorry for betraying Jesus. When Judas saw Jesus being taken away by His enemies, he returned the 30 pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. He said, "*I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.*" They answered, "*What is that to us? See to that yourself.*" They refused to take back the money they had given Judas to betray Jesus. Judas then went away and hanged himself.

The soldiers led Jesus before Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate talked with Him and asked if He was the King of the Jews? Jesus said, "*It is as you say.*" Pilate further questioned Him, but found no fault with Jesus. When Pilate told the Jewish leaders that he found no fault with Jesus, they began to shout, "*Crucify Him, crucify Him!*" When Pilate heard this, he said, "*This man belongs to the country that Herod rules.*" (Herod was a son of the king who had tried to kill Jesus when he was a baby.) Pilate sent Jesus to Herod at once.

Herod was glad to see Jesus. He had hoped Jesus would do a miracle before him, but Jesus would not even answer one of Herod's questions. Jesus did not answer any of the bad things people were saying about Him. Herod, with his soldiers, then mocked Jesus and dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

Pilate wanted to release Jesus because he knew that the Jews had delivered Him up because of envy. Pilate's wife also said she had suffered greatly in a dream because of Jesus. She also said He should be released. But the crowd kept saying "*Crucify Him!*" There was a custom at the feast each year that one prisoner would be released. There was a prisoner named Barabbas who had started a rebellion and committed murder. Even though Barabbas was a very bad man, the people wanted him released instead of Jesus! Because Pilate wanted to please the people, he released Barabbas, and after having Jesus scourged (whipped), he delivered Him to be crucified.

Neither Pilate nor Herod had the courage to stand up to the people and make them do what was right. Jesus had the courage to continue to do the will of God in heaven and allow Himself to be delivered up for crucifixion.

Notes for Parents:

- Pilate succumbed to peer pressure, and most definitely made the wrong decision. He tried to absolve himself of the guilt by washing his hands of Jesus' death, but since he did not stop the crucifixion, he was a part in it.
- Jesus in His silence obeyed God and allowed Himself to be crucified. He could have stopped it if He wanted, but He obeyed even unto death.
- Judas did not have the courage to repent of his sins. He died in his lost condition because he committed suicide. Peter sinned and he repented — what a difference in the outcome for these two men.

Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to match the question to the correct answer.

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| 1. Former high priest | Caiaphas |
| 2. Present high priest | hanged himself |
| 3. What Jesus was guilty of | denied Jesus 3 times |
| 4. What Peter did | Barabbas |
| 5. Peter's reaction to his sin | nothing |
| 6. What Judas did | wept bitterly |
| 7. Who was released to the mob | Annas |

For the More Advanced:

Read John 18 verses 36-38 and answer the following questions.

1. Jesus' kingdom is not of what?
2. If Jesus' kingdom were of this world, what would His servants do?
3. What did Jesus answer to, "Are You a King?"
4. After questioning Jesus, what was Pilate's conclusion?

Memory Work:

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

The Crucifixion and Burial of Christ

Matthew 27:27-66; (Mark 15:16-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:16-42)

The soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorian (the governor's official residence) and gathered all the Roman soldiers around Him. They put a scarlet robe on Him, which is the kind of garment a king would wear. They wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head (like a crown), and a reed in His right hand (like a scepter). They kneeled down before Him, and mocked Him, saying, "*Hail, King of the Jews!*" They spat on Him, and took the reed and beat Him on the head. They were making fun of Him because He said He was the King of the Jews.

After they had mocked Him, they took off His robe and put His clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him. As they were coming out, they made a man named Simon of Cyrene carry His cross. When they came to a place called Golgotha, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall, which is a very bitter poisonous herb. After Jesus tasted it, He would not drink any more. Then they hung Him on the cross to crucify Him. Jesus prayed to God, "*Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.*" When they crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves.

The people who were watching were sneering and insulting Jesus. Pilate put a sign up above His head which said, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." The Jews wanted the sign taken down, but Pilate refused. Two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. As some people passed by they said many cruel things to Jesus. They said, "*If you are the Son of God come down from the cross.*" Jesus could have come down from the cross, but He was doing the will of His Father. He always obeyed God's will.

Darkness fell upon all the land from noon to 3 p.m. At about 3 p.m. Jesus cried, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*" Jesus then cried out with a loud voice and died. The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook. Rocks were split, and tombs were opened and many saints who had been dead were raised. When all these things happened, a Roman captain said, "*Truly this was the Son of God!*"

After the crucifixion, a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, came to Pilate and asked to take Jesus' body and bury it. Joseph took His body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had cut out in a rock. He rolled a large stone against the front of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sat by the grave.

The chief priests remembered that Jesus said He would rise on the third day. Pilate gave them permission to put guards around the tomb because they thought the disciples of Jesus might come and steal His body and then say He had risen. They knew this would be bad for them.

In our next lesson, we will see that everything Jesus said would happen came true.

Getting the Main Points:

Draw a happy face for True and a sad face for False.

- ___ 1. Jesus was treated good like a king should be treated.
- ___ 2. Jesus would not drink any more after He tasted the drink.
- ___ 3. Jesus prayed that God would forgive these people.
- ___ 4. The people were happy that Jesus was called king of the Jews.
- ___ 5. Jesus came down from the cross to show He was from God.
- ___ 6. Darkness fell over the land for about 3 hours.
- ___ 7. Jesus was buried in a rich man's grave.

For the More Advanced:

Read Luke 23 verses 39-43 and answer the following questions.

- 1. What did the one criminal want Jesus to do for them?
- 2. Why didn't the other criminal criticize Jesus?
- 3. The criminals were suffering justly, but what about Jesus?
- 4. What did Jesus tell the criminal who asked Him to remember him?

Memory Work:**Matthew 28:19**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

Resurrection and Appearances of Christ

Matthew 28:1-15; (Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-43; John 20:1-21:25)

In the very early morning hours of the first day of the week (Sunday), Mary Magdalene, another Mary and another woman went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. A severe earthquake had occurred for an angel descended from heaven and rolled away the stone over the tomb. The angel said to the women, "*Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here for He has risen ... Go quickly, tell His disciples, and have them meet Him in Galilee.*"

Mary Magdalene ran to tell the disciples of the news. They were both afraid and excited at the same time. When the disciples heard the news, they did not believe it. Peter and John ran to the tomb to see for themselves. As they looked in the tomb they saw the linen cloths Jesus had been wrapped in and the face-cloth that had been around His head lying there. They were marveling as they left and went to their homes. Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. She looked into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting one at the head and one at the feet where Jesus' body had been.

Then Jesus appeared to Mary and she thought He was the gardener. After Jesus spoke to her, she realized it was Jesus. She then returned to the disciples to tell them she had seen the Lord. Later that afternoon two men, Cleopas and Simon Peter, were walking to Emmaus (7 miles from Jerusalem). As they spoke about the things that had happened, Jesus appeared to them. They did not know who He was at first and then Jesus revealed Himself to them. They returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven disciples gathered together, all except Thomas. They told about Jesus appearing to them.

As they spoke, Jesus came into their midst and showed them His hands, feet and His side. When the disciples saw this they rejoiced that the Lord had risen. They told Thomas what they had seen, but he said he would not believe unless he saw the nail marks on Jesus' hands and until he had put his hand into His side. Eight days later when they were gathered together again, Jesus allowed Thomas to do this, and Thomas then believed.

Jesus then went to the Sea of Galilee and saw some disciples fishing. They had been fishing all night but had caught nothing. Jesus stood on the shore and told them to cast their nets on the other side, and they would catch fish. They did as He said, and they were not able to bring in their nets because of the great number of fish in them. Jesus was also seen by 500 people on a mountain in Galilee.

Notes for Parents:

- Jesus appeared to those who would carry the honest word out to the others. He wanted them to know He was alive and that He had overcome the power of sin and death. Their testimony was important to the founding of the church. Many saw Him who could testify to the truth.

Getting the Main Points:

Circle at least five people or groups of people the Lord appeared to in this lesson. There are actually seven correct answers.

Thomas	The President	Cleopas
Paul	The Pope	Ananias
Cornelius	The 11 Disciples	Disciples Fishing
500 People on a Mt.	Noah	Nehemiah
The Jews	Moses	Mary
Simon Peter	Jedediah	Zedekiah

For the More Advanced:

Read John 20 verses 26-31 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus tell Thomas to do when He appeared to them?
2. What was Thomas' reaction after he did these things?
3. Thomas was blessed for believing, who else is blessed?
4. Why were these things written in this book and what will it produce?

Memory Work:

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

Great Commission and Ascension of Jesus Christ

Luke 24:44-53; (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:11)

In our last few lessons we saw that Jesus had been crucified, died, and was buried. We also saw that He was raised from the dead and revealed Himself to His disciples on earth. He has been on earth for about 40 days and He is getting ready to go back to heaven. In our lesson today, Jesus still has some very important things to tell His disciples.

Jesus said: "Go 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." In Matthew, it is stated in the following way, "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 have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We call these passages of scripture "The Great Commission" because it tells each and every one of us what God wants us to do for Him. We have been told to teach people and make them Christians. This is one of the greatest things we will ever do in our lifetimes. God will reward us richly for teaching His word to others.

All of this was made possible by Jesus. His perfect life, death, burial, and resurrection made it possible for us to be God's children. We become His children through His perfect plan. As we saw in the Great Commission, we must be taught, believe, repent of our sins, be baptized and then carry out God's work. Because of God's great love for man, He made this plan so we could live with Him forever in heaven.

It was now time for Jesus to leave this earth. His work was done and He had other work that needed to be completed. Remember He promised to send a Helper to the disciples and to prepare a place for us in heaven. Jesus was on the Mount of Olives as He spoke his last words to His disciples. After He finished speaking, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. He had completed God's plan for saving man eternally. The rest is up to you and me. Will we share this same message with someone today? Let's review God's plan of salvation:

1. Hear (Romans 10:17)
2. Believe (Hebrews 11:6)
3. Repent (Luke 13:3)
4. Confess (Matthew 10:32-3)
5. Be baptized (Acts 2:38)
6. Be faithful (1 Corinthians 15:58)

We should be glad God loved us so much to make such a wonderful plan for us to go to heaven. We should also be glad that Jesus obeyed God's plan in every way. Is God glad about how we are living today? Let's share this great news with someone else! We can obey God in every way just like Jesus did!

Getting the Main Points:

Circle the correct steps of salvation and their verses listed.

Confess — Matthew 10:32-33

Be Sprinkled — John 33:33

Be Faithful — 1 Corinthians 15:58

Believe — Hebrews 11:6

Give All of Your Money — 1 Corinthians 16:2

Repent — Luke 13:3

Hear — Romans 10:17

Wear White — Revelations 28:11

Be Baptized — Acts 2:38

Go On a Mission — Matthew 28:15-16

For the More Advanced:

Read Luke 24 verses 44-49 and answer the following questions.

1. How much of the law and prophets must Jesus fulfill?
2. What did Jesus do so the disciples could understand the scriptures?
3. In what place would the first message of repentance be proclaimed?
4. How long were the disciples to stay in the city?

Memory Work:

Matthew 28:19

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit”