

# INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT HISTORIES

## Lesson 1

### The Five History Books of the New Testament

*"In the past God spoke to our people through the prophets. God spoke to them many times and in many different ways. And now in these last days God has spoken to us again. God has spoken to us through His Son." Hebrews 1:1*

#### **SUMMARY:**

In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Savior. In the New Testament, we can read that God kept his promise. Jesus is the Savior. The first four books of the New Testament tell us what Jesus said and did. The fifth book tells how Jesus gave power to Christians to bring His Good News to the world. The five books are the history books of the New Testament.

#### **GOALS:**

- KNOW the place and purpose of the NT history books.
- BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY the history books of the New Testament.
- UNDERSTAND the meanings of the English word GOSPEL

The two parts of the Bible are OLD TESTAMENT and NEW TESTAMENT (sign OT and NT). Read the sentences here, then write OLD or NEW in the blank to finish the sentence correctly:

- #1. The Old Testament tells how God made the world.
- #2. The New Testament tells how the world will end.
- #3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Testament is "Before Jesus."
- #4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Testament is "After Jesus."
- #5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Testament tells about the first people, Adam and Eve.
- #6. The \_\_\_\_\_ Testament tells how sin started in the world.
- #7. The \_\_\_\_\_ Testament promised that God will send a Savior.
- #8. The \_\_\_\_\_ Testament tells us that God did as He promised, and gave us the Savior Jesus.
- #9. The first four books of the New Testament are:

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#10. These four books are called GOSPELS.  
The word GOSPEL means:

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#11. These four books tell us about the life of  
whom?

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#13. The title of these four books are the names of the men  
who

\_\_\_\_\_

#14. The title of the 5<sup>th</sup> book of the New Testament  
is:

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#15 The 5<sup>th</sup> book of the New Testament is about what?

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***Discussion Questions:***

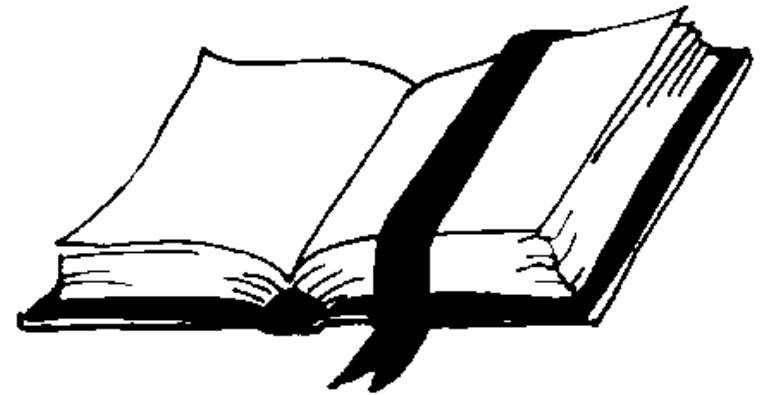
#16. Why does the Bible have FOUR stories about Jesus'  
life?

#17. Can you spell the names of the first five books of the New  
Testament from memory?

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The Five History Books  
of the New Testament

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## Lesson 2 Why FOUR Gospels?

Theme verse: *"We told you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. We told you about His coming. Those things we told you were not smart stories that people invented. No! We saw the greatness of Jesus with our own eyes."*  
2 Peter 1:16

### SUMMARY:

Each of the Gospel writers share with us his personal experience with Jesus or his eye-witness research about Him. The Holy Spirit used all four Gospel writers to teach us what God wants us to learn about Jesus.

### GOALS:

- UNDERSTAND that the four Gospel stories are eye witness reports of the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus.
- SEE that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all agree about the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus, while they report different events of His life.

### Think About it...:

How does a policeman investigate a traffic accident?

*...ask the witnesses!*

How does a student do research to write a paper?

*...read many different books and articles!*

How do we learn about the life of Jesus?

*...see what the eye witnesses said!*

### SAME & DIFFERENT:

We have not just one history book about Jesus. We have FOUR history books about Jesus!

#1. How many chapters are in each Gospel?

Matthew has \_\_\_\_\_ chapters.

Mark has \_\_\_\_\_ chapters.

Luke has \_\_\_\_\_ chapters.

John has \_\_\_\_\_ chapters.

#2. Which Gospel is shortest? \_\_\_\_\_

#3. Which Gospel is longest? \_\_\_\_\_

### Look at the first two chapters of each Gospel.

Matthew 1     Mark 1     Luke 2-3     John 1

#4. Which Gospels show Jesus' "family tree?"

\_\_\_\_\_

#5. Which Gospels tell about Baby Jesus birth?

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### #6. Jesus speaks from the Cross:

Matthew 27:35-50.

Mark 15:24-37.

Luke 23:33-46.

John 19:18-30.

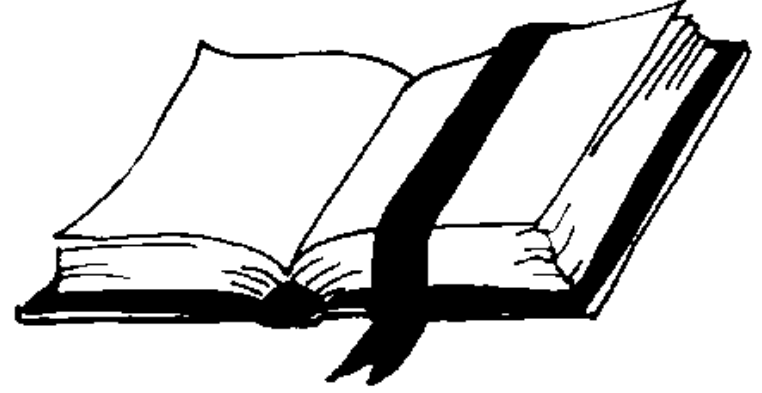
Jesus said 7 different things from His Cross. But we must look at all four Gospels to find all 7 things that Jesus said. In the chart on the next page, write the verse number that reports Jesus' words. (The first one, Luke 23:34, is printed for you.)

	<b>JESUS SAID...</b>	<b>Matt. 27: 35-50</b>	<b>Mark 15: 24-37</b>	<b>Luke 23: 33-46</b>	<b>John 19: 18-30</b>
<b>1</b>	"Father, forgive these people. They don't know what they are doing."			verse 34	
<b>2</b>	"Today you will be with me in Paradise."				
<b>3</b>	"Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother."				
<b>4</b>	"My God, my God, why have you left me alone?"				
<b>5</b>	"I am thirsty."				
<b>6</b>	"It is finished."				
<b>7</b>	"Father, I give you my spirit."				

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**Lesson 2**  
Why FOUR Gospels?

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## Lesson 3 Matthew

Theme verse: *"All this happened to make clear the full meaning of the things the Lord said through the prophet..."*  
Matthew 1:22

### **SUMMARY:**

Matthew was one of Jesus' Twelve Disciples.  
Matthew wrote the Gospel for the Jewish readers, to show them Jesus is Savior that God promised in the Old Testament.

### **GOALS:**

- KNOW who Matthew was.
- UNDERSTAND Matthew's message.
- BELIEVE that Jesus is the Savior God promised in the Old Testament.

### **WHO is Matthew?**

Read *Matthew 9:9-10*

#1. Matthew worked where? \_\_\_\_\_

#2. What was Matthew's job? \_\_\_\_\_

### **History background:**

Sometimes the tax collectors were called "Publicans."  
Jewish people hated tax collectors, for two reasons:

- The taxes were not for the Jewish government. The taxes were for the Roman government.
- The tax collectors charged people too much. The extra money they took, they kept for themselves.

#3. Jesus told Matthew to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

#4. Matthew did what? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Matthew 10:2-4.

#5. Jesus chose Matthew to join what group? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Mark 2:14 (Same story, but different writer)

#6. What was Matthew's *other* name? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Matthew wrote the Gospel about Jesus FOR WHOM?**

Matthew was a Jew, same as other Bible writers. He wrote the Gospel for other Jews, who believed the Jewish Bible (the Old Testament).

### **Matthew's Message -- Matthew said what?**

Read Matthew 1:22

(A) The Deaf Version:

*"All this happened to make clear the full meaning of the things the Lord said through the prophet..."*

(B) The Good News Bible:

*"All this happened in order to make come true what the Lord had said through the prophet..."*

(C) The New International Version (NIV):

*"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet..."*

(D) God's Word to the Nations Version:

*"All this happened so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet came true..."*

#7. Read the next verse (Matthew 1:23) in your Bible. Here Matthew quotes from the Old Testament. Maybe your Bible has a note at the bottom of the page, or at the side of the page, a note that tells you where in the Old Testament God says first says this verse. *If your Bible has a note about this verse, tell the group, and write the Old Testament verse name and number here:*

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Matthew does this same thing many times in his Gospel:

- Something happens to Jesus.
- Matthew says "This happened as the Lord said through the prophet..."
- Matthew quotes a verse in the Old Testament that tells what will happen to Jesus.

All through the Old Testament, God told the Jews that He will send a Savior, from the family of King David. Matthew shows us that everything God said about the Savior in the Old Testament happened as Jesus came to save us from sin and hell. Matthew's message to the Jews was: *"You are looking for the Savior that God promised? Well, here He is: JESUS!"*

#### **MATTHEW'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:**

#8. Matthew 1:18-24 \_\_\_\_\_

#9. Matthew 2:1-23 \_\_\_\_\_

#10. Matthew 5:1-7:28 *The Sermon on the Mount*

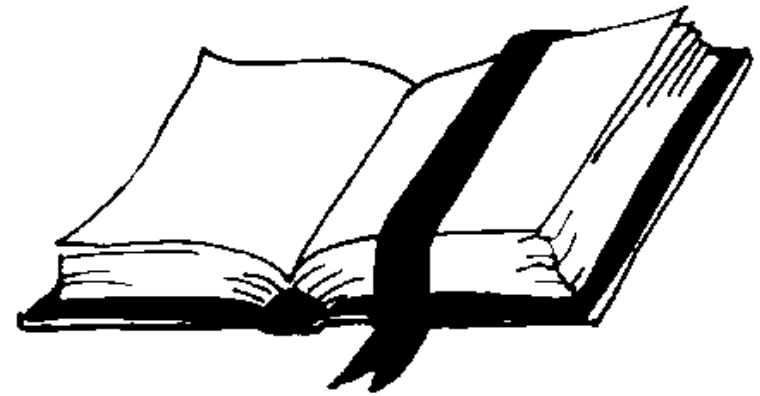
#11. Matthew 25:31-46 \_\_\_\_\_

#12. Matthew 28:18-20 *The Great Commission*

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#### Lesson 3 Matthew

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## Lesson 4 Mark

Theme verse: "The people there were amazed at his teaching... He taught like a person who had authority." Mark 1:22

### SUMMARY:

Mark was an eye witness.  
Mark was a student of Paul and Peter.  
Mark wrote for Roman readers, to show them that Jesus is Lord and Savior.

### GOALS:

- KNOW who Mark was.
- UNDERSTAND Mark's message.
- BELIEVE that Jesus is Savior & Lord, God's Son, with Divine Authority.

### WHO is Mark?

- Mark was an EYE WITNESS.
- Mark was not one of Jesus' twelve disciples.
- Mark was a young man when he knew Jesus.
- Mark's name shows up in later New Testament history:

Read Acts 12:12  
#1. What is Mark's *full name*? \_\_\_\_\_

#2. Who was Mark's mother? \_\_\_\_\_

#3. Who was at Mark's house? \_\_\_\_\_

#4. What were they doing? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Colossians 4:10  
#5. Who was Mark's cousin? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 12:25  
#6. Mark moved from Jerusalem to what city? \_\_\_\_\_

#7. Mark moved help two men in their work. Those two men were who?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 15:37-39  
#8. Paul was upset about Mark. Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read Philemon 23-24 and 2 Timothy 4:11  
#9. Later in prison, how did Paul feel about Mark? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read 1 Peter 5:13  
#10. Peter says Mark is his \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

### Mark's Message: WHO IS JESUS?

Read Mark 15:39  
#11. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

Read Mark 1:3; 2:28; 12:36-37  
#12. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

Read Mark 1:22  
#13. Jesus has authority in the way He \_\_\_\_\_

Read Mark 1:27

#14. Jesus has authority over whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Mark 2:10

#15. Jesus has authority to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Mark 4:39-41

#16. Jesus has authority over what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark wrote the Gospel about Jesus FOR WHOM?**

- Mark's Gospel looks as maybe he wrote it for Roman, non-Jewish (Gentile) people.

**MARK'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:**

The following stories are found only in Mark's Gospel.

#17. Mark 7:31-37 \_\_\_\_\_

#18. Mark 14:51 \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Questions:**

#19 (See Question #18) Was this young man maybe Mark himself? (Only Mark tells about it.)

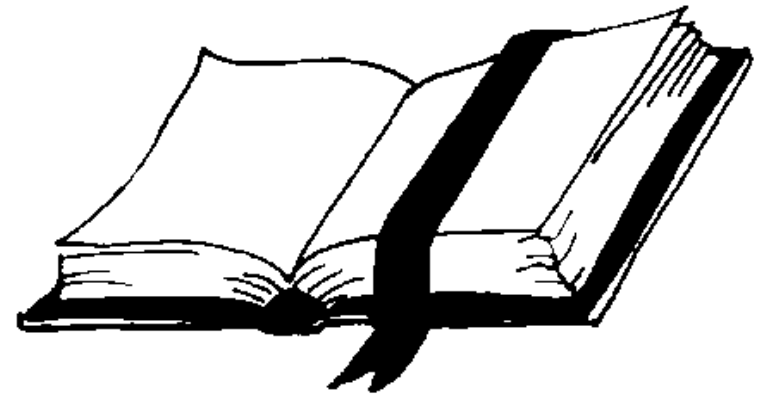
#20. (See Question #9) Why did Paul change his mind about Mark?

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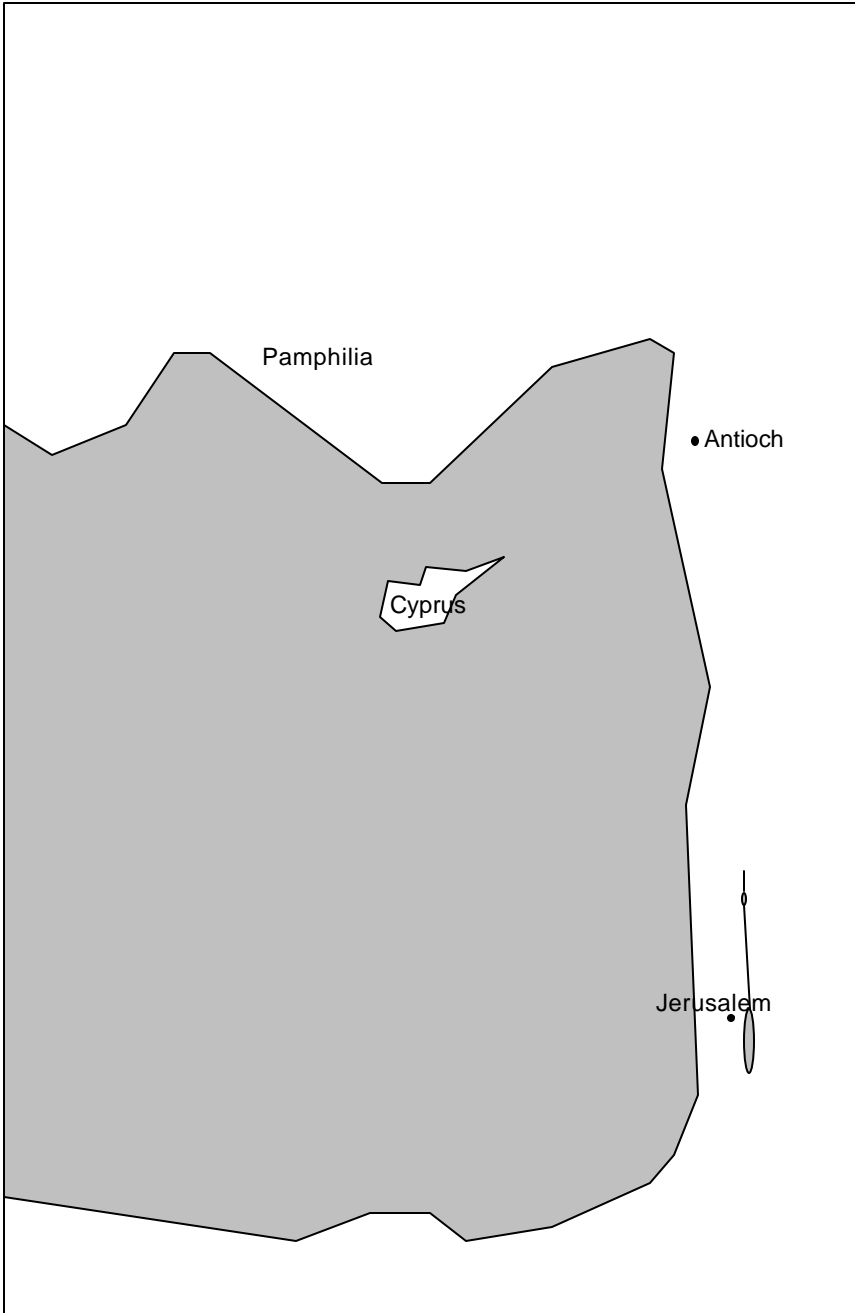
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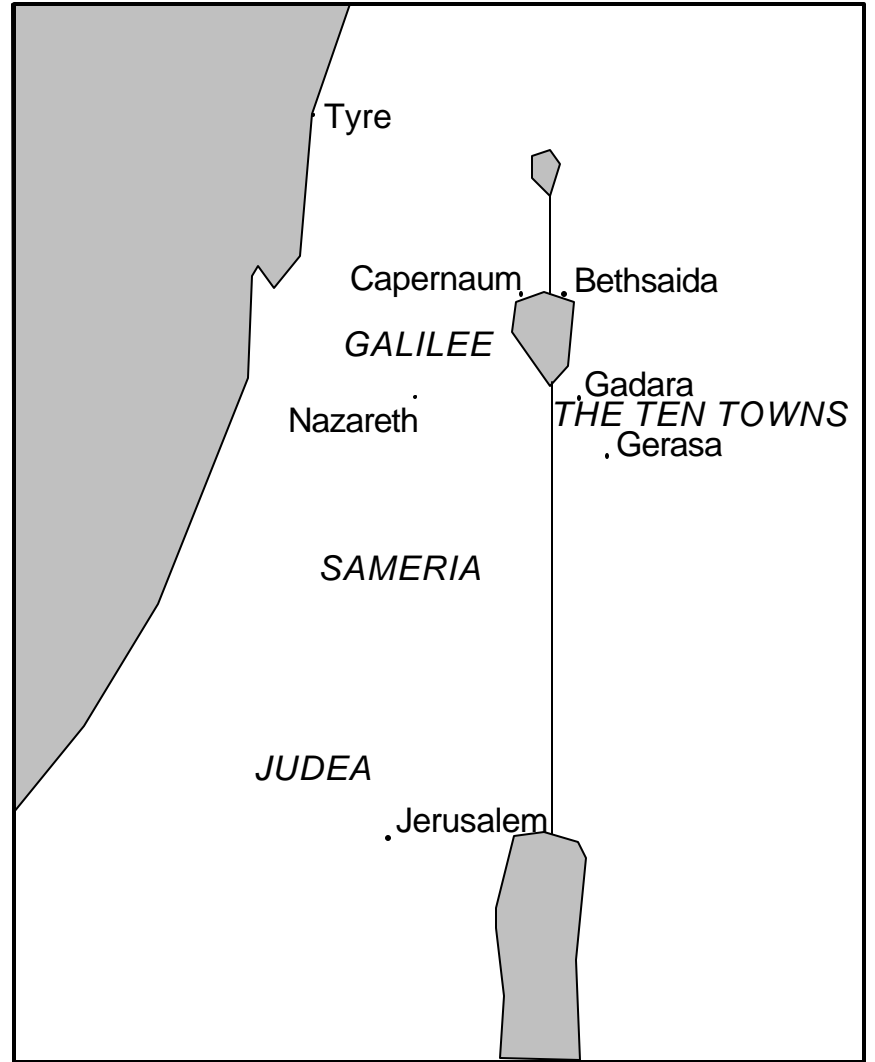
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Lesson 4  
Mark



Map for Lesson 4, Questions 1-9



Map for Lesson 5

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### Lesson 5

#### "A Deaf Man Meets Jesus"

A story from the Gospel of Mark

Theme verse: *"...Jesus said, 'Go home to your family and friends. Tell them about all the things the Lord did for you. Tell them that the Lord was good to you.'" Mark 5:19*

#### **SUMMARY:**

The deaf man who met Jesus, and the people who brought him, were all from a different country and a different religion than the Jews. The people had once asked Jesus to leave. But because of the witness of one other man, the people welcomed Jesus. They brought to Jesus the one person who did not hear the story of God's power and love.

#### **GOALS:**

- KNOW the background of this story, and UNDERSTAND why it is important.
- UNDERSTAND who brought the deaf man to meet Jesus.
- WANT to tell people about Jesus, and introduce them to Jesus.

#### **Background to the story:**

Read Mark 5:1-20

#1. (Mark 5:1) Where did Jesus go? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This is with the "Ten Towns." Find it on the map.

NOTE: This area was NOT in Israel. It was east of Israel. The people living there were not Jewish. They did not worship God, but they worshipped devil-idols.

#2. (Mark 5:2) Jesus met who? \_\_\_\_\_

#3. (Mark 5:8) What did Jesus do for the man? \_\_\_\_\_

#4. (Mark 5:15) How did the people in that country feel about Jesus?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#5. (Mark 5:17) What did the people ask Jesus to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#6. (Mark 5:18) The man wanted to go where? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#7. (Mark 5:19) Jesus told the man to go where? \_\_\_\_\_

#8 Jesus told the man to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

#9. (Mark 5:20) Where did the man go to tell people about Jesus?  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The city named in verse 1 is one of the "Ten Towns" in verse 20.

Mark 5:21 - 7:23 Jesus traveled and taught in many places round Galilee.

#10. (Mark 7:24) Jesus went where? \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This city was not in Israel. It was northwest.

**Meet the deaf man...**

Read Mark 7:31-37

#11. (Mark 7:31) Then Jesus went where? \_\_\_\_\_

#12. Remember the first time Jesus came here, the people asked Jesus to go away. Now the people were happy to see Jesus come. *Why did they change?*

\_\_\_\_\_

#13. (Mark 7:32) Who did the people bring to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#14. (Mark 7:33) Where did Jesus take the man? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#15. How did Jesus communicate (talk) to the man? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#16. (Mark 7:34) What did Jesus say to the man? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#17. What does "Ephphatha" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

#18. (Mark 7:35) What happened to the man? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discussion Questions:**

#19. Who can we bring to Jesus?

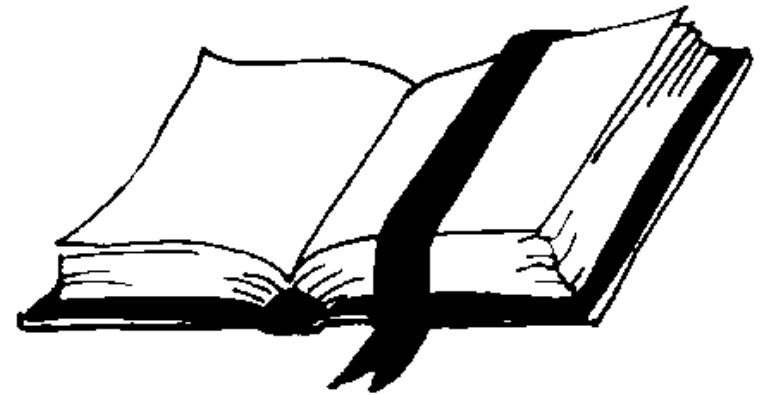
#20. Compare Mark 5:19 and Mark 7:36. What is different?  
*Why are they different?*

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**Lesson 5**

**"A Deaf Man Meets Jesus"**

A story from the Gospel of Mark

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## Lesson 6 Luke

Theme verse: "Look! This man [Jesus] welcomes sinners and even eats with them!" Luke 15:3

### SUMMARY:

Luke met and talked with eye witnesses.

Luke wrote to give an accurate history about Jesus' life and teaching.

Luke wrote to show that Jesus is the Savior and friend of sinning, broken hearted people.

### GOALS:

- KNOW who Luke was.
- UNDERSTAND Luke's message.
- BELIEVE that Jesus is Savior & Friend of sinners.

### WHO is Luke?

Read Colossians 4:14

#1. What was Luke's work? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Colossians 1:1

#2. The person writing the Letter to the Colossians was with Luke. Who was that person?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read Colossians 4:10

#3 Who else was with them? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 21:17

#4. Luke traveled with Paul to what city? \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT did Luke write?

- "The Gospel According to Luke" (or just "Luke")
- "The Acts of the Apostles" (or just "Acts")

The first five books of the New Testament are:

"Matthew" ...Life of Jesus, by Matthew

"Mark" ..... Life of Jesus, by Mark

**"LUKE" ..... Life of Jesus, by Luke**

"John" ..... Life of Jesus, by John

**"ACTS" ..... History of the Church, by Luke**

Read Luke 1:1 and Acts 1:1

#5. Luke wrote the history for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Luke 1:4

#6. Why did Luke write the history? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### LUKE'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:

Luke has a lot of information about *Jesus' life*, that we don't find in the other Gospel books. Write the titles of these stories from your Bible:

#7. Luke 1:26 \_\_\_\_\_

#8. Luke 1:57 \_\_\_\_\_

#9. Luke 2:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#10. Luke 2:22 \_\_\_\_\_

#11. Luke 2:41 \_\_\_\_\_

#12. Luke 10:38 \_\_\_\_\_

#13. Luke 24:13 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke tells about most of the *healing miracles* that Matthew reports, plus... (Write the story titles):

#14. Luke 7:11 \_\_\_\_\_

#15. Luke 13:10 \_\_\_\_\_

#16. Luke 14:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#17. Luke 17:11 \_\_\_\_\_

The next *teaching stories (parables)* are found only in Luke:

#18. Luke 14:15 \_\_\_\_\_

#19. Luke 15:3 \_\_\_\_\_

#20. Luke 15:8 \_\_\_\_\_

#21. Luke 15:11 \_\_\_\_\_

#22. Luke 16:19 \_\_\_\_\_

#23. Luke 18:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#24. Luke 18:9 \_\_\_\_\_

All these special stories in Luke show:

- Jesus forgives people who sin,
- Jesus heals sick people, and
- Jesus comforts people who feel sad.

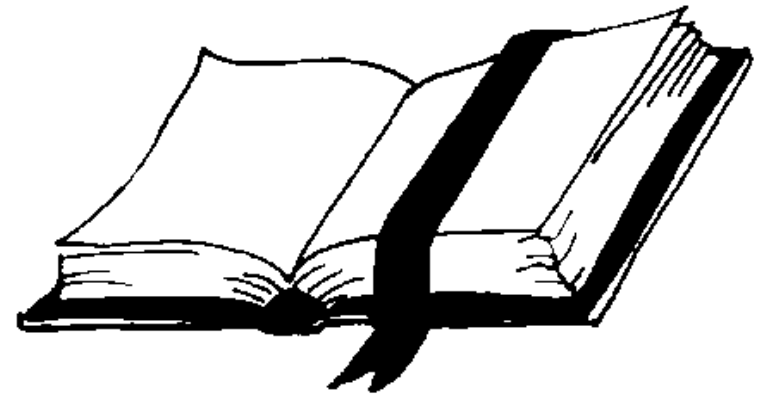
**Discussion Question:**

#25. What has Jesus done to help you?

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**Lesson 6**  
Luke

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## Lesson 7 John

Theme verse: "Yes, God love the world so much that He gave His only son. God gave His Son so that every person that believes in Him would not be lost, but have life forever." (John 3:16)

### SUMMARY:

John was one of Jesus' 12 disciples.  
John also wrote four other books in the Bible.  
Jesus is God.  
Jesus gives life.  
Jesus is the only way to heaven.

### GOALS:

- KNOW who John was.
- UNDERSTAND John's message.
- BELIEVE that Jesus gives eternal life.

### WHO is John?

Read **Matthew** 4:21-22

#1. Who was John's brother? \_\_\_\_\_

#2. Who was John's father? \_\_\_\_\_

#3. What was their work? \_\_\_\_\_

#4. Jesus asked John and his brother to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

Read John 13:23 (or John 19:26) *Sometimes John identified himself without saying his own name.*

#5. What words did John use to identify himself? \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT Bible books did John write?

Look at the *Table of Contents* page in front of your Bible.

#6. How many books in the New Testament have John's name? \_\_\_\_\_

John also wrote the last book of the Bible.

#7. The name of the last book of the Bible is: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHY did John write the history about Jesus?

Read John 20: 31

#8. John wrote this history so we will **believe** what? \_\_\_\_\_

#9. John wrote this history so we will **have** what? \_\_\_\_\_

### JOHN'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:

John has a lot of special information about Jesus, not found in the other Gospel books. Write the titles of these stories from your Bible:

#10. John 2:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#11. John 3:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#12. John 4:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#13. John 5:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#14. John 9:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#15. John 11:38 (Some Bibles show the title at John 11:1)

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#16. John 13:1 \_\_\_\_\_

#17. John 20:24 \_\_\_\_\_

#18. John 21:1 \_\_\_\_\_

**JOHN'S MESSAGE: Who is Jesus?**

Jesus uses many special names for Himself:

Read John 1:1

#19. "The Word" (Jesus) is Who? \_\_\_\_\_

Read John 4:10

#20. Jesus said, "I give you \_\_\_\_\_"

Read John 6:35

#21. Jesus said, "I AM \_\_\_\_\_"

Read John 8:12

#22. Jesus said, "I AM \_\_\_\_\_"

Read John 8:58

#23. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was born, \_\_\_\_\_"

Read John 10:9

#24. Jesus said, "I AM \_\_\_\_\_"

Read John 10:11

#25. Jesus said, "I AM \_\_\_\_\_"

Read John 14:6

#26. Jesus answered, "I AM \_\_\_\_\_"

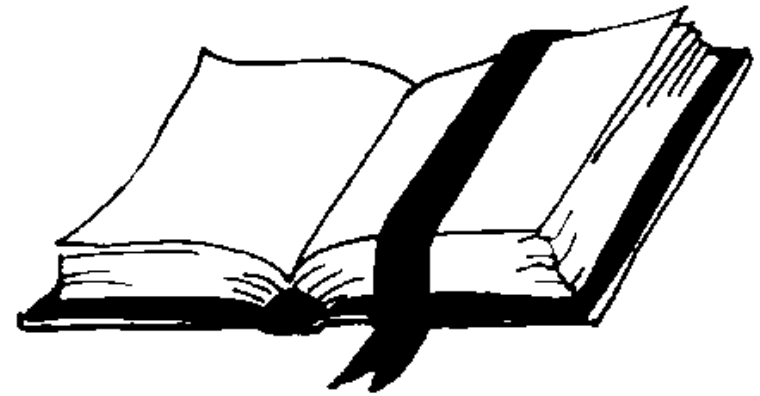
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#27. Who is the only true way to God, our Father? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Lesson 7**  
John

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## Lesson 8

### Acts: The Birth of the Church

Theme verse: *[Jesus said,] "The Holy Spirit will come to you. Then you will receive power. You will be my witnesses [you will tell people about me]..." Acts 1:8*

#### SUMMARY:

Luke wrote ACTS as a history of the beginning of the Christian Church. The story of ACTS begins with the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost. The first Jewish Christians were excited about learning God's Word. They shared generously with fellow believers in need.

#### GOALS:

- KNOW that Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.
- UNDERSTAND that the Holy Spirit gives Christians power to tell people about Jesus.
- BELIEVE Jesus' promise to come again.
- DESIRE to learn God's Word and live in fellowship.

#### INTRODUCTION TO ACTS

Read Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1

#1. Luke wrote the history for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

#2. Luke wrote his first book about whom? \_\_\_\_\_

#### ASCENSION

Read Acts 1:6-11

#3. Jesus promised to give the apostles what? (verse 8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#4. Jesus promised that the Apostles will do what? (verse 8)  
\_\_\_\_\_

#5. Jesus went where? (verse 9) \_\_\_\_\_

#6. Jesus will do what? (verse 11) \_\_\_\_\_

#### PENTECOST

Read Acts 2:1-4

#7. What filled the apostles? (verse 4) \_\_\_\_\_

#8. They had power to do what? (verse 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 2:14

#9. Who talked to the people? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 2:22-24

#10. He told the people about whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 2:37-41

#11. How many people believed in Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 2:42-47

#12. How did the new Christian believers live? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Read Acts 6:1-7

#13. The church chose seven men to help the Apostles do what?

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#14. The Apostles want to do what kind of work? \_\_\_\_\_

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#15. Most Christian believers lived in what city? (verse 7)

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***Discussion Questions:***

#16. Telling people about Jesus, is that easy or hard? Why?

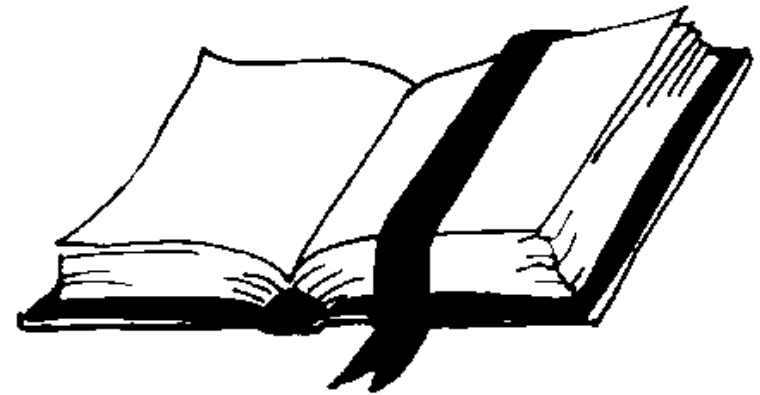
#17. Why is it important to tell people about Jesus?

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Acts: The Birth of the Church

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## Lesson 9

### Acts: Persecution Spreads the Good News

Theme verse: *"The believers were scattered everywhere. Every place the believers went they told people the Good News."* Acts 8:4

#### SUMMARY:

Jesus allowed the Apostles to prove that He was Christ by giving them power to do miracles. The Jewish leaders persecuted the Christians. The persecution made the Apostles more brave to tell people about Jesus. Other Christians escaped to other cities for safety; they told people about Jesus and the Church grew.

#### GOALS:

- UNDERSTAND that Jesus is for all people.
- DESIRE to tell people about Jesus.
- STAND bravely for Christ against persecution..

Read Acts 3:1-8

#1. Peter and John healed a man, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 3:11-17

#2. Peter spoke to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

#3. Peter spoke about what? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 4:1-4

#4. How many men were Christian believers? \_\_\_\_\_

#5. Why did the priests arrest Peter and John? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 4:18-20

#6. The Jewish leaders told Peter and John they must do what?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#7. How did Peter and John answer the priests? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 4:23-24, 29-31

#8. The Christians prayed for God to give them what?  
\_\_\_\_\_

• Acts 5:12-39 tells another story about the priests arresting the Apostles.

Read Acts 5:40-42

#9. What did the Jewish leaders do to the Apostles?  
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#10. How did the Apostles feel? (verse 41) \_\_\_\_\_

#11. What did the Apostles do? (verse 42) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read Acts 7:54-60

#12. What did the Jewish leaders do to Stephen?  
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#13. What did Stephen pray? (verses 59-60) \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Acts 8:1-5

#14 What happened to the Christians in Jerusalem?

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#15. Where did they go? \_\_\_\_\_

#16. What did they do? (verses 4-5) \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 11:1-4

#17. Some Christians in Jerusalem were upset with Peter, why?

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Read Acts 11:18

#18. After Peter told his experience, the Christians finally understood what?

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Read Acts 11:19

#19 This verse lists more places where Christians went for safety, and told people about Jesus:

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- Try find these places on a New Testament Bible map.

**Discussion Question:**

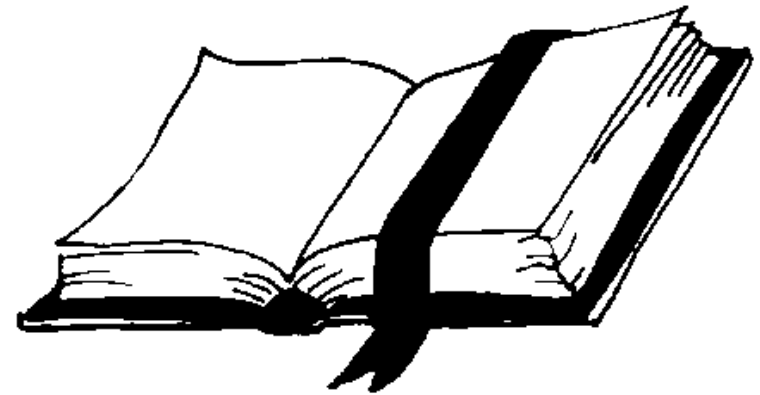
#20. What ways do Christians suffer persecution today?

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**Lesson 9**

Persecution Spreads the Good News

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## Lesson 10 Acts: The Missionary

Theme verse: "...*This man was persecuting us. But now he is telling people about the same faith that he once tried to destroy.*" Galatians 1:23

### SUMMARY:

The last half of the book of Acts tells about the Apostle Paul and his mission trips. Paul hated Christ and tried to kill Christians. But then Paul met Jesus and Paul believed. Paul traveled many places telling them about Jesus.

### GOALS:

- KNOW who Paul was.
- DESIRE to serve Jesus.

Read Acts 7:57-58, and Acts 8:1-3

#1. What is the name of the young man who hated Jesus and tried to destroy the church?  
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Read Acts 9:1-2

#2. Why did Saul go to the city of Damascus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read Acts 9:3-10

#3. Who spoke to Saul? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 9:11-19

#4. What happened to Saul after Ananias prayed for him?  
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Read Acts 9:20-22

#5. Then what did Saul do? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 9:23-25

#6. Why did Saul leave the city? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#7. How did Saul leave the city? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read Acts 9:26-28

#8. Why were the Jerusalem Christians afraid of Saul? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#9. Who accepted Saul and brought him to the Apostles?  
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Read Acts 11:22-26

#10. Who was the first pastor of the church in Antioch?  
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#11. Who was his helper? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 13:4-5

#12. Barnabas and Saul went to what island? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 13:9

#13. What was Saul's other name? \_\_\_\_\_

- This began Paul's three mission trips. Luke tells about these trips in Acts 13-21.
- Find a Bible with maps in the back. Find the map that shows Paul's travels. (Interesting things happened at each place Paul stopped to tell about Jesus.)

Read Acts 13:49-50.

#14. Why did Paul leave? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 16:6-10

#15. Paul wanted to go to Asia and Bithynia. What stopped him?  
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#16. Why did Paul go to Macedonia? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read Acts 16:12

#17. Paul went to what city? \_\_\_\_\_

- Find that city on the map.

Read Acts 16:16-34

#18. Why did people arrest Paul, beat him, and put him in jail?  
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#19. Who became a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Questions:**

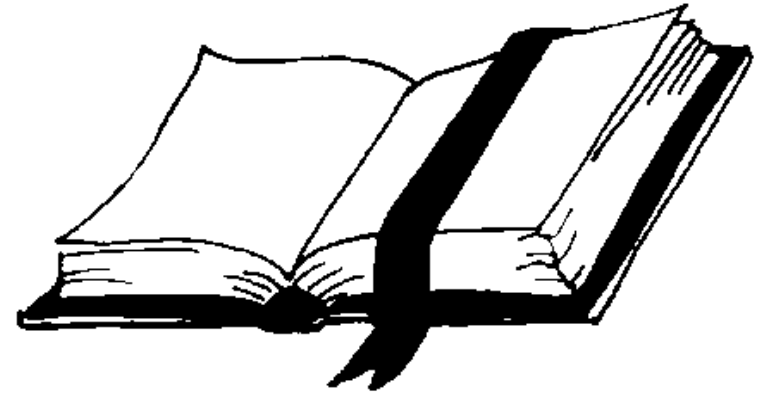
#20. Barnabas helped Paul become a worker for Jesus. Who has helped you grow in faith and service for Jesus?  
Who can you help grow in faith and service?

#21. In serving Jesus, what is "success?" What is "failure?"

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