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Getting Started

This book will teach you some important things about Jesus Christ, your Savior. Each chapter begins with goals marked with a small star (*). These goals will tell you what you will learn in each chapter. Then you will read a few lines and answer some questions. At the end of each chapter there is a short test. The test questions cover only what you have read in the chapter and the questions you have answered.

When you finish answering a group of questions you will be given a page number where you can turn to check your answers. Check your answers before reading any further.

At the end of the book there is a final test. Before you answer the questions in this final test, go back and review the chapter tests. When you have completed the final test, you can either turn the test over to the person who gave you this book, or you can mail it to the address on the back cover of this book.

We pray that God will bless you as you study about the life of Jesus Christ as told in the Gospel of John and learn what he has done for you so you can live with him forever in heaven.



Jesus ascends into heaven.



Chapter One

Who is the Writer of the Gospel of John?

He was a follower of Jesus Christ. He was chosen by Jesus to be one of his twelve apostles. He was the only apostle who died a natural death and was not killed by his enemies. He lived to be about 100 years old. He wrote five books of the New Testament. He is the author of the book of the Bible we now want to study.

As we study the Gospel of John, in this chapter we want to learn:

- Is this John who wrote this Gospel the same as John the Baptist? and
- Why did John write this Gospel?

My name is John. When I was a young man, I was chosen by Jesus to be one of his apostles. There were twelve of us who were called by Jesus to be apostles. You may remember the names of some of the other men who were apostles, like Matthew and Peter.

There is another man by the name of John who is known to readers of the Bible. His full name is John the Baptist. I am not that man. John the Baptist was the man who prepared the way for Jesus. The Old Testament predicted his work. John the Baptist baptized Jesus, and he urged the people of his day to repent. Again, I am not John the Baptist, although I have written a few things about him in my book.

You should now read about John the Baptist in the Gospel of John 1:19-23. John the Baptist did his preaching across the Jordan River from the city of Jerusalem (see map on page 110). People came to him to be baptized in the river. Among the people who came were some of the religious leaders of the Jews. The religious leaders asked him questions. They wanted to know if he was Christ, the Savior. But John the Baptist said that he was not the Christ. They asked him if he was a prophet, but he again said "No." "Who are you then?" they asked. He answered using the words of Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet. "I am the one who is to prepare the way for Christ." The next day John the

Baptist pointed to Jesus as the person who would be the Savior of all people in the world. He said that Jesus was more important than anyone else.

1. There were _____ men who were chosen by Jesus to be _____ .
2. The apostle John was not the one called _____ .
3. John the Baptist said that he was not the _____ .
4. John the Baptist pointed to _____ as the person who would be the _____ of the world.

(Check your answers on page 10)

Who am I? I am not John the Baptist. I am “the disciple Jesus loved.” Read John 19:25-27. When Jesus was nailed to a cross there were many of his friends who were standing near the cross. Among them was Jesus’ mother and myself, one of Jesus’ apostles. The Bible calls me “the disciple he loved.” Jesus saw his mother and me standing by the cross and told me to take care of his mother. He said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son.” To me, the disciple he loved, he said, “Here

is your mother.” From that day I took care of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Jesus made certain that his mother was cared for even though he would not be with her. I, John, was the one chosen to take care of Mary.

5. The Bible names the apostle John, “the disciple whom Jesus .”

6. John was the one chosen to take care of .

(Check your answers on page 10)

I, John, am the one who wrote the Gospel of John. The word “gospel” means good news. My Gospel tells you the good news that Jesus is your Savior. Jesus took your place, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross to remove the punishment that your sins deserve. Then Jesus rose from the dead to show that he was (and still is) the Son of God and that he has earned forgiveness for you. As you read this book, you will learn that this is true.

I wrote a total of five books that are found in the New Testament. Three of the books are epistles or letters. These three letters were written for all people to read. These letters were written to warn people about false teachers and to encourage

believers to walk in the light of God's Word. When I was an old man I was sent to an island called Patmos. There, the Holy Spirit breathed into me, that is, he caused me to write, the words and thoughts that I recorded in the last book of the New Testament known as the book of Revelation. The book of Revelation is a book of prophecy that tells what will happen from the time that Jesus came here as our Savior until he comes again at the end of the world. It reminds us that the devil will continue to tempt us and try to destroy our faith. But Jesus will defeat the devil and lead us to our beautiful, heavenly home. There, in the presence of God, we will live forever with Jesus together with all believers in Jesus and with the holy angels.

God breathed into all the writers of the books of the Bible the words and thoughts they were to write so that you and all people can read God's Word. That includes my Gospel, that I want to explain for you. My three epistles or letters, 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John and the book of Revelation also are God's Word.

7. The word "gospel" means

8. The apostle John wrote three
or letters.

9. The last book of the New Testament is known as the book of _____.
10. God _____ into all the writers of the books of the Bible the _____ and thoughts they were to record for you to read.

(Check your answers on page 10)

Now I want to tell you why I wrote this Gospel. First, you should understand that three other Gospels were written before I wrote my Gospel. Men who were followers of Jesus wrote the first three Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew was written by a tax collector who believed in Jesus. The Gospel of Mark was written by a young man who helped the apostles Peter and Paul. And the Gospel of Luke was written by a physician who helped the apostle Paul. My Gospel, known as the Gospel of John, added many events in the life of Jesus that are not written in the other three Gospels. Also, I included many of the messages Jesus spoke that the other Gospel writers did not include in their Gospels. Over half of my Gospel of John includes words and actions of Jesus during his last days on earth. I wanted the people who read my Gospel to learn and believe that Jesus is God's Son whom God the Father sent into the world to be our Savior. Jesus' miracles and his

actions, such as his rising from the dead, prove he is the Son of God, our Savior.

11. There were _____ other Gospels written before John wrote his Gospel.
12. The men who wrote the three other Gospels in our Bible are _____ , _____ , and _____ .
13. John wanted the people who read his Gospel to learn and _____ that Jesus is _____ Son.
14. Jesus' miracles and actions such as _____ from the dead prove he is the _____ .

(Check your answers on page 10)

Review of Chapter One

John was called to be an apostle by Jesus when he was a young man. He is not John the Baptist. John the Baptist prepared people for the coming of Jesus.

When Jesus was dying on the cross, Jesus asked John, the disciple Jesus loved, to take care of Jesus' mother, Mary.

John wrote the Gospel of John; three epistles or letters, 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John; as well as the book of Revelation. These books are all found in the New Testament in your Bible. All the words in the Bible were breathed into the writers by the Holy Spirit who gave them the thoughts and words they were to write.

John wrote about events in the life of Jesus and messages of Jesus that are not found in the other three Gospels. John wrote about Jesus' miracles and other events so that we might believe that Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior.

Answers to the questions within Chapter One:

1. twelve, apostles; 2. John the Baptist; 3. Christ; 4. Jesus, Savior; 5. loved; 6. Mary; 7. good news; 8. epistles; 9. Revelation; 10. breathed, words; 11. three; 12. Matthew, Mark, Luke; 13. believe, God's; 14. rising, Son of God.

Test on Chapter One

1. An apostle is a man specially
by Jesus.
2. John the Baptist prepared for the coming of
.
3. John the Baptist _____ Jesus in the
Jordan River.
4. John, who wrote this Gospel, is _____ the
same man as John the Baptist.
5. John, the Gospel writer, was the disciple whom
Jesus _____.
6. John was asked by Jesus to take care of his
mother named _____.
7. John wrote _____ epistles or letters
found in the New Testament.
8. John also wrote the last book found in the New
Testament known as the book of
_____.
9. John tells us that Jesus is our Savior, who took
our place, and saved us from sin by living a
_____ life and dying on the
_____ for our sins.

10. The

breathed into the writers of the books of the Bible the thoughts and words they were to write.

11. John wanted the people who read his Gospel to learn and that Jesus is the

(Check your answers on page 109)



Chapter Two

Who is Jesus?

Let's look in more detail at the Gospel John wrote. When John was a disciple of Jesus, he learned many things from him for three years while Jesus was finishing his work as the Savior of all people. During those three years Jesus performed many miracles. Also while teaching his disciples, Jesus told them many things about himself to show that he is the Son of God. In this lesson we want to learn

- What Jesus meant when he said "I AM", and
- Who Jesus is and what he has done for us.

First, we want to learn what Jesus meant when he said, "I am." For example, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), and "I am the vine. You are the

branches” (John 15:5). In addition to these examples, there are many other times when he used the words “I am.”

What makes these simple words so special? These words, “I am,” are special because they were spoken by God in the Old Testament when God told Moses to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in the land of Egypt. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush (Read Exodus 3:1–22). When you read that, maybe you noticed that Moses was to tell his people that “I am” had sent him. The words “I am” in the Hebrew language of the Old Testament are the same as the word “Yahweh.” Yahweh or Jehovah is the name of God. Therefore, when Jesus said, “I am” he was using simple words that also can mean “God” to teach us that he is God the Son, sent by God the Father, to be the Savior of the world. In other words, when Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd” in John chapter 10, his words remind us that he is the true God who, like a shepherd, leads us in our life and protects us from all danger.

1. Jesus tells us many things to show that he is the _____ God.
2. Many times Jesus said “_____” to tell us he is the Son of God.
3. The words “I am” refer to the account of _____ when God appeared to him in a burning bush.



Moses at the burning bush.

4. When Jesus says “I am” he is teaching us that
he is the _____ .

(Check your answers on page 27)

Many other times while living on earth Jesus revealed his true identity to us by the things that he said or did.

Jesus is the Word – Read John 1:1-14.

There are several important things that Jesus tells us about himself in these few words. The very first verse of the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus was here at the beginning of the world. He calls himself the “Word.” He reminds us he was with God and especially that he is God. He worked together with God the Father and the Holy Spirit in creating the world in which we live. This “Word” (Jesus the Son of God) is life who gives us life. And he brings the light of salvation to lead us out of the darkness of sin and unbelief. Many people in this world do not listen to his message of forgiveness. But Jesus tells us that those who believe in him and follow him truly are the children of God. Finally, the last verse of this reading tells us, “The Word became a human being.... He made his home with us.... And he was full of grace and truth.” That is, Jesus was born in this world in the little village of Bethlehem. But he was no ordinary child. He was full of “grace,” the undeserved love of God, and “truth,” that is, all he teaches us is true.

These words fill our hearts with joy because of what they tell us about Jesus. We should thank and praise God for all that he teaches us and all that he does for us. He has told us that, as true God, Jesus created our world, and that he was born in our world to show us how we are saved eternally by believing in him. Believing in Jesus is not something we decide to do. Faith is a gift that God the Holy Spirit creates in our hearts. Through faith in Jesus our sins are forgiven, and he leads us to heaven. Thank God for what he has done for you.

5. Jesus, as the Word, is _____ God and is _____ .
6. Jesus tells us that those who believe in him and follow him will be the _____ of God.
7. Faith is not something _____ decide to do but is the gift of God the _____ .

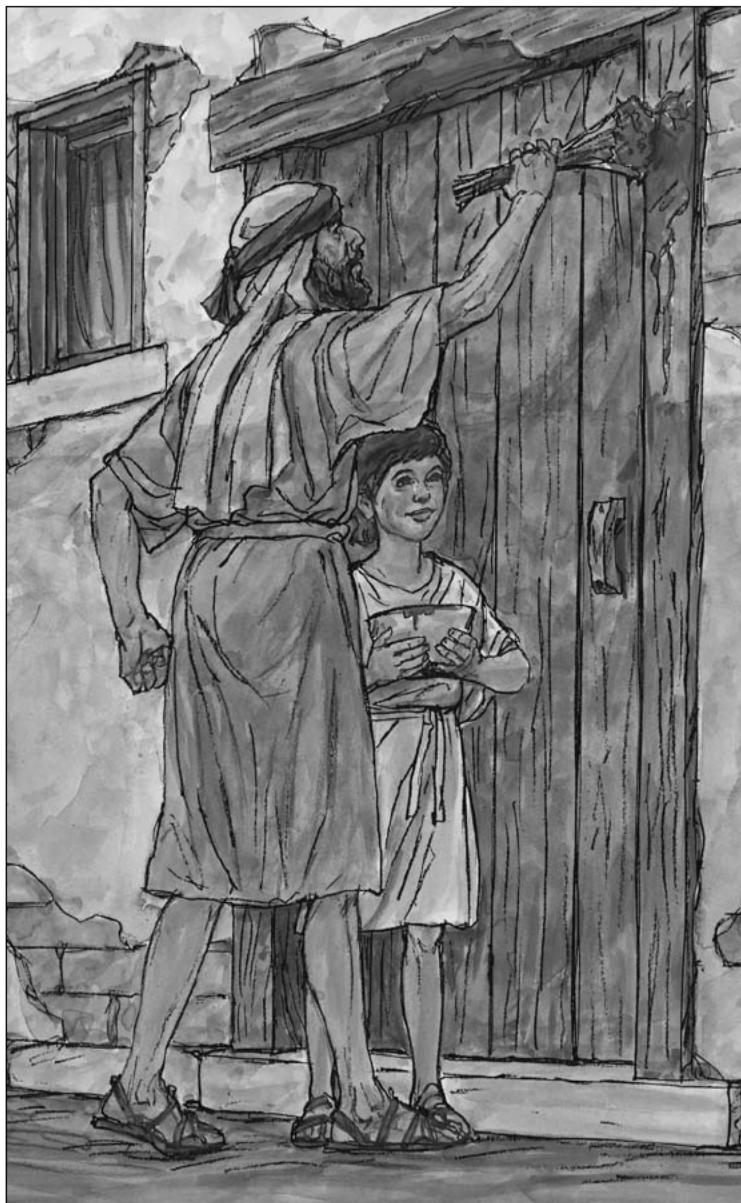
(Check your answers on page 27)

Jesus is the Lamb of God – Read John 1:29–34.

After Jesus was baptized, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look the Lamb of God! He takes away the sin of the world!” John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by preaching and baptizing people. Now, when he saw Jesus walking toward him, John said to the people who stood near him “Look, the Lamb of God!”

These words, “Lamb of God,” should remind us of a huge event that happened in the lives of the people of Israel at the time of Moses. God chose Moses to lead the children of Israel out of slavery in the country of Egypt. The ruler of Egypt did not want to let God’s people leave. God then sent many terrible events to make the ruler let the people of Israel go free. The last terrible trouble was the angel of death who was sent to kill every first-born person and animal in every family living in Egypt (Read Exodus 12:1-13). God saved the people of Israel from this by asking them to kill a healthy male lamb and spread the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of their homes. When the angel of death saw the lamb’s blood, it would pass over that home and no one would die. This was called the “Passover,” and it was celebrated every year by the children of Israel.

Now what did John the Baptist mean when he called Jesus the “Lamb of God?” What he meant was that the blood of Jesus would save us all, and we would not need to fear death at the end of our life on earth because we would have eternal life in heaven. This would happen in our lives because the blood of Jesus would take away the sin of all people in the world. Jesus took away our sins by his suffering and death and the shedding of his blood on the cross.



The lamb's blood is painted on the doorposts.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! That is the message of every true preacher and teacher of God's Word. Jesus is the one who saves us from sin and the fear of death and hell! That message gives every believer in Jesus life and eternal salvation in heaven. Thank God!

8. The last event God sent on the people of Egypt was to send the _____ to kill the first born.
9. The blood of a lamb would cause the angel of death to _____ the homes of the people of Israel
10. The blood of Jesus shed on the cross takes away the _____ of all people in the world.

(Check your answers on page 27)

Jesus is the Savior of the world – Read John 3:16.

One of the most beautiful and best known messages found in the Bible is in John 3:16. These words were spoken by Jesus to a religious leader by the name of Nicodemus. Jesus told him about the great love that God had for him and for all people. Jesus spoke of the love of God the Father; the love of Jesus, God's Son; and the love of God the Holy Spirit.

His words about the love of our triune God are so important that we should look at them more closely. The undeserved love of God the Father is found in the words, "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son." God should have been angry with the people of our world. When he created the world, he placed our first parents, Adam and Eve, who were perfect and without sin, into a perfect world. It was the devil, in the form of a snake, who caused Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That act of Adam and Eve caused all people to be born in sin. All of us inherit a sinful nature from our parents. But God loved us and gave Adam and Eve a promise in Genesis 3:15 that he would send us a Savior. The one that God promised to send who would crush the power of the devil is Jesus, the one and only Son of God. God the Father gave us his Son. Our salvation is a gift of God through Jesus. We cannot and do not save ourselves.

John 3:16 also describes the undeserved love of Jesus, the Son of God. In love he left his beautiful heavenly home to be born in our sin-filled world. He was rich, but for our sakes he became poor. He was born in a cattle shed. He was laid in the straw of a manger. He lived a perfect life for us because he was without sin as the Son of God. He kept God's law perfectly, knowing that we could not

keep it. And then he suffered for us and died on the cross, bearing the punishment we deserve. As a result, God promises repentant believers in Jesus that the blood of Jesus Christ purifies us from all sin (1 John 1:7). Jesus said in John 15:13 “No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends. You are my friends.” That is the great love Jesus has for you.

The undeserved love of God the Holy Spirit that is described in John 3:16 is the gift of faith in Jesus. We read about this powerful gift in the words, “Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” As taught throughout the Bible, we are saved through faith in Jesus. This faith is a gift of God. God the Holy Spirit gives us faith through the good news of Jesus, our Savior. As a result of faith in Jesus, we serve God and our fellowmen by doing God’s will, and we inherit eternal life. We are saved by the grace, that is, the undeserved love of God. The apostle Paul wrote about this in Ephesians 2:8-9 where he said, “God’s grace has saved you, through faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn’t come from anything you do.”

Yes, the triune God loves you and has saved you because of his undeserved love for you. Thank God because he has saved you.

11. The most beautiful and well known words of the Bible are found in _____ : _____ .

12. Our salvation is a gift of God through _____ .

13. We cannot and _____ save ourselves.

14. Jesus lived a _____ life for us because he was _____ .

15. The blood of Jesus Christ _____ us from all sin.

16. Faith is a _____ of God.

(Check your answers on page 27)

Jesus is the way, and the truth and the life – Read John 14:6.

JESUS IS THE WAY

Has it ever happened to you that you took a wrong road or path to visit a friend? The same is often true when people try to find the way to heaven. Many people take the wrong road. Jesus tells us that there is only one way, one road, that actually goes to heaven. He says, “no one comes to the Father except through me.” It is only through faith in Jesus that we are saved.

Some people try to get to heaven in other ways. They think that they are good people, and therefore God should accept them in heaven.

Others say that God will accept them because of the good works that they do. Some try to keep the Ten Commandments, only to learn from the Bible that if we try to keep the whole law of God and yet sin against only one part of it, we are guilty of breaking all of it (James 2:10). Still other people worship idols, false gods, thinking they will get to heaven through worshiping such idols and gods. But the true God says, "No." Faith in Jesus is the only way to heaven.

JESUS IS THE TRUTH

What is truth? That was the question that Pontius Pilate asked Jesus when Jesus was on trial before Pilate (John 18:38). The truth about Jesus is taught to us in the Bible. He is true God, and as God he is just and loving. The justice and love of God is described in Romans 6:23. God tells us through the apostle Paul that we deserve to die because of our sins, but God gives us eternal life through Jesus. God is just when he tells us that, because of our sins, we deserve to die eternally. But Jesus also loves us and gives us eternal life. He did this when he died in our place on the cross and then rose from the dead. He is our only Savior from sin. That is the truth about Jesus.

JESUS IS THE LIFE

Jesus uses the Bible as his smart phone to talk to us and give us spiritual life while we live in this

world. He tells us, “I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way” (John 10:10). Jesus gives us spiritual life when we are dead in sin. And he also gives us everlasting life in heaven.

When one of Jesus’ best friends by the name of Lazarus died, Jesus went to visit Lazarus’ sisters, Mary and Martha. While talking to Martha, Jesus spoke another of his “I am” statements (Read John 11: 1- 44). Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if he dies. And those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?” In these words Jesus also is speaking to us and telling us about himself. Jesus is the resurrection. He rose from the dead, and he will raise all people from the dead. He gives us life, not only physical life but spiritual life while we live on earth, and he will give us eternal life in heaven. Jesus told Martha that even though she would die, by faith in Jesus she would have eternal life with Jesus in heaven. Jesus tells us the same thing, and then he asks, “Do you believe this?” As believing children of God we should answer, “Yes, Lord I believe in you, and I will live with you forever in heaven.” Yes, believe it! Jesus is the only way to heaven. In the Bible he tells us the truth about our sinfulness and about the way to heaven, and he gives us life – both spiritual life now and eternal life in heaven after we die.

17. It is only through _____ in Jesus
that we are saved.
18. _____ in Jesus and what he has done for us
is the _____ way to heaven.
19. The _____ about Jesus is taught to us in
the _____.
20. Jesus is the true God and as God he is a
_____ and _____ God.
21. It is Jesus who gives us _____ life
when we were dead in sin.
22. Jesus also gives us _____ life in
heaven.

(Check your answers on page 27)

Review of Chapter Two

Jesus uses many “I am” statements to tell us who he is. The words “I am” remind us of God speaking from a burning bush to Moses. God said that when people would ask Moses who sent him, he should answer, “I am” sent me. The words “I am” in the Hebrew language are “Jehovah” the loving Savior-God. Jesus, then, is the true, loving Savior-God.

Jesus describes himself in many ways. He is the Word who created the world. He is the Lamb of God whose blood saves us from eternal death. He is our Savior as the Lamb of God whose blood saves us from eternal death. He shows us the love of our triune God in the well-known and beautiful

words "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." God the Father loved us and sent his Son to save us. Jesus as true God and true man loved us and lived a perfect life and suffered for us and died on the cross in our place to save us. God the Holy Spirit loves us and brings us to faith to believe in Jesus, and through him we have eternal life.

In one of his "I am" statements Jesus reminds us that he is the only way to eternal life in heaven. There is no other path or road to heaven although many people go on wrong roads trying to save themselves. Jesus tells us the truth about himself and ourselves by teaching us that we are all sinners deserving to die eternally and that through faith in him all our sins are forgiven, and we can live. It is Jesus who gives us spiritual life while we live on earth and eternal life when we will live forever with God in heaven.

Answers to the questions within Chapter Two:

1. Son of; 2. "I am"; 3. Moses; 4. true God; 5. with, God; 6. children; 7. we, Holy Spirit; 8. angel of death; 9. pass over; 10. sins; 11. John 3: 16; 12. faith; 13. do not; 14. perfect, without sin; 15. purifies; 16. gift; 17. faith; 18. Faith, only; 19. truth, Bible; 20. just, loving; 21. spiritual; 22. eternal.

Test on Chapter Two

1. When Jesus says "I am" he is teaching us that he is the _____ .
2. Jesus tells us that those who believe in him and follow him will be the _____ of God.
3. The blood Jesus shed on the cross takes away the _____ of all people in the world.
4. Jesus lived a _____ life for us because he is true God.
5. Faith is a _____ of God.
6. Faith in Jesus and what he has done for us is the _____ way to heaven.
7. It is Jesus who gives us _____ life when we were dead in sin.
8. Jesus also gives us _____ life in heaven.

(Check your answers on page 109)



Chapter Three

Jesus Proves He is the Son of God by His Miracles

The Bible tells us that Jesus is true God. John 1:1 calls Jesus “the Word,” and says that he was with God the Father at the time of the creation of our world. The first verse of John’s Gospel also tells us that he is God. Later, in verse 14 the Bible tells us that this “Word,” who is God, came to earth as a human when Jesus was born as Mary’s baby.

After being born in this world Jesus proved in many ways that he is the Son of God by the miracles he did.

- He proved he is God by his miracles over nature.

- He proved he is God by his miracles of healing.
- He proved he is God by his miracles over death.

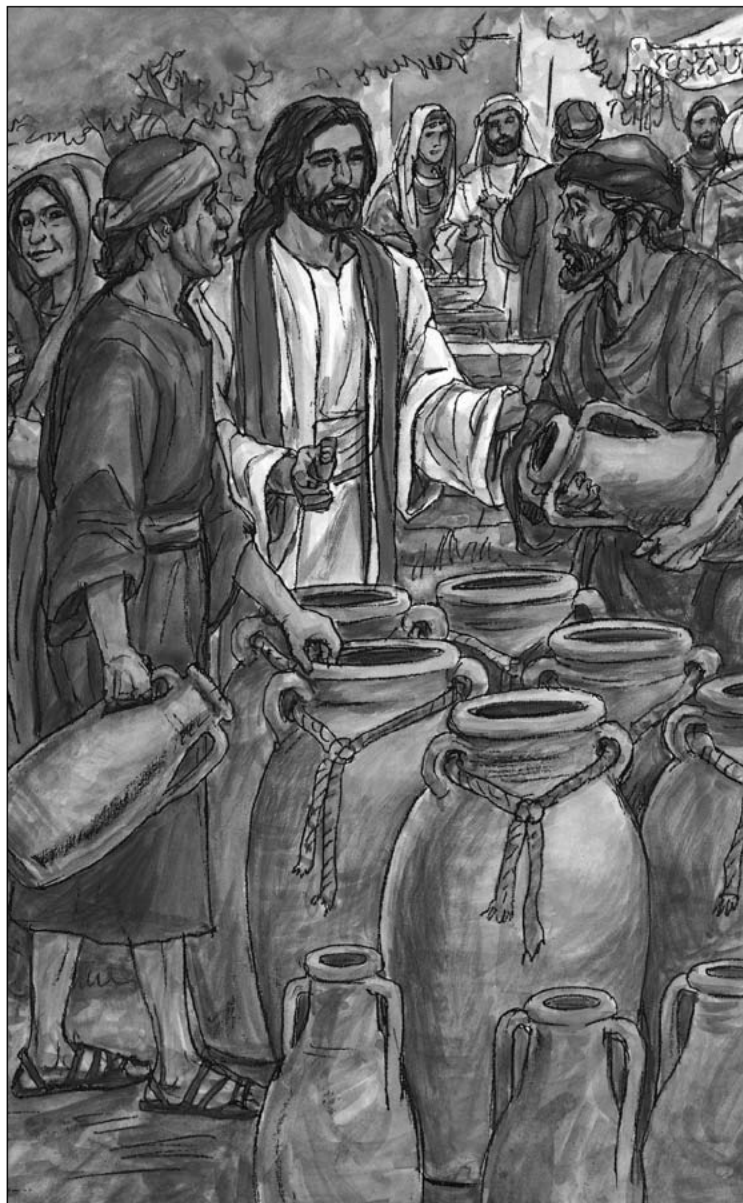
The Gospel of John tells us of many miracles that are not recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

JESUS PROVED HE IS GOD BY HIS MIRACLES OVER NATURE

Jesus changes water into wine - Read John 2: 1–11.

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit created the world in which we live. Everything in this world is a gift to us from God and is to be used to his glory.

One day Jesus and his disciples were invited to attend a wedding in the village of Cana found in the area of Galilee. Mary, the mother of Jesus, also was there. Wedding feasts at the time of Jesus would last for many days. At this wedding it was reported that there was no more wine that could be served with the meal. The mother of Jesus came to him to report that there was no wine. What Jesus did was something no ordinary person would be able to do. He changed water into wine.



The wedding at Cana.

There were many large water pots near the door of every home in that part of the world. Because the people wore sandals, their feet would become dirty when they walked on the dusty paths. When travelers, like the wedding guests, entered a home, a servant would wash their feet by using water from the large water pots. Jesus told the servants to fill these pots to the top with water and take some to the man who was in charge of the feast.

The servants did as Jesus commanded them. But when the man who was in charge of the feast tasted the water, it was not water. It was wine. And it was not only wine, but very good wine. The man was surprised. He told the servants that usually the best wine was served at the beginning of the wedding feast and the poorer wine at the end of the feast. But, he said, you have saved the best wine until now.

This was the first miracle Jesus did during his ministry. A miracle is something only God can do. Jesus changed water into wine, very good wine, for a wedding feast in the village of Cana. We are told that by this miracle “he showed his glory.” That means, Jesus used his power over nature to show the people there and to show us today that he is the almighty Son of God. Jesus also shows us that he is almighty by providing us with what we need for body and life.

This miracle encouraged the disciples to believe in Jesus. When we learn of miracles like this one, we also believe that Jesus can help us in every need.

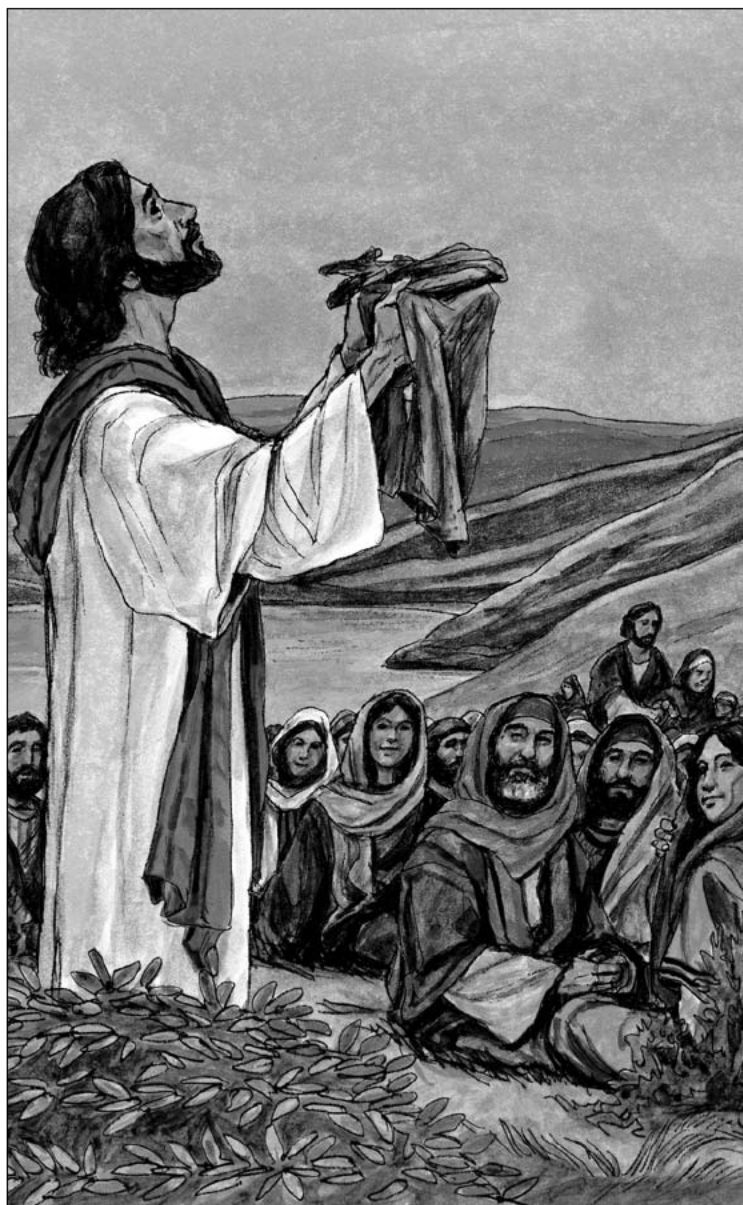
1. Everything in this world is a _____ to us from God and is to be used to his _____.
2. Jesus and his disciples were invited to a _____ in the village of _____ in Galilee.
3. The mother of Jesus reported that there was no _____.
4. When the man in charge of the feast tasted the water, it was not _____ but was _____.
5. This was the _____ miracle Jesus did.
6. Jesus, the _____ Son of God, showed his power over nature.

(Check your answers on page 53)

Jesus feeds over 5,000 people - Read John 6:1-15.

Have you ever been hungry? Most of us have been hungry at some time in our lives. John tells us that this also happened to over 5,000 people when they were a long distance from a village where they could find food.

Jesus and his disciples wanted to be alone for a time to rest. But a large number of people followed them because they saw Jesus perform many



Jesus gives thanks at the feeding of the 5,000.

miracles of healing. The growing crowd gathered together around Jesus. The time came when they should eat, but where would they get food?

Jesus wanted to test his disciples to see if they believed he is the almighty Son of God. Jesus may have hoped the disciples would say, "You are the all-powerful Son of God, you can provide food for all these people." Instead, one disciple, Philip, said it would take eight months of wages to buy enough bread for such a large number of people. Another disciple, Andrew, said that a small boy in the crowd had five loaves of bread and two small fish. But Andrew said, "What is that among so many people." It would only be enough to feed one or two people. The disciples failed Jesus' test. They did not say that Jesus had all power as the Son of God, and he could supply the food for these many people.

Then Jesus had the people sit down, and after thanking God for the bread and fish of the little boy, he told the disciples to hand out food to all the people. There were over 5,000 people that had food to eat. When they were finished eating, twelve baskets full of leftover food were gathered by the disciples. Jesus had performed another great miracle.

However, the people that day did not learn the lesson that Jesus is the Son of God. They wanted

to make him a king. They thought Jesus would be able to feed them, but they did not learn that Jesus by this miracle was showing them that he is the almighty Son of God.

What do you want to receive from Jesus? Do you believe in him because he has helped you or can help you in your bodily needs? We need to see Jesus for who he is. He is the Son of God. Yes, he can help us in our bodily needs. But more important, he helps us in our spiritual needs. As God's Son, Jesus provides us with forgiveness for all of our sins so that, as believers in Jesus, we have spiritual life now and eternal life in heaven. Therefore, as Jesus prayed and thanked God for the food he provided to the people, may we also praise and thank God that he sent Jesus to be our Savior.

7. Jesus wanted to _____ his disciples to see if they believed he is the almighty _____.
8. Philip said it would take _____ months wages to buy enough bread.
9. Andrew said that a small boy had five loaves of _____ and two small _____.
10. The disciples _____ Jesus' test.
11. There were over _____ people who had food to eat.

12. When they had finished eating
baskets full of food were gathered.
13. Jesus is the Son of God and can help us in our
needs. More important, he can help
us in our needs.
14. As believers in Jesus we have life
now and life in heaven.
- (Check your answers on page 53)

Jesus walks on water – Read John 6:16–21.

Strong storms of wind, rain, lighting, and thunder may fill us with fear. Where are we going to turn for help? The next miracle of Jesus gives us the answer.

It was nearly dark and Jesus and his disciples wanted to return to their home in the village of Capernaum on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee (see map on page 110). The disciples got into a boat to cross the sea. They thought Jesus was going to walk home.

Soon it was dark, and a strong wind caused a storm to arise when the disciples were in the middle of the lake. Suddenly they saw what looked like someone walking on the water, and they were filled with fear. Jesus spoke to them and said, “It is I. Don’t be afraid.” He got into the boat, and immediately they were on the shore of the lake.

Do you see the power of the Son of God in this miracle? He could walk on water. We cannot do that. Suddenly they were at the shore without having to sail the boat any farther. But most important were the words Jesus spoke when the disciples were filled with fear. He said, "It is I. Don't be afraid."

Jesus gives us this promise too. There are times in our lives when we are filled with fear. It may be during a storm of wind and rain. It may be the death of a loved one. It may be poor crops in our fields. At such times we need to remember Jesus' words, "It is I. Don't be afraid." We know that Jesus is the almighty Son of God. He can help us. At another time Jesus said, "...you can be sure that I am always with you..." (Matthew 28:20). When troubles come into our lives, we should turn to Jesus and pray for his help.

What have we learned through the miracles of Jesus? When he changed water into wine, fed over 5,000 people, and walked on water, he showed us that he is the almighty Son of God who can help us in every need in our life. By faith in him we are protected from all danger. Praise God for sending his Son to be our helper and our Savior.

15. The disciples got into a _____ to cross the Sea of Galilee.
16. They saw Jesus _____ on the water and they were filled with _____.
17. Jesus spoke to them and said, “ _____ ”.
18. We know that Jesus is the almighty _____.
19. When troubles come into our lives we should turn to _____ and pray for his _____.

(Check your answers on page 53)

JESUS PROVED HE IS GOD BY HIS MIRACLES OF HEALING

The healing of a royal official's son – Read John 4:43-54.

You have learned about some of the miracles Jesus did that reveal his power over the laws of nature. By these miracles Jesus shows you he is the Son of God. But Jesus did very many other miracles. Now we want to learn about some of the miracles that show his power over sicknesses of various kinds.

One of these miracles is the healing of the son of a royal official. The country of Palestine where Jesus

lived was part of the Roman Empire. The Roman government permitted Jewish kings to rule in Palestine. The royal official who asked for a miracle of Jesus may have been from the court of King Herod.

The royal official knew that Jesus was visiting the village of Cana where Jesus had done his first miracle. Cana was near to the city of Capernaum where this official lived. He traveled to see Jesus and begged him, "Come and heal my son." The man must have seen or heard of Jesus' many powerful miracles. Jesus said, "You people will never believe unless you see miraculous signs and wonders." Jesus was speaking to all the people who were listening to him. The official pleaded with Jesus again saying, "Sir, come down before my child dies" (John 4:49). But Jesus did not go to Capernaum. He told the man to go home because his son was healed.

The official believed Jesus and returned home. At home he learned that his son was healed at the very time he spoke to Jesus. As a result this man and all his family and servants believed in Jesus.

Do you see Jesus' almighty power? He did not need to be with the man's son. He did not need to touch the man's son. Jesus was a long distance away but used his almighty word to heal the

official's son. Jesus has power to heal diseases.
What does this show us? Jesus is the Son of God!

20. The royal official traveled to see Jesus and
begged him "to come and _____ my son."

21. Jesus has _____ to heal diseases and
show he is the _____.

(Check your answers on page 53)

Jesus heals the paralyzed man at the pool of
Bethesda - Read John 5:1-8.

Jesus now went to the city of Jerusalem. There was a gate to the city used by shepherds when they brought sheep into the city. Near that gate was a pool of water known as Bethesda. The word Bethesda means house of mercy. It was here that Jesus once more showed his mercy by healing a man and showing that he, Jesus, is the almighty Son of God.

Many people who needed healing for their sick bodies gathered under a large shelter near the pool. They waited for the time when they thought the waters of the pool would heal them. There was one man who, for thirty-eight years, could not walk. He waited for someone to help him to get into the water. Jesus asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Yes," the man said, "but others get ahead of me."

Jesus commanded the man, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk” (John 5:8). Immediately the man got up and was able to walk. Jesus’ almighty word made the man well after being unable to walk for thirty-eight years.

It is Jesus who can heal all our diseases. You can pray to the almighty Son of God to help you when you are sick. He does not always use miracles to help us. Today he usually heals us through medicines and the help of doctors and other people. However, in all of our sicknesses we can turn to Jesus in prayer and, believing, ask him to help us in every time of need.

22. There was a man who for thirty eight years
could not _____ .
23. Jesus commanded the man, “Get up! Pick up
your mat and _____ .”
24. Jesus’ _____ word made the man well.
(Check your answers on page 53)

Jesus heals the man born blind – Read John 9:1-12.

We do not know when this miracle took place. We only know that Jesus was still near the city of Jerusalem when the disciples saw a man who was blind from the day he was born. They asked, “Who sinned, was this man born blind because he

sinned? Or did his parents sin?" (John 9:2). Jesus answered that this man was born blind so that Jesus' power as the Son of God could be seen in the blind man's life.

At other times Jesus healed people from a distance as we saw with the son of the King's official. Or, Jesus spoke his healing words to the person near him as in the case of the man by the pool of Bethesda. But this time Jesus took some mud he made and put it on the man's eyes and told him to go and wash it off in a nearby pool of water. The man listened to Jesus, washed his eyes, and was able to see after being blind for many years. We do not know why Jesus used mud. But we do know that it was Jesus who healed the man of his blindness.

The blind man's neighbors and other people did not believe this was the same man who had not been able to see for all of his life. But the man who was healed made it known that Jesus had healed him.

Once again Jesus showed the world that he was the almighty Son of God. We today do not see Jesus face to face. But like those people healed of their sicknesses, we believe that Jesus is the Son of God when we learn of his many miracles of healing.

25. Jesus answered that this man was born blind
 so that Jesus' _____ as the
 _____ could be seen in the man's
 life.

26. The man who was healed made it known that it
 was _____ who healed him.

(Check your answers on page 53)

JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD BY HIS POWER OVER DEATH

Jesus performed many miracles during his life on earth. The purpose of these miracles was to show the people of his day and to show us that he is the almighty Son of God. Jesus performed many miracles over the power of nature and sickness. Now you will learn that Jesus also has power over death.

Jesus raises Lazarus after he was in the grave four days – Read John 11:1-44.

It happens many times in our lives that friends and family whom we love get sick and die. Our eyes fill with tears and our hearts are filled with sorrow. This is what happened in the lives of some of Jesus' dearest friends. These friends lived in the village of Bethany near to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus often stayed at their home when he traveled

to the city of Jerusalem. These friends were two sisters, Mary and Martha, and their brother Lazarus.

One day the sisters sent an important message to Jesus saying, "The one you love (Lazarus) is sick." But Jesus did not leave immediately to go to the village of Bethany. Jesus explained why he did not go by saying, "It is for God's glory. God's Son will receive glory because of it." Jesus meant that he would do a great miracle to show once again that he is the Son of God, and that he has power even over death. Jesus waited two more days before he went to see Mary and Martha. The disciples warned Jesus that it could be dangerous to travel because many of his enemies wanted to kill him. Jesus reminded the disciples that he was the "light of men." His enemies, who preferred the darkness, would not frighten him from doing the work he came here to do.

27. The man who was sick is named _____.

(Check your answer on page 53)

Then Jesus told his disciples that Lazarus "has fallen asleep." Later we learn that Lazarus was dead. But these words remind us that death for a believer is not the end of all life. It is like being asleep, and our souls remain alive. At the end of

the world our bodies will rise from the dead, and in body and soul we will live forever with God in heaven. The disciples did not understand Jesus' words. They thought that a good sleep would help to heal Lazarus' body. Then Jesus told them plainly that Lazarus was dead. When Jesus arrived at the home of Mary and Martha, he learned that Lazarus had been in his grave for four days. Martha said that if Jesus had come sooner Lazarus would not have died. Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha agreed that would happen on the Last Day. On the Last Day all the bodies of people who have died throughout the history of the world will rise from the dead and be reunited with their souls. God will judge us, and those who believe in Jesus will go, body and soul, to the joys of heaven. But those who do not believe in Jesus will go to hell to live forever in the fire of hell.

28. Jesus told his disciples that Lazarus was

(Check your answer on page 53)

Jesus then spoke another of his well-known "I am" statements. He said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if he dies. And those who live and believe in me will never die." We will study these words in the next part of this section.



Jesus and Martha at Lazarus' tomb.

Mary now went out to meet Jesus along with many friends. They were all weeping. Jesus asked where they buried Lazarus. Then when he went to the grave, Jesus also wept. Jesus was filled with love and mercy for Mary, Martha, and their friends. Jesus asked that the stone in front of the tomb be removed. Martha said that Lazarus was dead now for four days. Jesus answered, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?"

After the tomb was opened, Jesus prayed to his Father in heaven thanking his Father that he heard Jesus' prayer. Then with a loud voice Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!" What a miracle Jesus had done! Lazarus rose from the dead and came out.

29. Martha said that Lazarus was dead now for days.

(Check your answer on page 53)

Jesus had showed his power over death twice before this. He raised the daughter of Jairus when she was dead for only a few minutes (Mark 5:21-24 and 35-43). He raised the widow's son from the village of Nain when he was dead a few hours (Luke 7:11-17). Now Jesus showed his almighty power over death by bringing Lazarus back to life after he had been dead for four days. But an even greater miracle showing that Jesus is the Son of God took place when Jesus raised himself from the dead after being in the grave for three days.

Jesus comforts Martha with his power over death –
Read John 11:25,26.

We will study about Jesus' death and rising from the dead in more detail in the next chapter of this book. Right now we want to study more closely the beautiful words of Jesus to Martha that point to Jesus as God's Son. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if he dies. And those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus spoke these words about himself. "I am the resurrection and the life." It is important for us to remember this. Remember Jesus who is the resurrection and the life whenever you hear about a death. Death is so powerful. No one can escape death. It does not matter if we are rich or poor, old or young, when the time comes that God has set for us to leave this earth, death comes to us. The Bible tells us, "My whole life is in your [God's] hands (Psalm 31:15). Death is the result of the sin of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. God told them that if they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they would die (Genesis 2:17). They did eat of that tree, and death has been a part of our lives ever since that time. Death brings heartache and loneliness into our lives.

But Jesus is more powerful than death. He was put to death on a cross on Good Friday. He was placed in a grave. But on Easter Sunday morning he triumphantly rose from the dead showing his almighty power as the Son of God. The Bible tells us that Jesus died because of our sins and was raised from the dead because our sins are forgiven (Romans 4:25).

Since death is so powerful, what does Jesus mean when he says, "Those who live and believe in me will never die." Will never die? Lazarus died. Our friends and relatives die, and one day we will die. Indeed our body dies, but our soul continues to live. God gave to us a soul that no animal in the world has. God redeemed our souls by the blood of Jesus Christ when Jesus died on the cross. When we die, our body may be laid in the ground, but the soul of a believer goes to heaven where it lives until it is reunited with the body on the Last Day. Then we, in body and soul, will live with God forever. We will never die. This gift of eternal life is given to all who believe. The Bible tells us we have been saved by the love of God through faith and not because of anything we have done (Ephesians 2: 8,9).

Now Jesus speaks to you when he asks, "Do you believe this?" Do you believe that you are a sinner? Do you believe that you are saved by Jesus? Do you believe you are saved through faith

in Jesus? It is good if you can confess as did Martha, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.’”

30. What words did Jesus use in speaking to Martha about himself?

31. Death is powerful, but _____ is more powerful than death.

32. Our body dies, but our _____ lives forever.

33. What question does Jesus ask us?

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(Check your answers on page 53)

Review of Chapter Three

In his Gospel the apostle John wants to teach us that Jesus is the almighty Son of God who has power, as God, to save us from our sins. Jesus showed his power in many ways.

First we learned that Jesus has power over nature. He performed many miracles to show us his power. The first miracle that Jesus did was to change water into wine. He did this at a wedding feast in the village of Cana. He not only provided the wine needed for the feast, he provided the very best

wine, and enough wine for all of the guests. Another miracle was to provide food for over 5,000 men, women, and children who had come to Jesus to be taught by him. Jesus wanted to test his disciples to see if they knew that Jesus had the power to feed all those people with only five loaves of bread and two small fish. Jesus thanked God the Father and provided enough food so all the people had enough to eat. Then 12 baskets full of leftover food were gathered, showing that Jesus had provided an abundant amount of food. Finally we learned how Jesus, when he walked on water, overcame the power of gravity and did not sink into the Sea of Galilee. Jesus is powerful because he is God.

Next we learned that Jesus has power over sickness. He healed many people during his ministry. He healed people who could not see, could not hear, and could not walk. When Jesus healed the son of the king's officer, he did not go to the man's home but from a great distance told the official that his son was healed. When the man went home, he found that his son was healed at the time Jesus told him he was healed. Then we learned how Jesus healed a man who was not able to walk for thirty-eight years. Jesus told him, "Take up your mat and walk." And the man could walk. We also learned how Jesus healed a man who was born blind. Jesus put some mud on the man's

eyes and told him to wash. When he washed, he was able to see. All these and other miracles show Jesus' power over sickness and the fact that he is the Son of God.

Finally we learned that Jesus has power over death. There was sorrow in the lives of Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha. Their brother Lazarus was sick and died. But Jesus did not answer their plea to come and help until after Lazarus had been in a grave for four days. Jesus showed his mercy and his power by calling to Lazarus to come out of his grave. Jesus raised him from the dead. But the greatest miracle of all was when Jesus himself rose from the dead after he had been in his grave for three days. Jesus' rising from the dead reminds us of his words to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life."

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has the power to save us, and by his power, he helps us in our daily lives also.

Answers to the questions within Chapter Three:

1. gift, glory; 2. wedding, Cana; 3. wine; 4. water, wine; 5. first; 6. almighty; 7. test, Son of God; 8. eight; 9. bread, fish; 10. failed; 11. 5,000; 12. twelve; 13. bodily, spiritual; 14. spiritual, eternal; 15. boat; 16. walking, fear; 17. It is I. Don't be afraid; 18. Son of God; 19. Jesus, help; 20. heal; 21. power, Son of God; 22. walk; 23. walk; 24. almighty; 25. power, Son of God; 26. Jesus; 27. Lazarus; 28. dead; 29. four; 30. I am the resurrection and the life; 31. Jesus; 32. soul; 33. Do you believe this?

Test on Chapter Three

1. Changing water into wine was the
miracle Jesus did.
2. When the over 5,000 men, women and children
had eaten there were baskets full of
food left over.
3. Jesus is the Son of God and can
us when we are in need of help.
4. When the disciples saw Jesus on
water they were filled with .
5. When troubles come into our lives we should
turn to and pray for his
 .
6. The king's official traveled to see Jesus and
begged him "to come and my son."
7. Jesus has the to heal diseases
because he is of .
8. Jesus' word made the man who
could not walk well again.
9. The man who was born blind knew it was
 who healed him.
10. The man who was sick but had died and was in
the grave for four days is named .
11. Jesus told Martha, "I am the
 and the .

(Check your answers on page 109)



Chapter Four

Jesus Prepares His Disciples for His Suffering

Now the end of Jesus' life on earth was near. Soon, Jesus said, he would suffer and die for the sins of all people. But Jesus wanted to prepare his disciples for this. As we read about this, we want to learn:

- How Jesus prepared his disciples, and
- How Jesus suffered before he died.

Jesus has prepared a place in heaven – Read John 14:1-6.

There are times when we are troubled by what is happening in our lives. Perhaps we are sick and do not know if we will live or die. Perhaps someone dear to us in our family dies, and we do not know what will happen to our family. This happened in the lives of the disciples. After Jesus told the disciples that he would suffer and die, the disciples were troubled by what he said. Jesus wanted to calm their fears and ours. To do this he spoke a few very comforting words.

What did he say? Jesus told the disciples and us to picture a very large house. This house is heaven. It has many rooms. Jesus said that he was going away to prepare a place in his Father's home for each believer. He would do this by taking away our sins, by beautifying us with forgiveness, and by blessing us with eternal life. Therefore, when we die, he will come to us and take us to the beautiful home in heaven that his holy blood has prepared for us and for people of every tribe, language, and nation.

Jesus reminded the disciples that they knew the way to heaven. But the disciple Thomas asked, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Thomas did not understand the spiritual meaning of Jesus' words. Jesus also asks us, "Do you know the way?" Then Jesus answers his own question. Jesus tells us, "I

am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jesus reminds us that he is the only way to go to heaven. Yes, we know that way to heaven. It is found in the Bible. In the Bible we have read God’s plan for our salvation. We have learned how in his love God sent his only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and die on the cross to save all of us from our sins, from death, and the power of the devil. In love God also sent us his Holy Spirit who brought us to faith in Jesus. The only way to get into heaven is through faith in Jesus as our Savior.

And Jesus is the truth. He is speaking the truth when he tells us how we are saved. At the beginning of our study we learned that Jesus is the Word. Jesus, the Word, tells us the truth when he says that we are sinners. But Jesus also tells us that he came to save us from our sins so we can live with God in heaven. That good news is the truth as well. Only in the Bible do we learn the truth that Jesus teaches.

Jesus also says he is the life. He gives us physical life when we are born into this world. But he also gives us spiritual life when he gives us faith, and we believe in him. Spiritual life gives us eternal life in heaven when we die here on earth.

Therefore, because Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, he urges us to believe him when he says, “No one comes to the Father except through me.” Many people try to tell us that we can get to heaven by living a good life and then God will let us into heaven. But God tells us, “No one can be made right with God by obeying the law” (Galatians 2:16). Many people worship things in nature and idols, but God’s Word reminds us, “Do not put any other gods in place of me” (Exodus 20:2,3). We cannot save ourselves. The only way to enter heaven is through faith in Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus reminds us that he is the way to _____.
2. In the _____ we learn of God’s plan for our salvation.
3. We _____ save ourselves.

(Check your answers on page 68)

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit – Read John 14:25-27; and John 15:26-27.

Jesus told the apostles that soon he would not be with them. He spoke these words the day before he would die on the cross. However, he said that they should not be troubled or afraid because he would send the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide them. This was important because, by themselves, the disciples could never understand or remember

everything Jesus did and said. So Jesus promised them that God the Father would send the Holy Spirit who would help them remember and understand everything Jesus had done and had said. This happened on the day of Pentecost when, fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, and the disciples spoke to many people about Jesus.

It is the Holy Spirit who also speaks to us through the words of the Bible. It is the Word of God in the Bible that fills us with peace. In the world we do not have peace because of sin. Nations fight against each other in war. Husbands and wives, children and parents, you and your friends argue with each other. We do not find peace in a sinful world. But the Word of God gives our hearts peace. The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to tell us that our Father in heaven sent Jesus to die for us and that we have been made right with God. This gives us real and lasting peace.

In the next chapter, John 15:26-27, Jesus tells us again that he will send the Holy Spirit. He calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Truth. He tells us that he comes from God the Father. He also tells us that the Holy Spirit will witness or tell us all about Jesus and what he did for us. And the Holy Spirit does just that. Everything we read in the Bible tells us about Jesus. The Old Testament points forward to

Jesus, and the New Testament points back at all that Jesus did for us.

One other important thought is mentioned in John 15:26-27. Jesus says that because the Holy Spirit has told us everything that God has done for us through Jesus, now we are to tell others. God wants us to tell our friends, family, and strangers that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and that Jesus is the only way that they can get to heaven. That is what we pray for when in the Lord's Prayer we say, "Thy kingdom come." In these words we are praying that God's kingdom will come to us. And we are praying that when we share God's Word with others, they too will become a part of God's family of believers and heirs of eternal life in heaven.

4. Jesus promised to send the _____
to the disciples and to us.
5. It is the Word of God in the Bible that fills us
with _____.
6. Jesus says that just as the Holy Spirit tells us
all that God has done for us through Jesus, so
we are now to _____.

(Check your answers on page 68)

Jesus warns the disciples that they will be persecuted – Read John 15:18-21 and John 16:1-4.

Jesus now warned his disciples, and he warns us about what will happen in our lives because we are Christians. People will hate believers. In Jesus' life the people of this world hated Jesus and put him to death on the cross. The same happens in the lives of believers today. There are those who laugh at Christians and cause them many problems. There are even some people who will kill Christians. Jesus reminds us that servants (we) are not better than our master (Jesus). If people persecuted Jesus, we can expect that people will persecute us. Unbelievers do such things because they do not know God or Jesus and what he has done for them. We, however, have Jesus' promise that he will help us. He promises us, "I am always with you, to the very end" (Matthew 28:20).

7. People will hate _____.
8. There are some people in the world who will even _____ Christians.
9. Jesus promises us, "I am _____ with you, to the very end."

(Check your answers on page 68)

After preparing his disciples for his death, Jesus now began his suffering for the sins of all people.

Jesus tells about his coming death – Read John 12:20-36.

When some people who were from the country of Greece wanted to see and speak with Jesus, he told them “The hour has come for the Son of Man to receive glory.” Before this, Jesus often said, “My time has not yet come.” But now he tells us that his hour has come. The hour he is speaking about is the time when he would die, rise from the dead, and then return to the glory of heaven. Jesus used an example from daily life to explain what will happen. He spoke about planting seed into the ground. A seed must die in order for it to grow and provide the blessing of more seed for food. Jesus also would need to die so that, by his rising from the dead, God would be praised, and we would be saved.

We remember that Jesus is not only true God, but he is also true man. As true man he was troubled and asked, “What should I say? Father, save me from this hour?” Jesus answered by saying, “No!” The reason Jesus left heaven and was born in this world was to bear the punishment for our sins. That was God’s plan of salvation. Jesus came to give his life for us. Now the time, the hour, to do this had come.

Then a strong voice from heaven said, “I have brought glory to my name. I will bring glory to it again.” This was the third time that God the Father spoke from heaven during the life of Jesus. The

first time was at Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:11). The next time was on the Mount of Transfiguration when Peter, James, and John saw Jesus together with Moses and Elijah, and God spoke. (Mark 9:7). Now God said that Jesus' life, death and resurrection will bring glory, that is, praise to God. The people who heard God speak thought it thundered, but Jesus said that God was now keeping his promise made to Adam and Eve to send a Savior who would crush the power of the devil by being lifted up on a cross. Jesus said that what he would do on the cross, paying for the sins of all mankind, would draw all people to him. And he was right! We and many others have come to Jesus' cross to find our salvation. Jesus' name is known throughout the world.

Many in Jesus' day did not believe in him. They asked "Who is this Son of Man?" There are many today who do not believe in Jesus. Jesus reminds us that we are to walk in the light. If we do not do this, we will be walking in darkness, and we will not find or we will lose the path to heaven. Jesus tells us, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness. They will have the light that leads to life" (John 8:12). Now we are to let our light shine (Matthew 5:14-16).

10. Jesus is not only God, but he is also
true .

11. Jesus came to give his _____ for us.
12. Jesus tells us “I am the _____ of the world.”
13. Those who follow Jesus will never walk in _____

(Check your answers on page 68)

Jesus warns Peter – Read John 13:36-38.

When the apostle Peter said he wanted to give his life for Jesus, Jesus warned him. He told him that before the night would be over Peter would say three times that he did not know Jesus. That is what Peter did. At the end of this book you will learn what Jesus said to Peter after Jesus rose from the dead.

Jesus’ great High Priestly prayer – Read John chapter 17.

This beautiful prayer was prayed by Jesus on Thursday evening, the night before he was to die on the cross. This prayer is not found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

In the first verses of John chapter 17 Jesus prayed for himself. Jesus prayed that his Father would give him the glory and honor he had in heaven before he was born in Bethlehem. Jesus said that he brought people to believe in him so they could

have eternal life. He said that eternal life is to know God and Jesus, whom God sent into the world as our Savior. Jesus prayed that God would bring him through the suffering he would experience the next day and bring him home to heaven.

Jesus then prayed for his disciples. Jesus said that he made known to the disciples all of the truth about God and the disciples' salvation. The disciples believed what Jesus taught them. "They knew for certain that I came from you. They believed that you sent me." Jesus' words were powerful.

Jesus would no longer be with his disciples physically. Therefore, he prayed to his Father in heaven to protect the disciples as they would go out into the world to preach and teach other people. While Jesus lived in the world, he protected them and kept all of them except Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus. The betraying of Jesus by a close friend was a prophecy of the Old Testament, and Judas fulfilled it (Psalm 41:9).

First, God the Father sent his Son into the world, now Jesus would send his disciples into the world to preach the truth of his Word. So Jesus prayed that the disciples might be made holy to carry out their important work in the world.

Having prayed for himself and the disciples, Jesus now prayed for all believers of all times. First of all, he prayed that they may be one. There is only one Holy Christian Church and it is made up of all who believe in Jesus. This is a spiritual unity that God provides through the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In the world there will be errors taught by some that divide the visible church. But all who believe in Jesus are a part of God's Holy Christian Church. Only God knows who belongs to this invisible church (2 Timothy 2:19). Jesus wants us to be with him in heaven and prays that we may see his glory in heaven.

14. Jesus prayed that the Father would give him
the _____ and _____ that he had
in heaven.
15. Jesus prayed to his Father in heaven to
_____ his disciples.
16. Jesus wants us to be with him in
_____ and prayed that we may see his glory in
heaven.

(Check your answers on page 68)

Review of Chapter Four

The time came for Jesus to give his life as the payment for the sins of all people. He prepared his disciples and he prepares us for his death. He

begins by telling about heaven. Jesus tells us not to be afraid because God has prepared a wonderful place for us in heaven. We go to heaven along a path that trusts what Jesus has done for us. He is the only way to heaven. The truth about Jesus is shown to us in the Bible where we read that we are sinners, but that Jesus saves us from our sins. It is Jesus who gives us a life that never ends. After our life on earth, we go to the heaven he has prepared for us.

The day before Jesus died on the cross he promised his disciples and he promises us that he would send the Holy Spirit. Jesus would no longer live on earth physically, but the Holy Spirit would make known all that Jesus said and did. The Holy Spirit did that on Pentecost, and later when he breathed into the disciples the very words we find in the Bible. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus known to us. He uses the messages that men of God have written for us in the Bible. God's Word fills us with peace and asks us to share the Word of God with other people.

Jesus warned the disciples that they would face persecution just as Christians face persecution today. People who do not believe in Jesus make life difficult for Christians. Jesus gives us the promise that he will be with us to guide and protect us throughout our Christian lives.

Jesus' time came to crush the power of the devil. He said that just as a seed planted in the ground must die to grow and bring forth many more seeds, so Jesus must die to save us from eternal death. Jesus was ready to make that sacrifice for all mankind. Then we learn how God the Father himself spoke from heaven telling the people that he would praise and honor the name of Jesus for what Jesus was doing for the people of this world.

On the night before Jesus died on the cross he prayed a beautiful prayer in which he prayed for himself, for the disciples, and for all believers. He asked that God the Father would be with him during his suffering and bring him back to heaven and to the glory and honor he had before he was born in this world. Jesus then prayed for his disciples who believed in him. He asked God to protect them as they would go out into the world to preach and teach others about Jesus. Then Jesus prayed for all of us who believe in him that we may enjoy the fellowship of one another in the Holy Christian Church. Jesus wants all of us to go to heaven and be with him in glory.

Answers to the questions within Chapter Four:

1. only, heaven; 2. Bible; 3. cannot; 4. Holy Spirit;
5. peace; 6. tell others; 7. believers; 8. kill;
9. always; 10. true, man; 11. life; 12. light; 13. darkness;
14. glory, honor; 15. protect; 16. heaven.

Test on Chapter Four

1. Jesus reminds us that he is the way to _____.
2. In the _____ we learn of God's plan of salvation.
3. We _____ save ourselves.
4. Jesus promised to send the _____ to the disciples and to us.
5. Jesus promises us, "I am _____ with you, to the very end."
6. Jesus is not only _____ God, but he is also true _____.
7. Jesus came to give his _____ for us.
8. Jesus prayed that the Father would give him the _____ and _____ that he had in heaven.
9. Jesus prayed to his Father in heaven to _____ his disciples.
10. Jesus wants us to be with him in _____ and prayed that we may see his glory in heaven.

(Check your answers on page 109)



Pontius Pilate presents Jesus to an angry crowd.



Chapter Five

Jesus Dies for Us

The reason Jesus came from heaven and was born in our world was so that he could take our place. Because we cannot live a perfect life, Jesus came to keep the law of God perfectly for us. He also came to live with us so that, as our substitute, he could bear the punishment for our sins. Jesus did that by dying for us on the cross. After being in the grave for three days, he triumphantly rose from the dead and showed that he, the Son of God, has power over sin, death, and the devil. In this chapter we want to learn:

- about the court trails of Jesus, and
- about the death and burial of Jesus.

John's Gospel tells us some important information about the death of Jesus. Jesus had many people who believed his message. But he also had many enemies who wanted to kill him.

Jesus is arrested – Read John 18:1-11.

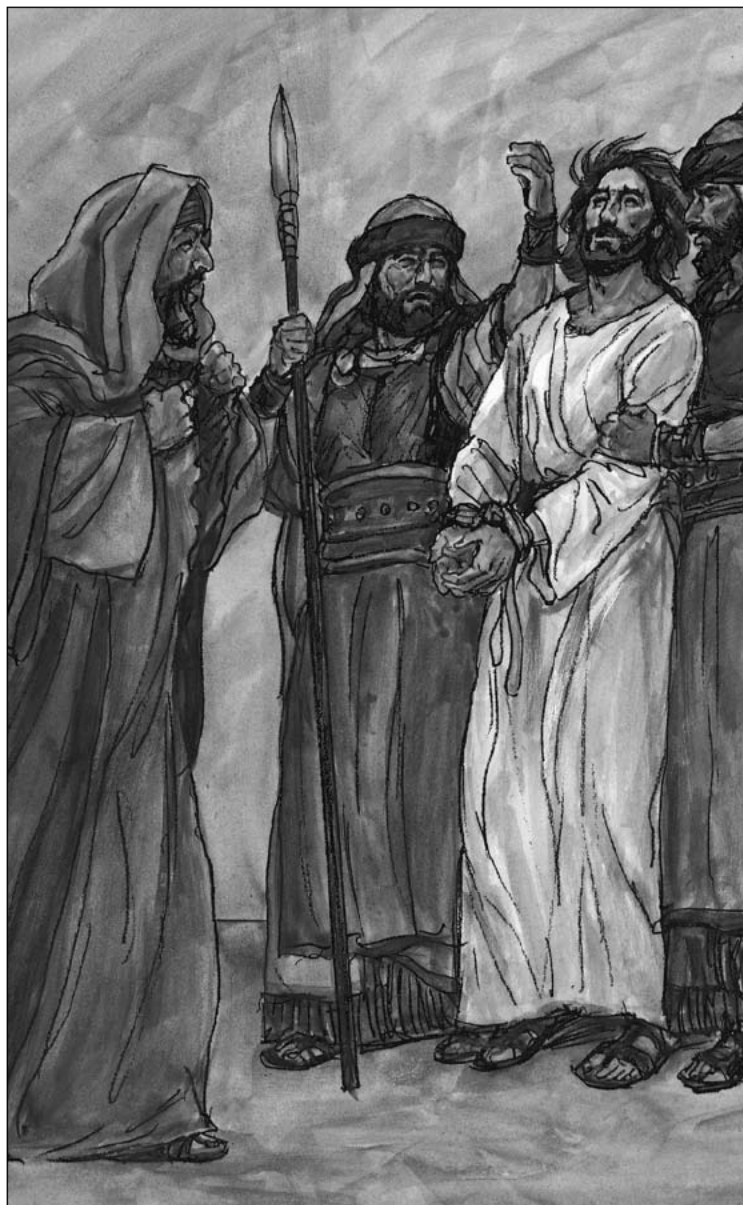
Jesus finished the prayer we studied in the last chapter. Then he and his disciples left the city of Jerusalem and walked to a garden filled with olive trees. It was known as the Garden of Gethsemane. In the garden, after he prayed to his Father in heaven, a group of soldiers and others sent by the Jewish leaders and led by Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples, entered the garden and came toward Jesus. Judas knew the garden well because he had come to it with Jesus and his disciples many times before. It was here that Judas betrayed Jesus and turned him over to his enemies.

Jesus showed that he was willing to be taken as a prisoner when he asked who the soldiers wanted to find. They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Then Jesus spoke another of his well known "I am" statements. He said, "I am he." What happened then? The Gospel says that the enemies of Jesus all fell to the ground. Jesus could have escaped, but he did not. He was willing to die for us. He asked them a second time, "Who is it that you

want?" When they said "Jesus of Nazareth" Jesus told them again, "I am he." Then he said, "If you are looking for me, then let these men go." Jesus defended his disciples and did not want them to be harmed. He did this to fulfill his promise that not one of them would be lost as he said in John 6:39.

It was at this time that the bold disciple Peter stepped forward and, using his sword, cut off the ear of one of the High Priest's servants. Jesus told Peter to put away his sword. This tells us again that Jesus was willing to be arrested by his enemies. However, it also shows us the almighty power of Jesus because in Luke 22:51 we read that Jesus immediately healed the ear of the servant.

1. The name of the garden to which Jesus took his disciples is the _____ of _____ in which were many olive trees.
2. The group of soldiers and others sent by the Jewish leaders were led by one of Jesus' disciples named _____.
3. When Jesus asked his enemies who they were looking for they answered _____.
4. When Jesus said, "I am he," they all fell to the _____.



Jesus beaten and mocked before the High Priest.

5. Jesus could have _____ but he did _____
6. The name of the disciple who cut off the ear of the High Priest's servant was _____
- (Check your answers on page 86)

Jesus is tried before Pontius Pilate – Read John 18:28 to John 19:16.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was tried before several courts before he was condemned to die on the cross. His first trial was before a man named Annas who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas the High Priest of the Jews at that time (John 18:12-14). Then when enough time had gone by so the Sanhedrin, the ruling body of the Jews, could be gathered together during the night, Jesus was taken to Caiaphas for another trial (Mark 14:53-65). It was during this trial that Jesus was condemned to die because he said he was the Son of God. But the Jewish court could not put anyone to death. This could only be done by the Roman government that ruled over the Jews. Therefore, Jesus was sent to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor.

Pilate wanted to know why they brought Jesus to him. They stated that they did not have the power to condemn anyone to die. Also, because they knew that Pilate would not condemn Jesus merely for religious reasons, the Jewish council said that Jesus called himself a king.

Pilate questioned Jesus. "Are you a king?" Pilate asked. Jesus' answer was important. He said, "My kingdom is not part of this world ... my kingdom is from another place." These words tell us that Jesus' kingdom is not a worldly but a heavenly kingdom. His kingdom is a kingdom made up of believers who will be a part of his kingdom in heaven. We become a part of that kingdom when we come to faith in Jesus and serve him as Christians. Then when we die, we will go to heaven to live with Jesus in his heavenly kingdom forever.

Pilate went out to speak with the Jews again. He gave the Jews a choice. Pilate had the custom of releasing a prisoner to them at the Feast of the Passover. Now he gave the people a choice between setting Jesus free, who Pilate said was not guilty of any crime, or freeing an evil man named Barabbas who had tried to overthrow the government. Pilate was sure the people would choose Jesus. But they did not. They chose Barabbas.

Now Pilate had Jesus whipped. A crown of thorns was put on his head. They mocked Jesus. Then Pilate brought Jesus out to show the people how much he had suffered already and said, "Here is the man." He thought the people would have pity on Jesus and let him go free. But instead the people shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate

told the Jews, "You crucify him; I do not find anything wrong with him." But the Jews replied, "We have a law. That law says he must die. He claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, Pilate was afraid and asked Jesus where he came from. Jesus did not answer. Pilate wanted to set Jesus free, but the Jews continued to shout "Kill him, Kill him. Crucify him!" Even though Pilate had said that Jesus was innocent, Pilate handed Jesus over to the Jews to be crucified. This dishonest trial reveals the hatred of Jesus' enemies. But does it tell us why Jesus died? Not at all. The Bible teaches us, and we believe and teach that Jesus died as our substitute. He sacrificed himself for us. His perfect life as the Son of God and his innocent suffering and death saved us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

7. Jesus first trial was before a man named _____.
8. Jesus was taken to _____ for another trial.
9. It was during the trial by Caiaphas that Jesus was condemned to _____ because he said he is the _____.
10. The Jews could not put anyone to death; therefore, they sent Jesus to the court of _____, the Roman governor.

11. When Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not a part of this ."
12. Jesus' kingdom is made up of .
13. After Pilate whipped Jesus and put a crown of thorns on his head, he said to the people, "Here is the man." They answered. "
!"
14. Jesus is our substitute, who by his perfect life as the and his suffering and death saved us.

(Check your answers on page 86)

Jesus is crucified and is buried – Read John 19:16-42.

The leaders and people of the Jews cried out "Kill him, crucify him." Pontius Pilate did not want to cause a riot among the people and gave Jesus to them to be crucified. They ordered Jesus to carry his cross to the place where he would be crucified. The soldiers took Jesus and two other men who were to be crucified to a place called Golgotha, a hill that looked like a skull. It was about nine o'clock in the morning.

After nailing Jesus' hands and feet to the cross, Pontius Pilate put a sign over Jesus' head in three languages so everyone passing by the cross could

read it. The sign said, “Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews.” The Jewish leaders did not like what Pilate wrote, but he would not change it.

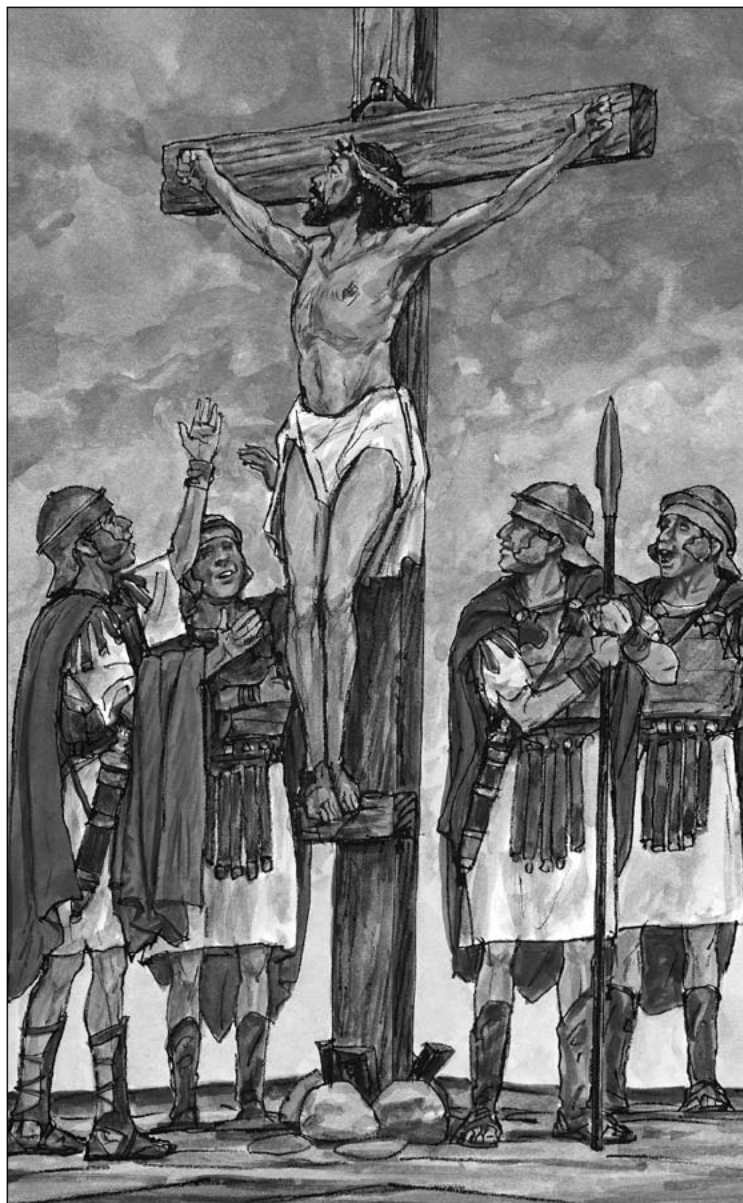
The soldiers who crucified Jesus now divided up his clothes, but one piece of clothing was all in one piece, and they did not want to tear it. So, they gambled for it. This was an important action on the part of the soldiers because it fulfilled a prophecy about the Messiah written in Psalm 22:18. It says, “They divide up my clothes among them. They cast lots for what I am wearing.” Jesus is indeed the promised Messiah spoken of by the prophets in the Old Testament.

Many of the events that took place when Jesus was crucified were written by the other Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. But the Gospel of John tells us of some things that happened that day that are not found in the other three Gospels. While Jesus was dying on the cross, he spoke seven times. One of his statements while dying is written only in the Gospel of John. John tells us that near the cross were Jesus’ mother, Mary, some other women, and some of the disciples. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple Jesus loved, that is, the apostle John who wrote this Gospel. Jesus said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and then to John he said, “Here is your mother.” John took care of Mary after Jesus died.

These words that Jesus spoke reveal the love Jesus showed to his mother. What Jesus did here reminds us of how we should honor and respect our mothers and fathers as is taught to us in the Fourth Commandment. That commandment says, "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long time in the land the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12). We learn from Jesus how we should honor and serve our parents and other people who are placed over us.

Jesus spoke again, saying, "I am thirsty." Remember that Jesus is both true God and true man. Now his human nature cried out for something to drink. But at the same time, these words also were a fulfillment of prophecy spoken by King David in the Old Testament. King David wrote in Psalm 69:21, "They gave me vinegar [to drink] when I was thirsty." Jesus again fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies showing he was the promised Messiah.

Jesus then cried out, "It is finished" and bowed his head and died. Jesus finished the work that God the Father sent him into the world to do. Remember what Jesus said to Nicodemus? He said, "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16). Jesus is the Son of God, who left his heavenly home to be born in our world. He kept the law for us even while



Jesus is crucified.

dying on the cross when he took care of his mother. Jesus died for us on the cross, bearing the punishment for our sins. In John 15:13 we hear Jesus say, "No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends. You are my friends." As believers in Jesus, we thank and praise Jesus for everything he has done for us so we can be God's children and go to heaven to live with God forever.

"It is finished." Jesus finished everything God sent him into the world to accomplish. Having loved us Jesus now died on the cross.

Because the next day was the Sabbath Day, a holy day and a day of rest, they did not want the bodies of Jesus and the other two men to remain on the cross. It was now about three o'clock in the afternoon, and the soldiers were commanded to break the legs of those who were crucified so they would die more quickly. The soldiers broke the legs of the two other men, but when they came to Jesus, they found that he was already dead. So they did not break Jesus' legs. This was the fulfillment of another of David's prophecies, "The Lord watches over all his bones. Not one of them will be broken" (Psalm 34:20). One of the soldiers stuck Jesus in the side with his spear. This was the fulfillment of a prophecy in Zechariah 12:10, "I am the one they have pierced." Jesus is indeed the

Son of God and the promised Messiah who fulfilled all the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament.

A secret follower of Jesus by the name of Joseph from the town of Arimathea, together with Nicodemus, asked for Jesus' body. They buried him in a tomb owned by Joseph that was near to where Jesus was crucified. Jesus' body was laid in this grave to wait for its glorious resurrection. Jesus the Son of God and Son of Man died for the sins of all people, for you and for me.

15. The sign Pontius Pilate put on the cross of Jesus read, "_____ of the king of the _____."

16. Jesus spoke to his mother while he was on the cross and said, "Dear woman, _____ is your _____."

17. To John he said, "Here is your _____."

18. What Jesus did for his mother reminds us how we should honor and respect our _____ and _____.

19. Jesus _____ the work God the Father sent him into the world to do.

20. One of the soldiers struck Jesus in his _____ with his spear.

21. This was also the fulfillment of a _____ in Zechariah 12:10.

22. Joseph from the town of Arimathea, together with _____ asked for the body of Jesus.

23. Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man
died for the sins of all _____ for
and for _____.

(Check your answers on page 86)

Review of Chapter Five

Jesus performed many miracles and taught many people during the three years he worked with his disciples. But now, as he said, his hour had come. It was the time for him to suffer and die for the sins of all people.

Together with his disciples, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane. One of his apostles, Judas Iscariot, knew the place. He led many soldiers and Jewish religious leaders to the place and betrayed Jesus. At the time of his arrest Jesus showed his almighty power as the Son of God. When he said that he was the one the soldiers wanted to find, they all fell to the ground. But Jesus did not run away. He knew his hour had come. When Peter cut off the ear of the servant of the High Priest, Jesus healed the man immediately.

Jesus was led away to trial before several religious and government leaders. He was questioned by Annas. Then when the members of the Jewish court known as the Sanhedrin were gathered together, Jesus was brought to trial before them.

Caiaphas served as the judge. The High Priest and other rulers of the Jews condemned Jesus to die because Jesus said he is the Son of God. But the Jews could not put anyone to death. Only the Roman government then ruling over the Jews could do that.

Jesus was then taken to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. Now Jesus was accused of being a king. Jesus said that his kingdom is not a worldly kingdom. Pilate tried to release Jesus. He gave the people the choice of releasing Jesus or Barabbas, a very evil man. But the crowd did not choose Jesus. Pilate had Jesus whipped and put a crown of thorns on his head. But the crowd cried out "Kill him, crucify him." Finally Pilate let Jesus be crucified even though Pilate thought Jesus was innocent.

At nine o'clock in the morning Jesus was taken to a hill outside of the city of Jerusalem, and there he was nailed to a cross between two evil men. Jesus spoke seven times while he was dying on the cross. In one of the words from the cross Jesus took care of his mother by placing her in the care of "the disciple Jesus loved," the apostle John, the writer of this Gospel. At another time he said he was thirsty. This was the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy. Finally he said, "It is finished." Jesus finished the work he came into the world to

do. He was our substitute, and for us he carried all our sins and was punished for them.

After Jesus died, two men who believed in Jesus came to bury Jesus' body. One man was Joseph of Arimathea. The other man was Nicodemus, who had come to Jesus one night to learn of God's love in sending Jesus into our world as our Savior.

These men put Jesus in a tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea that was very near to the place where Jesus was crucified and died.

Answers to the questions within Chapter Five:

1. Garden, Gethsemane; 2. Judas Iscariot; 3. Jesus of Nazareth; 4. ground; 5. escaped, not; 6. Peter; 7. Annas; 8. Caiaphas; 9. die, Son of God; 10. Pontius Pilate; 11. world; 12. believers; 13. Crucify him; 14. Son of God, innocent; 15. Jesus, Nazareth, Jews; 16. here, son; 17. mother; 18. mothers; fathers; 19. finished; 20. side; 21. prophecy; 22. Nicodemus; 23. people, you, me.

Test on Chapter Five

1. The group of soldiers and others sent by the Jewish leaders to capture Jesus were led by one of Jesus' disciples named .
2. Jesus could have but he did not.
3. It was during the trial by Caiaphas that Jesus was condemned to because he said he is the .
4. The Jews could not put anyone to death; therefore, they sent Jesus to the court of , the Roman governor.
5. When Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not a part of this ."
6. Jesus kingdom is made up of .
7. Jesus is our substitute, who by his perfect life as the and his suffering and death saved us.

8. What Jesus did for his mother while dying on the cross reminds us how we should honor and respect our _____ and _____ .
9. Jesus _____ the work God the Father sent him into the world to do.
10. Joseph from the town of Arimathea, together with _____ asked for the body of Jesus.

(Check your answers on page 109)



Chapter Six

Jesus Rises From the Dead

Our salvation was made certain when Jesus rose to life after being laid in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. God was satisfied that Jesus lived a perfect life for us and died to take the punishment for our sins on himself. Another apostle by the name of Paul in his letter to the Roman Christians wrote in Romans 4:25, “Jesus was handed over to die for our sins. He was raised to life in order to make us right with God.” Jesus’ rising to life after being dead is our assurance that we also will rise from the dead on the Last Day.

In this lesson we will learn that

- Jesus’ grave was empty, and
- Jesus showed many people that he is alive.

There are many religious leaders in the world who have started religions. But now they are all dead. None of them rose from the dead. But Jesus did rise from the dead. He satisfied God's anger against sin. Our faith is not based on a dead Savior, but a living Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus' grave is empty – Read John 20:1-9.

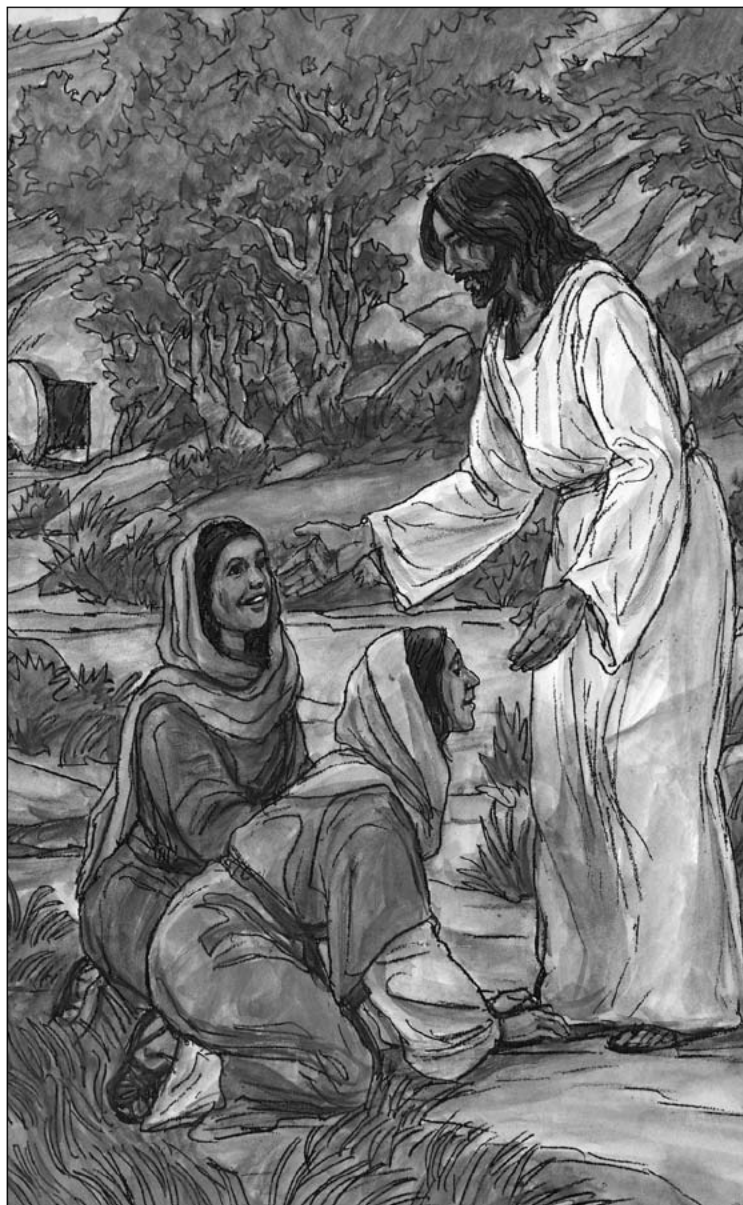
It was early on the Sunday morning after Jesus was crucified on Friday that many of Jesus' friends went to his tomb. One of these people was Mary Magdalene, who with other women went to the tomb as the sun was rising. The women saw that the large stone that had been rolled in front of the tomb in which Jesus was buried was rolled away. The other women went to the grave and saw an angel who told them. "Jesus is not here, he has risen." But Mary did not go to the grave. Seeing the stone rolled away she ran back to Peter and John and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb! We do not know where they have put him."

Then Peter and John ran to the tomb. The apostle John, the disciple Jesus loved, the writer of this Gospel, arrived first at the grave. He saw the strips of cloth that had been wrapped around the body of Jesus lying in the empty grave. But Jesus was not there. Then Peter arrived and ran into the tomb. He

also saw the cloth that had been around the head of Jesus neatly wrapped up and lying separate from the other burial cloths in the grave.

Jesus was not there. People have said that someone stole the body of Jesus. But anyone stealing a body would not have taken time to “neatly” wrap up the cloth that had been around Jesus’ head when he was buried. The disciples of Jesus and his friends were confused. Where was Jesus? The tomb was empty. As Jesus told them before, his friends did not understand that he would rise from the dead on the third day. In the Apostles’ Creed we confess that Jesus rose from the dead when we say, “I believe...on the third day he rose again.” Jesus did rise and then showed that he is alive by appearing to many people.

1. The women who went to Jesus’ grave saw that the large stone in front of the door was
away.
 2. An angel told the women, “He is not here. He has
.”
 3. Peter and ran to the tomb.
 4. Peter and John saw the cloths wrapped around Jesus’ head when he was buried neatly wrapped up but Jesus was there.
 5. Where was Jesus? The tomb was .
- (Check your answers on page 101)



Jesus greets the two Marys returning from the tomb.

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene – Read John 20:10-18.

Remember that Mary Magdalene did not go to the open tomb of Jesus with the other women. She did not hear the angel say, “He has risen!” As soon as she saw that the stone was rolled away from the door of the tomb, she ran back to tell Peter. Then sometime later she went back to the tomb alone. She was crying and looked into the tomb. She saw two angels who asked her, “Why are you crying.” Mary answered, “They have taken my Lord away. I don’t know where they have put him.”

Then she turned around, and Jesus was standing there. Mary, through her tears, did not know it was Jesus. Jesus also asked Mary why she was crying. Mary thought that this man was the person who took care of the garden, and she asked where the body of Jesus was taken.

Then one simple word revealed the truth. Jesus said to her, “Mary.” Immediately, Mary knew it was Jesus, and he was alive. He reminded her that soon he would be returning to heaven. She hurried to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive. She said, “I have seen the Lord.” Mary was the first person to see Jesus alive after his crucifixion. She also was the first to tell other people that the Lord, who died on the cross, was alive. As eagerly as Mary told

others the wonderful news that Jesus was alive, so we, having gone to the open tomb by faith, are happy and eager to tell other people that our Savior Jesus is alive.

6. When Jesus called Mary by her name, she then knew that Jesus was _____.
7. Jesus reminded Mary that soon he would be returning to _____.
8. Mary told the disciples, "I have _____ the Lord."
9. Mary was the _____ person to see Jesus alive after his crucifixion.
10. We are to _____ other people that our _____, Jesus, is alive.

(Check your answers on page 101)

Jesus appears to his disciples – Read John 20:19-23.

Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene on Sunday morning. That same evening Jesus appeared to the disciples. They were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid that the Jewish leaders might arrest them. How awful that they had arrested Jesus and crucified him! Then all at once, though the doors to the room were locked, Jesus appeared among them. How could this happen? We remember that Jesus is both true God and true

man. A mere man would need to open the door to enter the room. But after rising from the dead Jesus again showed he is the Son of God. Because of his power as God, he could be with his disciples in a locked room. Yet at the same time he proved that he was the same Jesus who died on the cross. He showed them the nail prints in his hands and the spear mark in his side. Jesus is both true God and true man.

There are two special sentences that Jesus spoke to his disciples. The first is, "May peace be with you." The disciples were afraid. But Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, replaced their fear with peace. This peace is greater than peace from earthly troubles. The same peace belongs to us. There are times when we are afraid because we are sinners. What will happen to us if we die tonight? Will we go to heaven or will we go to hell? Jesus gives us the answer. Jesus died on the cross to free us from all of our sins. Jesus rose again from the dead to make us right with God. As believers in Jesus, God does not look at our sins. God looks at what Jesus did by bearing the punishment for our sins. Therefore, we are at peace with God.

The second statement Jesus made to the disciples is also important. He told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are

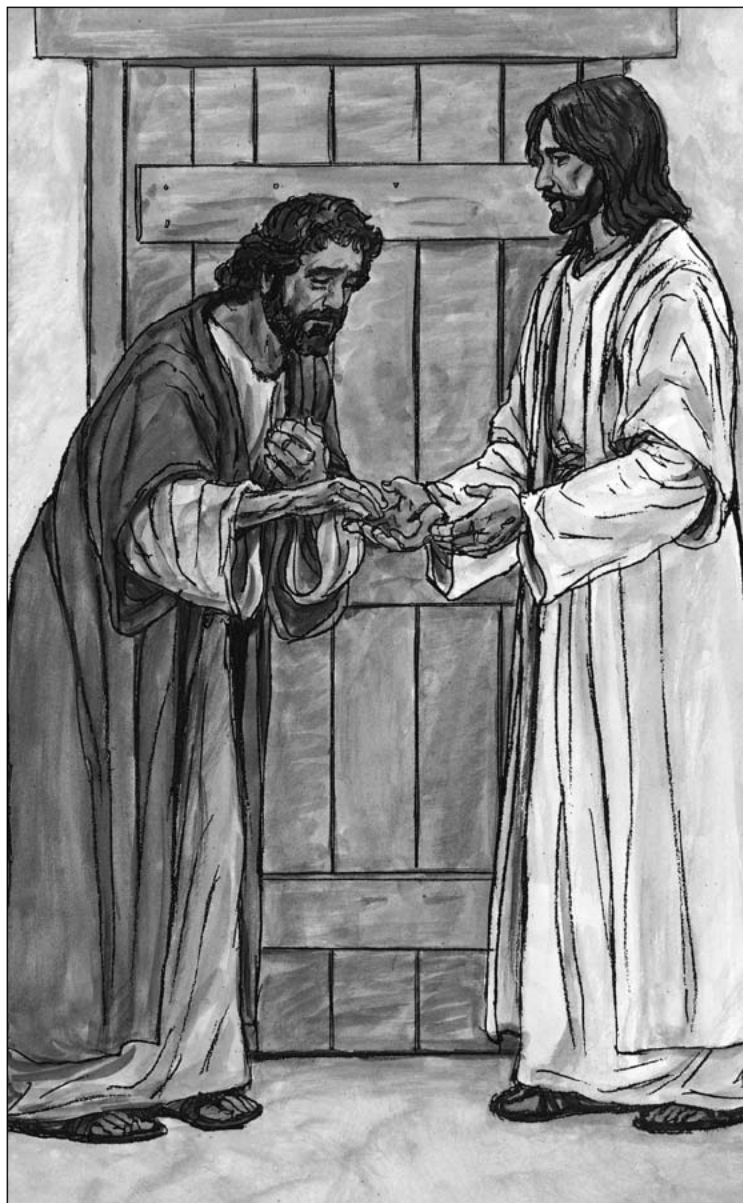
forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” As believers we should be ready and willing to forgive others who have sinned against us in the same way that God has forgiven us. Think of this when, as a church, in our worship service we confess our sins and receive forgiveness. When we confess our sins to God, the worship leader announces to us that our sins are forgiven. We are at peace with God.

11. The disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were _____ the Jewish leaders might arrest them.
12. Jesus is both true _____ and true _____.
13. Jesus said, “May _____ be with you.”
14. As believers in Jesus, God does _____ look at our sins.
15. When we confess our sins to God, the worship leader announces to us that our sins are _____.

(Check your answers on page 101)

Jesus appears to Thomas – Read John 20:24-29.

One of the disciples named Thomas did not believe the news of Jesus’ resurrection. He was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them on that first Sunday several hours after



Jesus and Thomas after the resurrection.

Jesus rose from the dead. Thomas wanted proof. He wanted to see Jesus' wounded hands and side.

One week later the disciples were gathered together once again. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus appeared to all of the disciples and turned to Thomas. Jesus showed Thomas his hands where the nails had fastened him to the cross and the hole in his side that had been pierced by the soldier's spear. Now Thomas could see that this was indeed Jesus. Thomas confessed, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus then said to Thomas, "Because you have seen me you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me but still have believed." These words speak to each one of us. Have you seen Jesus? You will say "No, I have never seen Jesus." This is true if we mean that we have not seen him face to face and touched his face or hands or body. But we have seen him by faith. We have seen him as a baby born in the town of Bethlehem. We have seen him as a person who performed miracles. We have seen him as he taught many people about the kingdom of heaven. We have seen him crucified for us on the cross. We have seen Jesus as our living Savior. We believe in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts through the Holy Scriptures.

Yes, we have seen Jesus and believe him to be our Savior, the Son of God and Son of Man.

Jesus appeared to many people after he rose from the dead. He showed he is a living Savior. The apostle Paul, in his well-known resurrection chapter in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 spoke of many people who saw Jesus alive after he rose from the dead. The apostle Paul wrote, "What I received I passed on to you. And it is the most important of all. Here is what it is. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said he would. He was buried. He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said he would be. He appeared to Peter. Then he appeared to the Twelve (the apostles). After that, he appeared to more than 500 believers at the same time. Most of them are still living (when Paul wrote this). But some have died. He appeared to James. Then he appeared to all the apostles. Last of all he appeared to me." There were many people who saw Jesus alive after he rose from the dead.

16. Jesus appeared to all the disciples once again and turned to _____.
17. After seeing Jesus' hands and side, Thomas said, "My Lord and my _____."
18. We have seen Jesus as our _____ Savior.

19. We have seen Jesus and believe him to be our
Savior and the Son of _____ and the Son of _____

20. Jesus appeared to _____ people after he
rose from the dead.

(Check your answers on page 101)

Review of Chapter Six

Jesus rose from the dead. His life and death satisfied God's anger against sin. Early on Sunday morning after the Friday when Jesus died on the cross and was buried, some women went to the tomb and found the grave was empty. An angel told them that Jesus was not in the grave but was alive. Later the disciples, Peter and John, ran to the tomb and found it empty except for Jesus' grave cloths that were neatly wrapped together.

Later Mary Magdalene returned to the grave. She was crying and asked where she could find the body of Jesus. She did not recognize Jesus, but when he called her, "Mary," she knew Jesus was alive and ran to tell the disciples.

After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to many people. On the evening of his rising from the dead, he appeared to the disciples except for

Thomas. The disciples were afraid. But Jesus calmed their fears and said to them, "May peace be with you."

A week later Jesus appeared once again to the disciples. This time, Thomas was with them. Thomas wanted to see the wounds in Jesus' hands and side. When he saw them, he confessed his faith in Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God." Jesus speaks to all of us when he reminds us, "Blessed are they who have not seen but still have believed." We see Jesus through the words of the Bible.

Answers to the questions within Chapter Six:

1. rolled; 2. risen; 3. John; 4. not; 5. empty; 6. alive;
7. heaven; 8. seen; 9. first; 10. tell, Savior; 11. afraid;
12. God, Man; 13. peace; 14. not; 15. forgiveness;
16. Thomas; 17. God; 18. living; 19. God, Man; 20. many.

Test on Chapter Six

1. An angel told the women, "He is not here. He has _____."
2. Where was Jesus? The tomb was _____.
3. When Jesus called Mary by her name, she then knew that Jesus was _____.
4. Jesus reminds Mary that soon he would be returning to _____.
5. We are to _____ other people that our _____, Jesus is alive.
6. The disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were _____ the Jewish leaders might arrest them.
7. Jesus is both true _____ and true _____.
8. After seeing Jesus' hands and side, Thomas said, "My Lord and my _____."
9. We have seen Jesus as our _____ Savior.
10. Jesus appeared to _____ people after he rose from the dead.

(Check your answers on page 109)



Conclusion

Our Blessings Because John's Gospel Teaches us that Jesus is God's Son, our Savior

We have nearly come to the end of our study of the Gospel of John. During our study we have learned again and again that Jesus is God's Son. We recognize this by his many "I am" statements. We learned that Jesus is God's Son by the miracles he performed and the words he taught. Especially in his death and rising from the dead we learn that Jesus is God's Son and that God is satisfied with what Jesus did for all people.

Now we wish to learn what it means for each one of us that Jesus is God's Son, our Savior.

We are forgiven – Read John chapter 21.

This last chapter of John's Gospel tells us how Jesus forgave the apostle Peter. Peter sinned when three times he denied that he knew Jesus (John 18:15-18 and John 18:25-27). Now Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved him. Peter was eager to say that he did. Jesus forgave Peter's sin and asked him to "feed," that is, "teach" his people.

As Jesus forgave Peter's sin, so he also forgives us all of our sins. The blood of Jesus shed on the cross purifies us from all sin.

We know the way to heaven – Read John 14:1-6.

We studied these words before in this book. Jesus tells us that he is the only way to heaven. We are blessed because he has shown us how to get to heaven when we leave this earth. The way to heaven is through faith in Jesus our Savior, the Son of God who died that we might live.

We have peace with God – Read John 14:25-27.

Like Peter, Jesus asks us if we love him. As children of God we do love Jesus and want to serve him. Jesus sends us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and believe all that Jesus teaches

us. As Jesus says in verse 27, we are now at peace with God. God no longer threatens to punish us because he punished Jesus on the cross for all our sins. We have a peace that is far greater than any peace found in this world.

We love God and other people – Read John 15:1-17.

In these words Jesus teaches us that he is like a vine and we are branches of that vine. If we remain connected to Jesus, we are really alive, and he will give us the strength to show our love for God and other people by serving them. As a vine produces fruit, so our connection with Jesus causes us to live a Christian life of service to God and to those who are a part of our lives. We serve by loving them and caring for them.

We have the blessing of eternal life – Read John 20:30 and 31.

We now come to some of the most beautiful words found in John's Gospel. John could have written about many other miracles that Jesus did. But John had an important purpose for writing the words we have studied. He tells us, **"These are written down so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."** Thank God that he has called you to believe in Jesus your

Savior. Pray that he will keep you in that faith to the end of your life. Then God's final blessing will be given to you in your beautiful home in heaven. John tells us, **"If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to him."** When the Holy Spirit brought you to faith in Jesus, he gave you life while you were dead in sin. When you come to the end of your life here on earth, as one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God and your Savior, you will live forever and ever in your beautiful home in heaven.



Glossary

accomplish(ed)	To get something done
argue	To have a disagreement; quarrel
baptize	To apply water together with the Word of God
betray	To turn someone over to his or her enemies
Christ	The Savior promised in the Old Testament who in the New Testament is revealed as Jesus
condemned	To say what someone's punishment is to be
confuse	To be mixed up; not understanding something
create	To make something new
deny	To answer no
gamble	To play a game for money or something else of value
heir	The one who has the lawful right for something given to that person by someone else
inherit	To receive something left by someone who has died
innocent	Without guilt; has done nothing wrong
justice	Right and fair treatment
Messiah	The promised Savior of the world, Jesus
perform(ed)	To carry out or do something in a certain way
persecute	To treat cruelly; to cause to suffer especially for religious reasons

physician	A doctor who treats illness with the use of medicine
prophecy	The foretelling of what is to happen in the future
purify	To make something clean
recognize	To see or know that something is true
redeem	To buy back something or someone
religious	Obedying a system of beliefs in God
resurrection	The rising of Jesus from the dead
riot	A violent, public disturbance by a crowd of people
sacrifice	To make an offering of something that is valuable
satisfied	To please someone by meeting their needs
skull	The bony part of the head that contains the brain
substitute	To take the place of someone or something
suffer	To endure pain, misery, or difficulty
tomb	A place of burial; a grave
triumphant	Complete victory or success



Answers to Chapter Tests

Chapter One: (pages 11-12)

1.called; 2. Jesus; 3. baptized; 4. not; 5. loved; 6. Mary;
7. three; 8. Revelation; 9. perfect, cross; 10. Holy Spirit;
11. believe, Son of God.

Chapter Two: (page 28)

1. true, God; 2. children; 3. sins; 4. perfect; 5. gift; 6. only;
7. spiritual; 8. eternal.

Chapter Three: (page 54)

1. first; 2. twelve; 3. help; 4. walk, fear; 5. Jesus, help;
6. heal; 7. power, the Son, God; 8. almighty; 9. Jesus;
10. Lazarus; 11. resurrection, life.

Chapter Four: (page 69)

1. only, heaven; 2. Bible; 3. cannot; 4. Holy Spirit; 5. always;
6. true, man; 7. life; 8. honor, glory; 9. protect; 10. heaven.

Chapter Five: (pages 87-88)

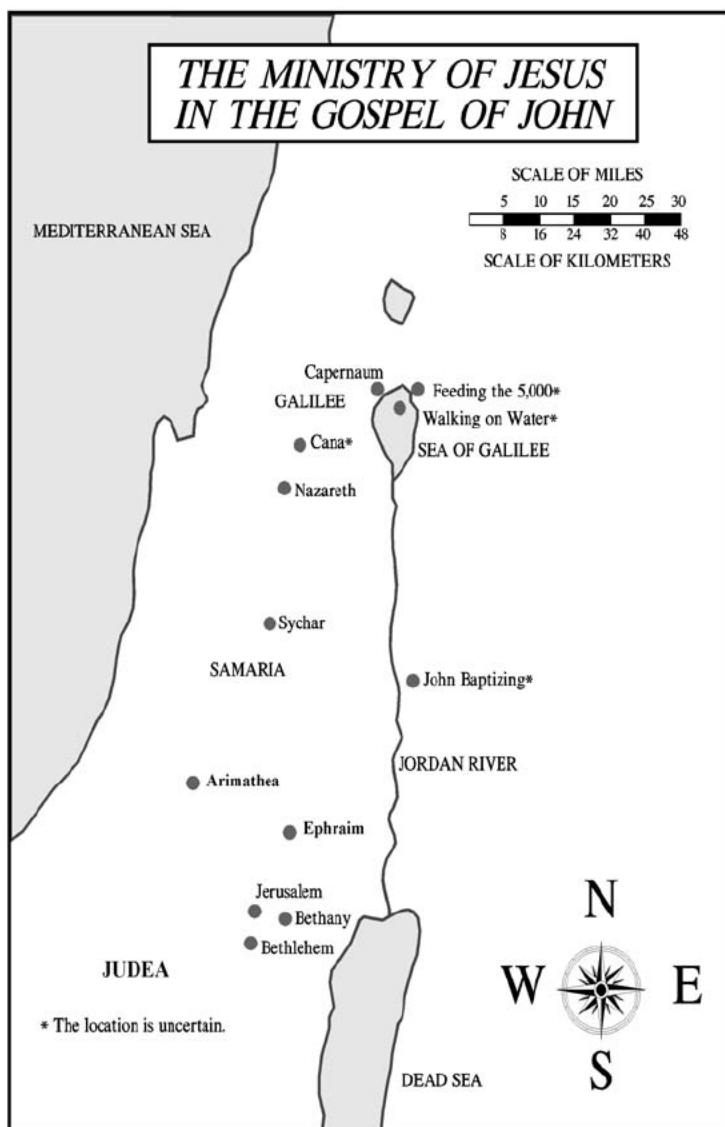
1. Judas Iscariot; 2. escaped; 3. die, Son of God; 4. Pontius Pilate;
5. world; 6. believers; 7. Son of God, innocent;
8. fathers, mothers; 9. finished; 10. Nicodemus.

Chapter Six: (page 102)

1. risen; 2. empty; 3. alive; 4. heaven; 5. tell, Savior; 6. afraid;
7. God, man; 8. God; 9. living; 10. many.



Map





The Gospel of John
Final Test

Go back through the book and review any mistakes you made in the chapter tests. Also, review the goals marked with a star at the beginning of each lesson. When you are sure you know all the goals, you are ready to take the final test.

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The Gospel of John
Final Test

1. An apostle is a man specially
by Jesus.
2. John, who wrote this Gospel, is the
same man as John the Baptist.
3. John tells us that Jesus is our Savior, who took
our place, and saved us from sin by living a
life and dying on the
for our sins.
4. John wanted the people who read this Gospel
to learn and believe that Jesus is the
.
5. Jesus tells us that those who believe in him and
follow him will be the of
God.
6. The blood Jesus shed on the cross takes away
the sins of people in the world.
7. Faith is a of God.
8. Faith in Jesus and what he has done for us is
the way to heaven.

9. It is Jesus who gives us _____ life
when we were dead in sin.
10. Jesus also gives us _____ life in
heaven.
11. When troubles come in our lives we should turn
to _____ and ask for his _____.
12. Jesus told Martha, "I am the
and the _____."
13. Jesus is the _____ to heaven.
14. In the _____ we learn of God's plan of
salvation.
15. Jesus promises us, "I am _____ with
you, to the very end."
16. Jesus is not only _____ God, but he is
also true _____.
17. Jesus wants us to be with him in
and prays that we may see his glory in heaven.
18. It was during the trial of Jesus before Caiaphas
that Jesus was condemned to die because he
said he is the _____.

19. When Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not a part of this ."

20. Jesus' kingdom is made up of .

21. Jesus the work God the Father sent him into the world to do.

22. An angel told the women, "He is not here. He has ."

23. We are to other people that our Savior, Jesus is .

24. After seeing Jesus' hands and side, Thomas said, "My Lord and my !"

25. We have seen Jesus as our Savior.

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