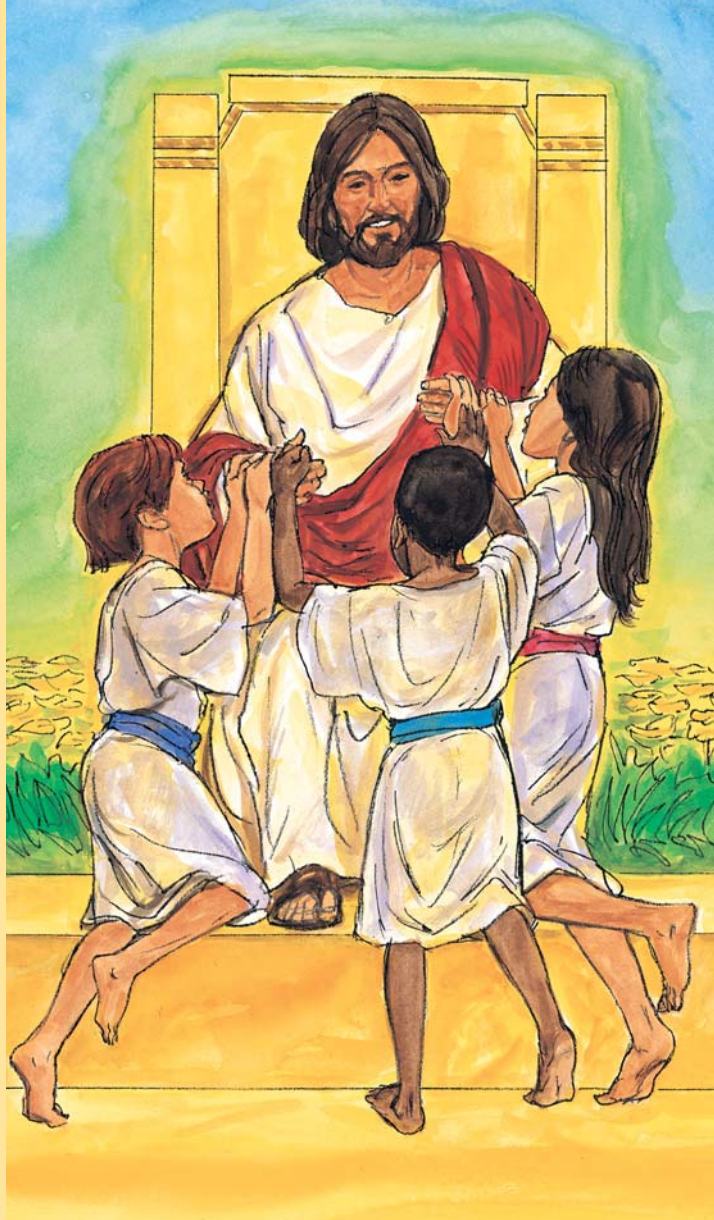


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# **Getting Started**

The purpose of these lessons is to help you learn the simple truth about who Jesus was and why he is so important.

Each of the five chapters begins with a list of goals marked by a small star (\*). These goals tell you what you will be learning in that chapter. There are a few questions after each section, and a short test at the end of each chapter. If you read each section carefully, you should be able to answer the questions correctly and without much trouble.

At the end of each group of questions, you will be given a page number to which you can turn to check your answers. Turn to that page number, and you will find the answers at the very bottom of that page. Check your answers carefully, correcting any mistakes. Make sure you understand all the answers before reading any further.

At the end of the chapter there is also a section marked Using Your Bible. There you will be told where in the Bible you can find the stories talked about in the lesson. If you are able, try to read the stories directly from your own Bible. We want you to be sure that what this course is teaching is exactly what the Bible teaches.

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

You may order other books to read and to study.

May God help you to learn more about Jesus Christ, and bless the hours you spend studying his life.





## *Chapter One*

# **THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

Many people command respect in our world. There may be an artist who paints beautiful pictures for us to look at and to appreciate. There may be a teacher who was an inspiration to us and from whom we learned a great deal. There is the athlete whose team always wins at volleyball, basketball, softball or football. Perhaps there is a friend or neighbor who has helped you when you were in trouble.

But there is one person who deserves the greatest respect above anyone else. You need to know him, for where you spend eternity will depend on knowing him. That person is Jesus Christ. This book was written to help you learn about Jesus Christ, and why he commands our respect. At the end of this first chapter you will be able to:

- \* tell who Jesus' parents were;
- \* tell what the word Savior means;
- \* explain why the Savior had to be both God and Man; and
- \* explain what it means Jesus is our Savior from sin.

About two thousand years ago in the land of Israel God sent the angel Gabriel to a young Jewish girl named Mary. Gabriel told her that even though she was a virgin she would soon become a mother. The father of her child

would be God himself. The baby would be a boy and would be called the Son of God. She was to name him Jesus.

1. God sent an angel to a young woman named \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The angel told Mary that she would soon be the \_\_\_\_\_ of a baby boy.
3. Mary was told that the father of the child would be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Mary was to name the boy \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 6)

Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph, but she was still a virgin. Joseph soon learned that Mary was pregnant. Joseph knew that he was not the father. He thought that she had been sleeping with another man, so he decided to call off the wedding. But God sent a messenger to him also.

In a dream an angel told Joseph that it was God who had made Mary pregnant. The child's father was really God himself! The

angel also said that Joseph should marry the girl and serve as Jesus' stepfather. When he woke up, Joseph did as the angel told him.

5. An angel also came to \_\_\_\_\_ who was engaged to Mary.
6. The angel told Joseph that the father of Mary's child was not any man, but rather \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The angel told Joseph to get married and serve as Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 8)

Shortly before the baby was born, Joseph and Mary moved to the town of Bethlehem. When they arrived, they could not find any rooms for rent. Finally, Joseph found a stable in which he could keep Mary warm for the night. In that stable Mary gave birth to a son and named him Jesus.

That same night a group of angels told some



Answers for page 5: 1. Mary; 2. mother; 3. God; 4. Jesus.



*Mary wrapped baby Jesus in cloth and laid him in a manger.*

shepherds nearby that a special baby had just been born in a stable. They said that the baby was the Savior whom God had promised. He would save the world from all sin.

Sin means to disobey God. When we sin, our sin forms a prison that takes away our freedom. It builds a great wall to keep us in the devil's power and away from God. The word savior means rescuer, a person who rescues someone from great danger.

The baby born that night so long ago was our Savior, Jesus. He came to save us by breaking down the wall of sin between God and man. The shepherds went to see if what the angel said was true. They found the baby Jesus in the stable just like the angels had said.

Some time later wise men came from a country far to the east. They had noticed a new star in



the sky. From the Bible they learned that this meant a new King of the Jews had been born. When they finally found Jesus at Bethlehem, they gave him gifts. Knowing that Jesus was God, they also worshiped him.

8. Just like the angel had promised, Mary gave birth to a baby boy and named him \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Angels told some shepherds that this baby was the \_\_\_\_\_ whom God had promised to send.

10. A savior is someone who \_\_\_\_\_ another person from danger.

11. This Savior, Jesus, would break down the wall of sin between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 10)

The Bible makes a point of showing that Jesus had God as his father and the woman Mary as his mother. This means Jesus was both God and man. In fact, the Bible says that for Jesus to be our Savior he had to be both God and man.

Why did Jesus have to be a human being? The Bible says Jesus came to take away our sins. It also says our sins could only be taken away after they had been paid for by someone's death. The Savior had to be a man so he could die and take away our sin.

12. Jesus was both the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Since God cannot die, the Savior had to be a \_\_\_\_\_ so that he could die for our sins.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 12)

Why did Jesus also have to be God? The Bible says that all people are born with a terrible sickness, the sickness of sin. If Jesus had been only a man, he, too, would have been born with this sickness. If that were true, then he would not have been able to save us from this sickness.



Answers for page 9: 8. Jesus; 9. Savior; 10. rescues; 11. God, man.

But Jesus was also God. He was able to live a perfect life without a single sin. When he died on the cross, he was not dying for his own sins because he had none. He was really dying for our sins. Yes, the baby born in Bethlehem was a man but he was also God. Only the God-man Jesus was able to be the Savior from sin that we need.

14. All people are born with the sickness of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Jesus had to be \_\_\_\_\_ so that he would be born without sin.
16. Since Jesus had no sin, he could live a \_\_\_\_\_ life for us.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 12)

## ***Review of Chapter One***

God sent an angel to a young woman named Mary to tell her she would become the mother of the Savior. God himself would be the baby's father. An angel was also sent to Joseph, the man to whom Mary was engaged. The angel assured Joseph that the baby in Mary's body was not another man's, but God's own Son.

Jesus' mother was a human being, a virgin. His father was God himself. Therefore, Jesus was both God and man. The Bible calls him the Son of God and the Son of Man. He had to be a man so he could die. He had to be God so he could be born without sin and live a sinless life. When he died, he died because of our sins; he had no sins of his own. Only such a God-man could be our Savior.



Answers for page 10: 12. God, man; 13. man.  
Answers for page 11: 14. sin; 15. God; 16. perfect.

## ***Test On Chapter One***

Answer the following questions:

1. Jesus' mother was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus' father was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Joseph served as Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Angels said that the baby Jesus would be the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Savior means someone who \_\_\_\_\_ another person from danger or prison.
7. This baby would rescue us from the prison of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The Savior had to be a man so that he could \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins.
9. The Savior had to be God so that he could be born without \_\_\_\_\_.
10. He also had to be God so that he could live a perfect \_\_\_\_\_.
11. When Jesus died, he died because of \_\_\_\_\_ sins, not his own.
12. Only someone who was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ could be our Savior.

(Check your answers on page 62)



## ***Using Your Bible***

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. The angel visits Mary: *Luke 1:26-38*
2. The angel visits Joseph: *Matthew 1:18-25*
3. Jesus' birth: *Luke 2:1-7*
4. The shepherds: *Luke 2:8-20*
5. The wise men: *Matthew 2:1-12*



## *Chapter Two*

# **JESUS' LIFE**

Everyone should know what evidence is. Often it is evidence that puts a person into prison. The evidence might have been some stolen goods with fingerprints on them or it might have been the eyewitness testimony of some other person. Evidence is what proves that something is true or false.

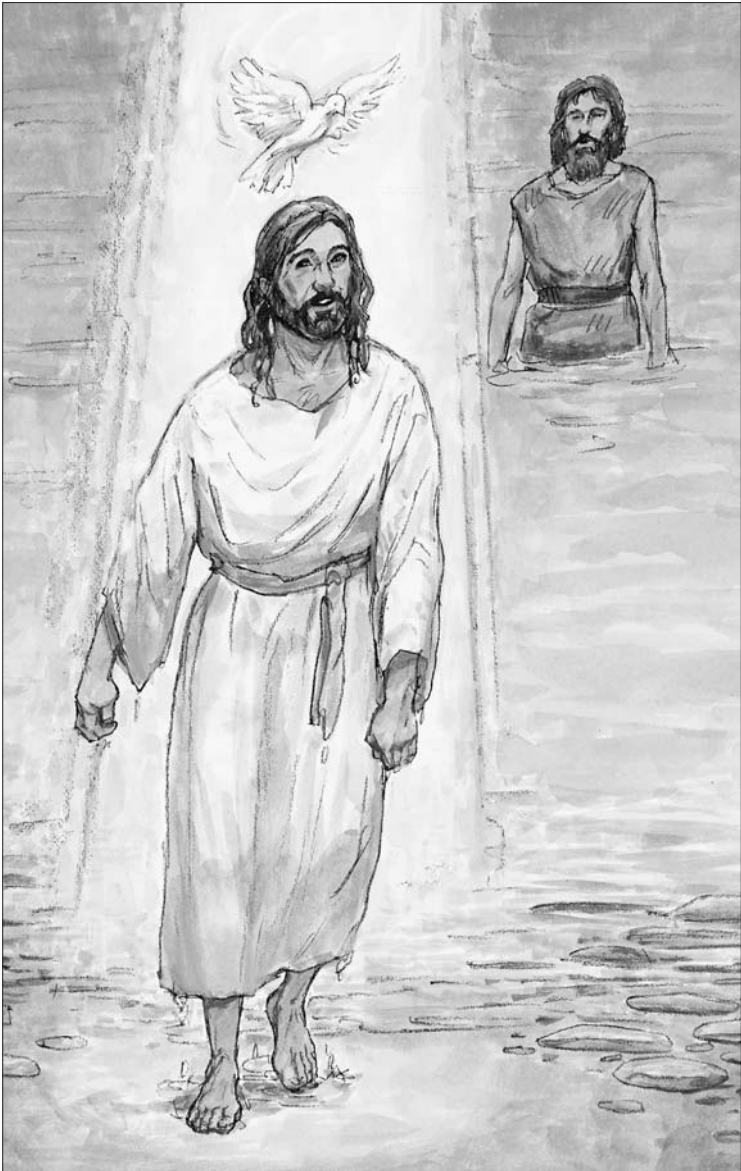
Evidence proves to us that Jesus Christ is both God and man. The Bible gives us that evidence. In chapter one we heard the evidence from the account of Jesus' birth. In

this chapter we will look at evidence from Jesus' life. At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- \* write in your own words what a miracle is;
- \* explain how the miracles give evidence Jesus was God; and
- \* give evidence from Jesus' life that he was also a man.

When Jesus was about thirty years old, he began to teach about God. A man named John was also teaching people and baptizing at that time.

Jesus went to John and asked to be baptized. A dove landed on Jesus as he came out of the water. That dove was God's Holy Spirit showing that he was with Jesus. Then the voice of God called from heaven, "You are my Son and I love you. I am very pleased with you" (Luke 3:23).



*God said, "You are my Son and I love you."  
The Holy Spirit appeared as a dove.*

In this way God showed Jesus was his Son. During the next three years Jesus proved many times what God had said that day was true. He really was God as well as man.

1. When Jesus was baptized, God's \_\_\_\_\_ landed on him in the form of a dove.
2. A voice from heaven said, "You are my \_\_\_\_\_."
3. This was God's way of showing people that Jesus truly was \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 20)

Jesus himself also told people he was the Son of God. He once told the Jews, "I and the Father are one." Another time he called himself by God's special name, Jehovah. He did not say these things secretly either. In the end Jesus was arrested for calling himself God.

Jesus also let people treat him like God. Many times Jesus allowed people to pray to him to help them. Once when Jesus healed a man,

the man came back and worshiped Jesus. Jesus did not stop him. Another time Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). And Jesus told Peter that he was right.

4. Jesus himself said he was the Son of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus was arrested for saying he was \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus also allowed people to treat him like \_\_\_\_\_.
7. When Peter called him God's Son, Jesus said this was \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 21)

Jesus, however, did more than just claim to be God. He proved he really was God by the miracles he did. A miracle is an event that could never happen unless God did it himself.

Jesus' life was filled with miracles. He healed people with all kinds of illnesses and handicaps. Blind people could see again. Deaf

people could hear. Crippled people could walk. People with leprosy, a disease of the skin, saw their skin grow healthy and soft again. At least three times he brought dead people back to life.

Jesus did other miracles that showed he could control nature. He calmed storms on the sea. He turned water into wine. He fed thousands of people with a few loaves of bread and a couple fish. These miracles and many more like them proved Jesus really was God himself.

8. Jesus did not just claim to be God. He proved it with his \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A miracle is something that could not happen unless \_\_\_\_\_ did it himself.
10. Jesus did many \_\_\_\_\_ of healing sick people.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ did other kinds of miracles that showed he controlled nature.



12. All of Jesus' miracles showed that he really was \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 22)

But Jesus was not just God; he was a human being, too. His body looked like that of other men. He became hungry and ate food. He became tired and needed to sleep. He became angry. Jesus laughed and cried. The Bible says he was just like us in every way, except he never did anything wrong.

The final event of Jesus' life also proved he was a human being. After his work on earth was finished, he died. Yes, though he was God, Jesus was also a man, a real human being; and his life on earth showed he was a man.

13. Jesus was not only God; he was also a \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Jesus got hungry and \_\_\_\_\_ food; he laughed and \_\_\_\_\_.



Answers for page 19: 4. God; 5. God; 6. God; 7. right.

15. He was like us in every way, except he never \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Jesus even \_\_\_\_\_ like all people do.
17. Jesus' life showed that he was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 24)

### ***Review Of Chapter Two***

Jesus' life showed clearly he really was God himself. When he was baptized, God called him his Son. Jesus himself often said he was God. Jesus also let people treat him as God. So that there would be no doubt about it, Jesus performed many miracles only God could have done.

Jesus also showed everyone he was a real human being. He ate, drank, slept and cried. He even died. Jesus made it clear he was both God and man. The Bible gives us all of this evidence.



Answers for pages 20-21: 8. miracles; 9. God; 10. miracles; 11. Jesus; 12. God.

## ***Test On Chapter Two***

Answer the following questions:

1. Jesus' birth showed he was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus' life also showed in many ways he really was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When Jesus was baptized God said, "You are my \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Jesus also called himself \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus also let people \_\_\_\_\_ him like God.
6. To show he was God, Jesus did many \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A miracle is something that only \_\_\_\_\_ can do.
8. The Bible also says that \_\_\_\_\_ ate, drank, slept, and cried.
9. Most of all, after his work was finished, Jesus even \_\_\_\_\_.
10. These actions prove that Jesus was also a real \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Jesus' life proved that he was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on page 62)



## ***Using Your Bible***

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. Jesus' baptism: *Matthew 3:13-17*
2. Jesus calling himself God: *John 4:25-26*
3. People treating Jesus like God: *John 1:49-51 and John 12:1-11*
4. Some of Jesus' miracles: *Matthew chapter 8 and John 6:1-24*
5. Jesus shows he is a man: *Luke 4:1-2; 8-23; and John 19:28-30*



Answers for page 21-22: 13. man; 14. ate, cried; 15. did anything wrong; 16. died; 17. God, man.



### *Chapter Three*

## **THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS**

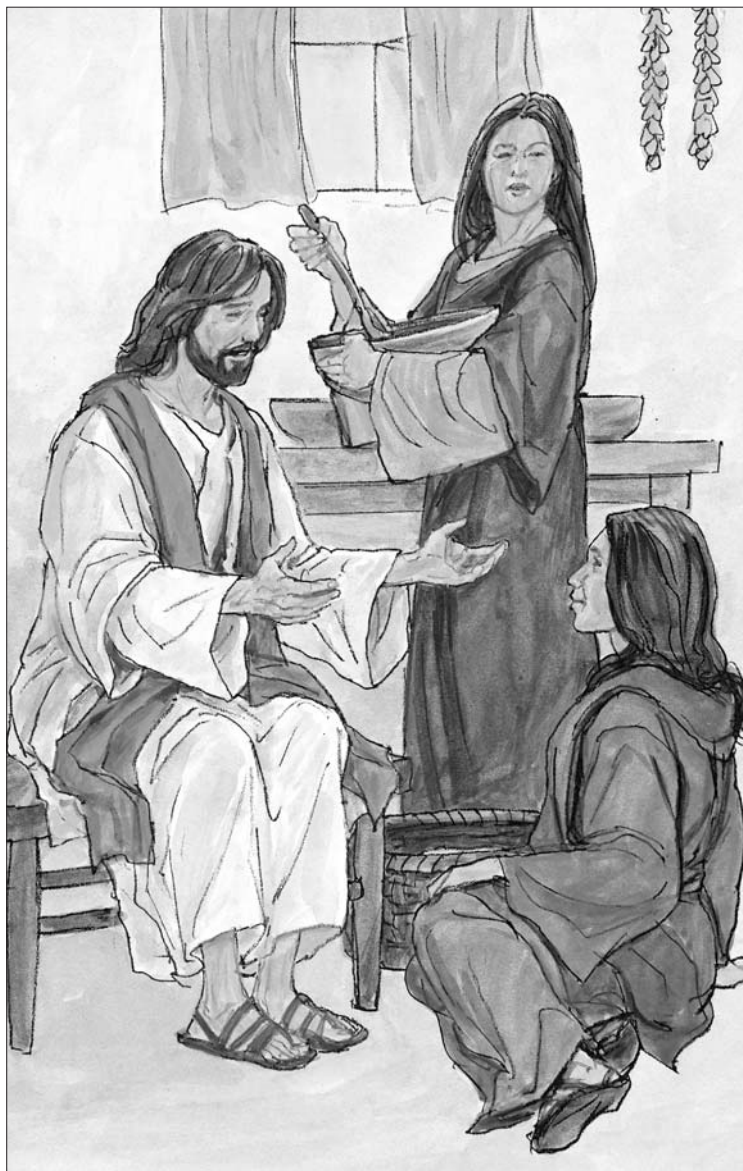
Most people are very busy. They work and care for their families. But when we are not busy, what do we do with our time. Do we waste our time on things that are not important?

A person can use time in a better way. You are doing that right now as you use your time to get to know Jesus Christ better. He was a

person who made the best use of his time on earth. Let us take a closer look at what Jesus did with his time. At the end of the chapter you will be able to:

- \* tell what Jesus' main work was during the three years he carried out his ministry on earth;
- \* explain what Jesus taught about repentance and forgiveness;
- \* explain what a prophet is; and
- \* identify who the greatest prophet was.

Jesus spent three years traveling all over the land of Israel. Though he did many miracles and healed many sick people, this was not his main work during this time. He said, "The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them." The main way Jesus looked for the lost was through his teaching and preaching.



*Mary listened while Jesus taught her.*

Wherever Jesus went, he taught the people. One of the important things he taught them was that every person must be sorry for the wrong he has done and turn to God for help and forgiveness. This is what the Bible means by the word repent. Repent means to be sorry for our wrong, to change our minds and our way of living, and to turn to God for help and forgiveness.

But many people felt they were not so bad and did not need God's help and forgiveness. So when Jesus preached to those people, he tried to get them to see their sin and their need for help.

1. During the three years Jesus carried out his ministry on earth, his most important work was his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus told people to \_\_\_\_\_ and turn to \_\_\_\_\_ for help.
3. The word repent means to be \_\_\_\_\_ for what one has done wrong and to turn to God for help and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Many people thought that they did not need God's \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 30)

But Jesus did not just teach people about their sins. He also spoke about the only way out of sin and its punishment. He told one man, "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" (John 3:16).

Another time Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

And yet another time he said, "No one comes to the Father except through me." With such words Jesus gave people power to repent and turn to him for help and eternal life.

5. Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through \_\_\_\_\_."

6. The power to repent and turn to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ comes to us through the words, which Jesus taught.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 31)

Jesus taught the people with sermons and stories. He taught big groups of people and one person at a time. He taught young and old. But Jesus did not speak his own words. He said, “I speak what the Father taught me” (John 8:28).

A person who speaks what God tells him is called a prophet. There were many prophets before Jesus lived on earth, but he was the greatest of them all. He spoke God’s message more clearly and boldly than ever before. When we read his words in the Bible, he still speaks clearly to us today.

For people then and now, Jesus has the same message: “Repent and believe the good news.” “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep.” “Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved.” Jesus is not just a good teacher; he is the greatest prophet of all. He still speaks God’s words to us.



Answers for pages 28-29: 1. teaching, preaching; 2. repent (or: be sorry), God; 3. sorry, forgiveness; 4. help (or: forgiveness).

7. Jesus spent his time \_\_\_\_\_ all kinds of people.
8. But Jesus did not speak his own words; he spoke the words of his \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A person who speaks God's words is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus was not just a good teacher, but he was the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of all time.
11. Jesus still speaks God's Word to us when we \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Jesus' message was always the same:  
\_\_\_\_\_ of your sins and  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God for forgiveness.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 32)



Answers for page 29: 5. me; 6. Jesus, help (or: eternal life).

## ***Review Of Chapter Three***

During the three years Jesus carried out his ministry on earth, his main work was preaching and teaching. His words gave people power to repent, that is, to be sorry for their sins and to turn to God for help and forgiveness.

Through the Bible, Jesus still teaches us today. But he was not just a good teacher; he was also the greatest prophet of all. He did not speak for himself. He spoke God's words, the words of his Father. The Word of God always has God's power in it so that he is able to bring us to repentance and faith.



Answers for page 31: 7. teaching; 8. Father; 9. prophet; 10. prophet; 11. read the Bible; 12. repent, turn.

### ***Test On Chapter Three***

Answer the following questions:

1. During the three years Jesus carried out his ministry on earth, his most important work was his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus told people to \_\_\_\_\_ and turn to \_\_\_\_\_ for help.
3. Repentance means being \_\_\_\_\_ for what a person has done wrong and seeking help from \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Many people thought they did not need God's \_\_\_\_\_.
5. But Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through \_\_\_\_\_."
6. The good news about Jesus gives us power to \_\_\_\_\_ and turn to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus spent his time \_\_\_\_\_ all kinds of people.
8. But Jesus did not speak his own words; he spoke the words of his \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A person who speaks God's words is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Jesus was not just a good teacher, but he was the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of all time.
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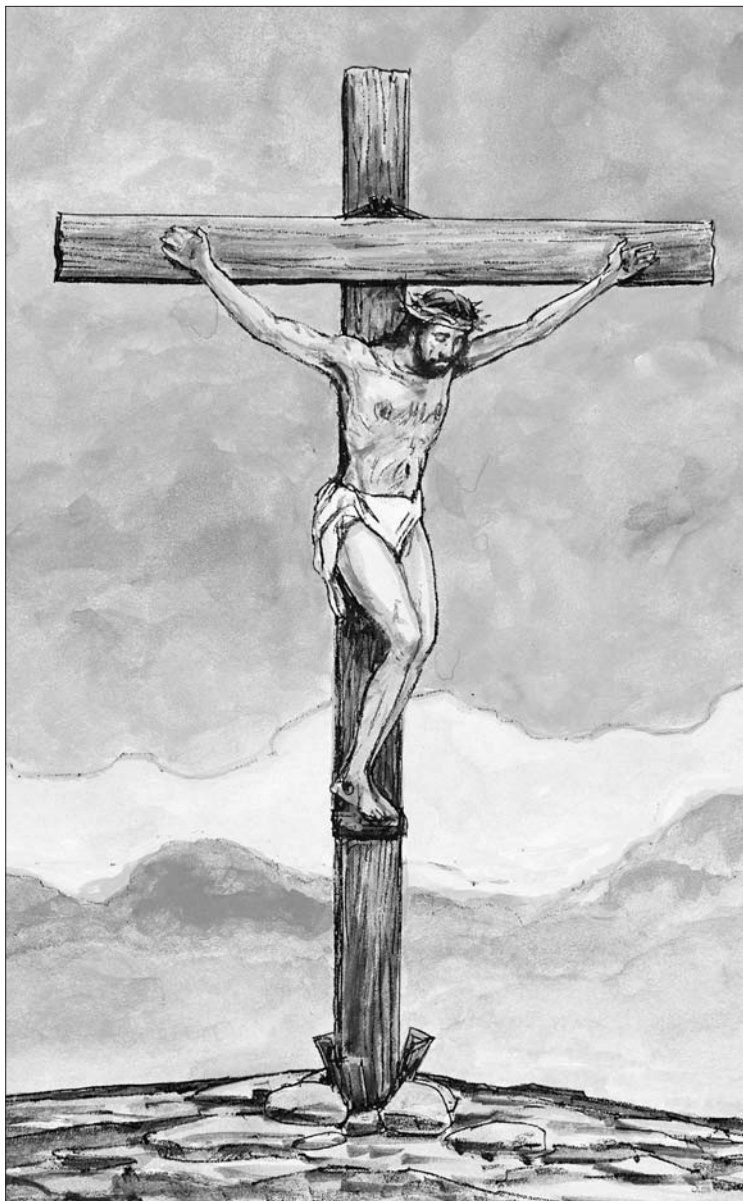
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## ***Using Your Bible***

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. Peter teaches about repentance and how Jesus was a Prophet: *Acts 3:17-26*
2. Jesus is the way to heaven and speaks God's words: *John 14:1-11*



*Jesus suffered and died for the sins of all people.*



## ***Chapter Four***

# **THE DEATH OF JESUS**

Everybody is afraid of something. Perhaps you are afraid that you will die soon. Children may be afraid of the dark. Older people may be afraid of getting sick. A father may be afraid of losing his job.

Fear is a terrible thing. Fear takes away our will to live and our peace of mind. Maybe that is why we often try to hide our fears.

The greatest fear a person can have concerns his relationship with God. We often feel unworthy of God's love and fear he will punish us. But Jesus came to rescue all of us from the punishment of God. He has made it possible for us to no longer fear God's punishment. He gives us his special peace.

In this chapter we will see how Jesus removes fear from our hearts. At the end of the chapter, you will be able to:

- \* explain how the Passover lamb saved the Children of Israel from death;
- \* explain in what way Jesus became our Passover Lamb; and
- \* tell in what way Jesus did the work of a priest.

Jesus died during the Jewish festival of Passover. Passover was a holiday reminding people how God had freed the Jewish nation

from slavery in Egypt hundreds of years earlier. Because the Egyptian king would not let the Jewish people return to Israel, God had sent an angel of death to kill the oldest boy in each family of Egypt.

The Jews were told by God to kill a spotless lamb and paint its blood over the doors of their houses. Then the angel of death would “pass over” their house and not kill anyone. The blood of that lamb actually saved the lives of the people in that house.

The Passover holiday also reminded the people of Israel that they, too, were sinners. Someday an angel of death would end their life on earth. Was there some kind of lamb whose blood could save them from death?

The Bible calls Jesus “the Lamb of God. He takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). The lamb had to die at the Passover so that his blood could protect the people from death. In the same way Jesus would have to die so

his blood could pay for our sins and protect us from eternal death. The Bible says, "Jesus is our Passover Lamb!" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

1. Jesus died during the Jewish holiday called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This holiday reminded the Jews how they had been saved from slavery by the blood of a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Passover was also to remind the people that they were sinners and needed protection from \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Bible calls Jesus "the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. He takes away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Jesus died like a \_\_\_\_\_ lamb, so that his blood did save us from \_\_\_\_\_.

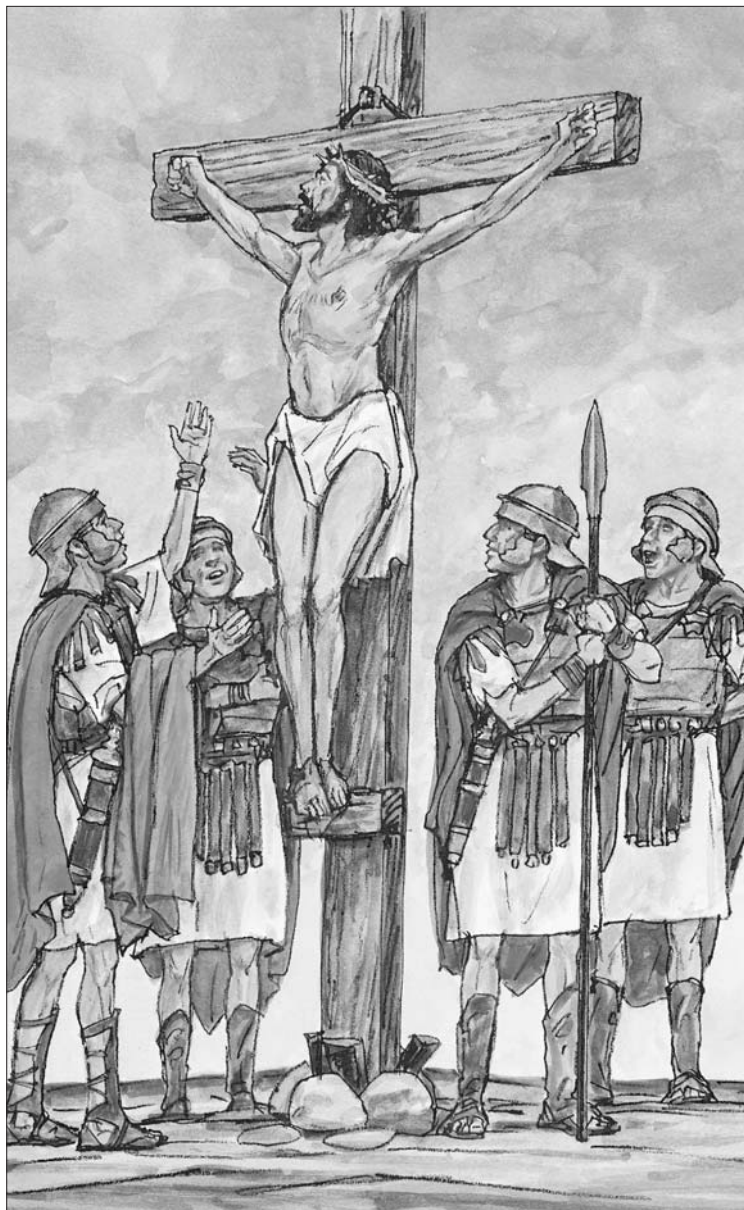
(Check your answers at the bottom of page 43)

On Thursday night of Passover week, Jesus and his friends ate the Passover meal in Jerusalem. Later that night they all went to a quiet place to pray. There Jesus was handed over to his enemies by one of his own friends.

The religious council of the Jewish people first questioned Jesus. Its leader, the high priest, held a trial but used false witnesses. Jesus was quickly condemned to death.

However, the Jews were not free people. The Romans ruled over them. So early Friday morning, the high priest took Jesus to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, and asked him to put Jesus to death. The governor questioned Jesus but found him to be completely innocent. The Jewish leaders, however, started a riot outside, getting everyone to shout that Jesus should be killed. Finally the governor gave the order to have Jesus nailed to a cross to die.

6. Jesus was betrayed by one of his own \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The high priest used \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses to condemn Jesus.
8. The Roman governor found Jesus to be completely \_\_\_\_\_.



*The soldiers made fun of Jesus.*

9. But even then, Jesus was condemned to \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 45)

Jesus was led to a hill outside the city. On that hill nails were driven through his hands and feet into a wooden cross. Then he was left to hang until he was dead.

Just before Jesus died, he said in a loud voice, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). By pouring out his blood, he had paid the punishment for the sins of all people. The innocent Passover Lamb had died. His work on earth was finished.

This part of Jesus' work is like that of a priest. In those days God appointed priests to work for him. Their work was to offer sacrifices for the people. The Bible calls Jesus our High Priest. He sacrificed himself on the cross to pay for the sins of all people. By doing this he saved us from eternal death.



Answers for page 40: 1. Passover; 2. lamb; 3. death; 4. Lamb, sin, world; 5. Passover, death (or sin).

Besides doing the work of a prophet, Jesus also served as our priest. One picture shows Jesus and the Passover Lamb. When you see such a picture remember Jesus was our great Priest who sacrificed himself to pay for our sins.

10. Jesus hung on the cross until he was \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Jesus knew that his work was \_\_\_\_\_.
12. He had come into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ just like a Passover lamb.
13. By his death, Jesus saved \_\_\_\_\_ from eternal death.
14. In this way Jesus did the work of a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Jesus the Priest sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 47)

## ***Review Of Chapter Four***

During the Passover holiday, Jesus ate the Passover meal with his friends. Afterwards the religious council of the Jews arrested him. The high priest condemned him to death. The high priest then forced the Roman governor to have Jesus put to death, even though the governor knew Jesus was innocent of all charges.

Jesus was then nailed to a cross to die. He became our Passover Lamb. His blood was poured out, or shed, to take away our sins and protect us from eternal death. In this way Jesus also served as our Priest, sacrificing himself for our sins.



Answers for pages 41&43: 6. friends; 7. false; 8. innocent; 9. die, cross.

### ***Test On Chapter Four***

Answer the following questions:

1. The Passover holiday recalled how the Jews were saved from slavery by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lamb.
2. The Passover was also to remind the people that they were sinners and needed protection from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Bible calls Jesus “the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. He takes away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. Jesus died like a \_\_\_\_\_ lamb, so his blood could save us from \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The high priest used \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses to condemn Jesus.
6. The Roman governor found Jesus to be completely \_\_\_\_\_.
7. But even then, Jesus was condemned to \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jesus came into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ just like a Passover lamb.
9. By his death, Jesus saved \_\_\_\_\_ from eternal death.

10. Jesus was not only a prophet; he also did the work of a \_\_\_\_\_.

11. He sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check your answers on page 62)

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Answers for page 44: 10. dead; 11. finished; 12. die;  
13. all us people; 14. priest; 15. himself, the sin of all people.



## ***Using Your Bible***

The stories you read about in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. The Passover in Egypt: *Exodus 12:21-32*
2. Jesus as our Passover Lamb and our Priest:  
*John 1:29 and Hebrews 10:10-14*
3. Jesus' betrayal, trial, and death: *Mark 14:43 through Mark 15:39*



## ***Chapter Five***

# **THE VICTORY OF JESUS, THE CHRIST**

A child in school knows how many days until the end of the school year. A person in prison counts the number of days until he or she is set free.

By dying on the cross, Jesus paid for the sins of the entire world. But that was not the end of Jesus. He came back to life again and began a new life serving us. In this chapter we will

see what Jesus' new life means for us today. At the end of this chapter you will be able to:

- \* tell why Jesus' coming back to life proves that our sins really are forgiven;
- \* tell what Jesus' coming back to life means for our own lives;
- \* describe what work Jesus is doing now;
- \* explain what the word Christ means; and
- \* list three ways in which Jesus deserves the name of Christ.

On Sunday morning after Jesus died, there was an earthquake. An angel came down to the tomb where Jesus' body had been placed. The angel rolled away the stone at the entrance of the tomb so everyone could see that the tomb was empty.

Jesus' enemies said Jesus' friends had stolen the body. But God had brought Jesus back to life early that Sunday morning. God made Jesus alive to show everyone Jesus' work of suffering and dying really had paid for their sins.

At first even Jesus' friends were puzzled about what had happened. But soon Jesus showed himself to them. He talked with them, walked with them, and ate with them. He even allowed them to touch the nail holes in his hands and feet just to prove it really was he.

1. On the Sunday after he died, an angel showed Jesus' grave was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God had brought Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God did this to show Jesus really had paid for everyone's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. At first Jesus' friends were \_\_\_\_\_.
5. So Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ himself to them and let them \_\_\_\_\_ him.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 52)

God brought Jesus back to life to show us Jesus' death really had paid for our sins. Since our sins are forgiven, we no longer need to fear death. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Just as Jesus came back to life, so God will bring us back to life when we die.

Then God will give us eternal life so we can live with him forever. He promises to give eternal life to everyone who believes in him. Since God was able to raise Jesus back to life when he was dead, then he certainly will be able to raise us back to life, too.

6. God brought Jesus back to life to show us Jesus' death really had \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will \_\_\_\_\_."
8. When Jesus brings us to life again, he will also give us \_\_\_\_\_ life.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 54)



Answers for page 51: 1. empty; 2. back to life; 3. sin; 4. puzzled; 5. showed, touch.



*Jesus arose from the dead and ascended into heaven.*

Forty days after he rose from death, Jesus went back to heaven. On a hill near Jerusalem, he blessed his friends and rose into the sky. This is called his ascension, his going back to heaven. Before he left, he had told his disciples he had to go back to his Father. He also told them why. "I am going to prepare a place for you," he said. "I will come back. And I will take you to be with me" (John 14:23).

Even here the story of Jesus does not end. He did not retire when he got back to heaven. The Bible tells us he is there with his Father. It says now he is ruling over the world as its King. He especially watches over his followers, the Christians, who pray to him as their King.

The Bible also says someday our King will return. When that happens, there will be a great Judgment Day. All the dead will come to



Answers for page 52: 6. paid for our sins; 7. live; 8. eternal.

life again. All the followers of the King will be gathered into his family forever; and all his enemies will be thrown out of his presence into eternal suffering. When you see a picture of Jesus wearing a crown, remember Jesus is the King of the world.

9. Forty days after Jesus rose back to life, Jesus returned to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. He went there to prepare \_\_\_\_\_.
11. In heaven Jesus is ruling as our \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Jesus will return on \_\_\_\_\_  
Day to take his followers to be with him forever.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 56)

In the Bible, one of the names given Jesus is Christ. When Jesus was born, the angels told the shepherds, "A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ, the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The word Christ is a Greek word that means, a person who has had oil poured on his head. We also call this being anointed.

Anointing, or pouring oil on the head, was like swearing someone into office. In those days God's prophets, priests and kings were all anointed. This showed that God had chosen them to be his workers, his christs.

God had also promised someday he would send a great Christ. Jesus was that person. He was a Prophet who taught the people God's words. He was a Priest who sacrificed himself on the cross to pay for our sins. He is our King who rules the world and will come again to judge it. He was greater than all other prophets, priests, and kings. Jesus was the great Christ, God's anointed Son. He is the Christ.

13. The Greek word Christ means a person who has had \_\_\_\_\_.
14. This is also called \_\_\_\_\_.
15. In the Old Testament God had \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ anointed to show that they were serving Him.



Answers for page 55: 9. heaven; 10. a place for us; 11. King; 12. Judgment.

16. In the Bible Jesus is also called the

\_\_\_\_\_.

17. He is our great \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ whom  
God promised to send.

(Check your answers on the bottom of page 59)

### ***Review Of Chapter Five***

On Sunday, the third day after he died, Jesus rose from the dead. He appeared to many of his followers to show them he really was alive. After forty days, he went back to heaven. There he is ruling with his Father as King of all the world. Someday the King will come again on Judgment Day to raise the dead and take his followers to live with him forever.

The word Christ means the anointed one, a person who has had oil poured on his head. Prophets, priests and kings were anointed to show they were God's workers. Jesus is our great Prophet, Priest and King. He is the anointed one God promised to send. That is why the Bible calls Jesus the Christ.

## ***Test For Chapter Five***

Answer these questions:

1. On the Sunday after he died, God brought Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God did this to show Jesus really had paid for everyone's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ himself to his friends and let them \_\_\_\_\_ him.
4. God brought Jesus back to life to show us Jesus' death really had \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will \_\_\_\_\_."
6. When Jesus brings us to life again, he will also give us \_\_\_\_\_ life.
7. Forty days after Jesus rose back to life, Jesus returned to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. He went there to prepare \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In heaven Jesus is ruling as our \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus will return on \_\_\_\_\_ Day to take his followers to be with him.
11. The Greek word Christ means a person who has had \_\_\_\_\_.
12. This is also called \_\_\_\_\_.

13. In the Old Testament God had \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
anointed to show that they were serving  
him.
14. In the Bible Jesus is also called the  
\_\_\_\_\_.
15. He is our great \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
whom God promised to send.

(Check your answers on page 62)



Answers for page 56-57: 13. oil poured on his head;  
14. anointing; 15. prophets, priests, kings; 16. Christ;  
17. Prophet, Priest, King.



## ***Using Your Bible***

The stories mentioned in this chapter can be found in the Bible in the following places:

1. Jesus made alive again: *Luke 24:1-12*
2. Jesus shows himself to his friends:  
*Luke 24:36-49*
3. Jesus goes back to heaven: *Luke 24:50-53*
4. What Jesus' being raised means for us, and about Judgment Day: *1 Corinthians: 15:20-26*
5. Jesus prepares a place for us: *John 14:1-4*



## Conclusion

Congratulations! You have now completed all the lessons. We hope you learned more about who Jesus is and the work he did while he was on earth. Now you can be sure Jesus is in heaven waiting to return as your King! This makes you want to love Jesus as well as respect him. A man in prison named Bob wrote this poem about Jesus:

### MY HELPER

Ten iron bars lock me in,  
A cell of stone and steel,  
Forty-eight square feet of room;  
Fear is what I feel.

I see the hurt and all the pain  
In this place each day.  
So why can I smile?  
What took my fear away?

Yes, I'm a prisoner in this jail,  
But not in my heart you see;  
Because there's someone special,  
Who's always here with me.

So don't feel bad because I'm here,  
You see there's a good part.  
I have my Bible and my faith,  
And Jesus in my heart.

He gives me strength to hang on,  
Hope to face each day.  
When things get rough I close my eyes,  
And see him when I pray.



## **Answers to the Chapter Tests**

### **Chapter Test One: (Page 13)**

1. Mary; 2. God; 3. stepfather; 4. God, man; 5. Savior;  
6. rescues; 7. sin; 8. die; 9. sin; 10. life; 11. our; 12. God, man.

### **Chapter Test Two: (Page 23)**

1. God, man; 2. God, man; 3. Son; 4. God; 5. treat; 6. miracles;  
7. God; 8. Jesus; 9. died; 10. man; 11. God, man.

### **Chapter Test Three: (Page 33-34)**

1. teaching and preaching; 2. repent, God; 3. sorry, God; 4. help  
(or: forgiveness); 5. me; 6. repent, God, help (or: forgiveness);  
7. teaching; 8. Father; 9. prophet; 10. prophet; 11. read the Bible;  
12. repent, turn.

### **Chapter Four Test: (Page 46-47)**

1. blood; 2. death; 3. Lamb, sin, world; 4. Passover, death;  
5. false; 6. innocent; 7. die, cross; 8. die; 9. all us people;  
10. priest; 11. himself, sins.

### **Chapter Five Test: (Page 58-59)**

1. back to life; 2. sin; 3. showed, touch; 4. paid for our sins;  
5. live; 6. eternal; 7. heaven; 8. a place for us; 9. King;  
10. Judgment; 11. oil poured on his head; 12. anointing;  
13. prophets, priests, kings; 14. Christ; 15. Prophet, Priest, King.



# Glossary

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>angel</b>       | (A list of words you may not know)<br>a spiritual messenger from God                       |
| <b>anointing</b>   | like swearing someone into office by pouring oil on his head                               |
| <b>appreciate</b>  | to think well of someone or something  |
| <b>baptizing</b>   | applying water to someone in the name of the triune (three-in-one) God                     |
| <b>Christ</b>      | Greek word for a person who is anointed  |
| <b>condemn</b>     | to say what one's punishment is to be  |
| <b>control</b>     | to have power over someone or something  |
| <b>depend</b>      | to happen because of something else  |
| <b>deserve</b>     | to be worthy of or suitable for  |
| <b>disobey</b>     | to refuse or fail to follow an order or rule   |
| <b>engaged</b>     | promised to marry someone  |
| <b>eternity</b>    | forever  |
| <b>evidence</b>    | what proves that something is true or false  |
| <b>handicaps</b>   | things that are wrong with a person and keep him from doing what others can do             |
| <b>Holy Spirit</b> | the Third Person of the triune (three-in-one) God  |
| <b>innocent</b>    | not guilty, without fault  |
| <b>inspiration</b> | a. God influencing men what they should write<br>b. the power to want us to do good things |

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>Messiah</b>      | the Jewish name for Christ, the promised Savior  |
| <b>miracle</b>      | an event that could never happen unless God did it   |
| <b>Passover</b>     | a Jewish holiday recalling how God once freed them from slavery in Egypt   |
| <b>perform</b>      | to act or carry out a work   |
| <b>pregnant</b>     | a woman with a child in her womb   |
| <b>priest</b>       | someone who offers sacrifices to God on behalf of other people   |
| <b>prophet</b>      | a man who speaks a message God gives to him  |
| <b>puzzled</b>      | confused, mixed up   |
| <b>relationship</b> | how things stand between you and someone else  |
| <b>repent</b>       | to be sorry for your wrongdoings and to change your mind and way of living and to turn to God for forgiveness and help |
| <b>respect</b>      | to honor   |
| <b>retire</b>       | to stop working  |
| <b>riot</b>         | an uprising by a group of people   |
| <b>sacrifices</b>   | animals, etc., offered up to God on an altar   |
| <b>Savior</b>       | someone who saves people   |
| <b>sin</b>          | disobeying God   |
| <b>stable</b>       | a place for sheltering animals   |
| <b>stepfather</b>   | a man who marries a woman and cares for her children, even though they are not his                                     |
| <b>testimony</b>    | telling what you have seen or heard  |
| <b>tomb</b>         | a place where someone is buried  |
| <b>virgin</b>       | someone who has never had sex  |



## ***Final Test***

Review any mistakes that you made in the chapter tests. Also review all the goals marked with a (\*) at the beginning of each lesson.

When you are sure you know all of them, you are ready to take the final test.

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## Jesus the Christ *Final Test*

1. Jesus' mother was \_\_\_\_\_, so  
Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus' father was \_\_\_\_\_, so  
Jesus was also \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus had to be a man so that he could  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus had to be God so that he could  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The word savior means someone who  
\_\_\_\_\_ another person who is  
in danger.
6. Jesus rescues us from the prison of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A miracle is something which  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. The miracles Jesus did proved that Jesus  
really was \_\_\_\_\_.



9. Jesus proved he was a man also; he \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_ like all men.
10. During the three years of carrying out his ministry, Jesus' main work was \_\_\_\_\_.
11. His main message to all people was they should \_\_\_\_\_ and turn to \_\_\_\_\_ for the forgiveness of sins.
12. A prophet is a person who speaks \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Since Jesus spoke God's Word directly to the people, he is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_.
14. In Egypt the blood of a \_\_\_\_\_ saved the people of Israel from death.
15. Jesus did nothing wrong himself, but he died to save \_\_\_\_\_.
16. That is why Jesus is like our \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The man who performed sacrifices in the Old Testament was called a \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Jesus is also like a \_\_\_\_\_ because he sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.



19. But after Jesus died, he also was \_\_\_\_\_ after three days.
20. God did this to prove that Jesus' death really had \_\_\_\_\_ our sins.
21. Since Jesus came back to life, we know that someday we will \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Forty days later, Jesus went back to \_\_\_\_\_.
23. There he is now ruling like a \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Someday he will return to earth to \_\_\_\_\_ all people.
25. The word Christ means \_\_\_\_\_.
26. This custom was done in the Old Testament to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
27. Jesus is called the Christ because he is our great \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



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