

# Survey of Luke

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**A study of the book of Luke for  
Small Group or Personal Bible Study**

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## **Small Group or Personal Study Course**

### **Introduction**

This is a small group Bible study course to help you grow in your understanding of the Gospel of Luke. This study will be most effective as you get together with a small group to share the answers that each of you has written in your personal study. This can also be used as a personal study course to help you grow in your understanding of the Gospel of Luke. This course is designed to help you grow in three ways. Throughout the course you will read a paragraph to help you grow in your knowledge of the verses that you will be reading. After each paragraph you will usually have three questions. These three questions will focus on three things: Knowledge, Understanding and Application.

The first question will ask you to find the answer to some question in the verses that you are reading. This question is to help you pick out a key fact in those verses to help you grow in your knowledge of those verses. The answer to this question will usually be found in the verses as you read them.

The second question will ask you a question that will help you to think through the verses to understand the meaning of the group of verses being discussed. As you read this question, pray that the Lord will give you understanding of the passage as well as knowledge of the facts.

The third question will ask you a question that will help you to apply what you have learned from those verses both to your own and to your service for Christ. It is as we understand and apply the Scripture to our lives that the Lord really begins to change and transform our lives.

At the end of each lesson there will be an opportunity to write down something that you have learned for your own life through the study of those verses. Our prayer is that as you work through these lessons that three things will happen in your life:

1. First, you will grow in your knowledge of the Bible.
2. Second, you will grow in your understanding of the verses that you have studied.
3. Third, you will learn how to apply the Word of God to your life.

The basic material in each of these lessons was originally written in one of six Bible Survey texts written between 1969 and 1974 that cover the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We are making this material available in this new form to help you grow in your knowledge, understanding and application of the Bible to your life. The Lord willing, we will continue to make other books available as we have time to prepare them in this new form.

May the Lord bless you as you learn His Word.

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## Survey of Luke

### Lesson 1

#### Luke 1:1-80

Today we are beginning a study of the book of Luke. The book of Luke presents Christ as the Son of Man. We will learn about the purpose of the book of Luke. In the book of Luke we learn more about the early life of Christ than we do in any other book. Today we will spend our time learning about the events that happened during the months just before Christ was born. We will see that God told Zacharias about the birth of John the Baptist as Zacharias was serving in the temple as a priest. This chapter also tells how Mary received word about the coming birth of Christ. Then we will read about Mary visiting the mother of John the Baptist.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why the book of Luke was written.
- Explain how the parents of John the Baptist were told he would be born.
- Tell what the angel told Mary about the birth of Christ.
- Explain what Mary said about the coming birth of Christ.
- Explain what happened when John the Baptist was born.

In Luke 1:1-4 we learn why the book of Luke was written. The introduction to the book of Acts says that it was also written for the same purpose. The book is written to a Greek man by the name of Theophilus. Luke says that he is writing so that Theophilus would know for sure the things that he had been taught about Christ. This is why God has given us the Bible. God wants us to know for sure what we believe and especially what we believe about Christ. We read also that Luke wrote the things in order as they happened. Luke was from a different part of the world and so he had not seen Christ. However, we read in these verses that Luke went and talked to those that had seen Christ while He was on the earth.

1. Read Luke 1:1-4 and write why Luke wrote this book to Theophilus.
2. Explain why it was important to have one book written about the life of Christ by a person that had not known Christ personally
3. Explain why you think that Luke was so concerned to help Theophilus grow in his understanding of the life of Christ.

Luke teaches us a real lesson in these verses. He was willing to spend many months talking to those who had seen Christ so that he could write this letter to Theophilus. Luke wanted to make sure that Theophilus grew to become a strong Christian. He was willing to spend as much time as necessary to teach this new Christian and help him grow. As Christians, it is very important for us to take time to teach each of the new Christians so that they grow and become strong Christians. Then they will be able to help other Christians in their spiritual growth.

4. Read Luke 1:1-4 and write why Luke says he wrote the book of Luke to Theophilus.
5. Explain what we learn about the importance of teaching new Christians from these verses.
6. Explain why you are thankful that someone took the time to help you learn about the life of Christ to help you grow as a Christian.

In Luke 1:5-25 we read how the parents of John the Baptist received word that he would be born. Zacharias was a priest of God. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had a great love for God. Elizabeth and Zacharias had never had a child. Now they were old. One day Zacharias was serving in the temple because he had been chosen by lot to offer incense in the temple that day. Since there were many priests this probably only happened once or twice in his life. An angel appeared to him and told him that he and his wife would have a son. The angel also told him to name the son John. Then the angel told Zacharias what John would do. Zacharias found it hard

to believe what the angel told him.

7. Read Luke 1:5-25 and write the thing that the angel said would happen to Zacharias to show that God would keep His word and give them a son.
8. Explain what these verses teach us about the godly character of Zacharias.
9. Explain why you think that Zacharias found it hard to believe that he and Elizabeth would have a son.

Zacharias stayed so long in the temple that the people began to wonder what had happened to him. When he came out, he could not speak. The people were surprised but they realized that God had spoken to him. God wants us to believe His Word. When we fail to believe Him, God sometimes brings certain things into our lives to help us believe. Zacharias was not able to talk for many months because he did not believe the Word of God immediately. Here we see why it is important to believe the things that God promises us right away. Then God does not need to bring as many tests into our lives to help us believe.

10. Read Luke 1:5-25 and write the name of the angel that spoke to Zacharias.
11. Explain why God allows tests to happen to us in our lives to help us grow in our faith in His promises.
12. Explain why you think that the Lord chose to make it impossible for Zacharias to speak until his son was born.

Gabriel was the angel that had appeared to Zacharias. Gabriel also told someone else that she would have a baby. This happened three months before John the Baptist was born. Gabriel was sent to the city of Nazareth to tell Mary that she would have a son. When Mary first saw the angel, she was afraid. Then the angel told her not to be afraid. The angel told her that she would have a son who would be a king that would rule forever. Mary asked how she could have a son since she had never had relations with a man. The angel told her that her son would be from the Holy Spirit and not from a man.

13. Read Luke 1:26-38 and write what her son would be called.
14. Explain what we learn about one of the ministries of Gabriel since he appeared to both Zacharias and Mary.
15. Explain how you would have felt if you were Mary and you were told that your child would be the Son of God.

The angel went on to tell Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby even though she was already old. Since God could cause Elizabeth to have a child when she was old, God could also cause Mary to have a child without having relations with a man. Mary was told that her son would be called the Son of the Highest. Nothing is impossible for God. This is a lesson that every Christian needs to learn. Many Christians that have not studied the Word of God or have not trusted the promises of God do not yet realize that all things are possible with God.

16. Read Luke 1:26-38 and write the answer Mary gave to the angel.
17. Explain what the angel told Mary that her son would do in the future.
18. Explain why you think that the Lord chose an unknown young woman like Mary to be the mother of Jesus.

The answer of Mary is a wonderful answer. She was willing to do whatever the Lord wanted her to do. It was not an easy decision. There would be some people that would talk and gossip about Mary and call her immoral because they did not know about the work of God in her life. Today we need more Christians that are willing to obey the Lord no matter what others think. It may mean that you will need to suffer for Christ. However, Acts 5:41 tells how the disciples responded to suffering, "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His (Christ's) sake." Here we see that Mary was willing to be the servant of God regardless of what others said.

19. Read Luke 1:26-38 and write what the angel did after he gave Mary the message.

20. Explain what these verses teach about the fact that nothing is impossible with God.
21. Explain how the words of Mary given in verse 38 apply to you today.

We read in Luke 1:39-56 that Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, right after she had received the message of the angel. She had received a wonderful message from the Lord and she needed to talk to someone that would understand. Since she had learned that the Lord had also worked in the life of Elizabeth, she felt that Elizabeth would understand and be able to give her a better understanding for herself. We also see that Christ and John the Baptist were related to each other. When Mary said hello to Elizabeth, the baby in the womb of Elizabeth jumped for joy. Elizabeth was also filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke words of praise and thanks to God.

22. Read Luke 1:39-56 and write what Elizabeth said her unborn child did when Mary came to the door.
23. Explain what these verses teach about the fact that Elizabeth was depending on the Holy Spirit for the words that she spoke.
24. Explain how you think that Mary felt when she heard the words of Elizabeth before they had even talked together.

Elizabeth also spoke words of encouragement to Mary. She told Mary that she was blessed because she had believed the promises of God. Elizabeth told Mary that everything would happen just as God had promised. The words of Elizabeth confirmed the fact that the child that would be born to Mary would be the Son of God. Here we see a wonderful lesson about faith. If we will accept the promises of God without questions, we will receive great blessings. We will also see that God always keeps His promises exactly as He has spoken them. In these verses, Mary prays a beautiful prayer of thanks to God.

25. Read Luke 1:39-56 and write the way Mary started her prayer of thanks and praise.
26. Explain why it was important that Elizabeth confirmed the words that the angel had spoken to Mary.
27. Explain how you think Mary felt when she was told that she was blessed because she had believed the message that was given to her.

Mary gave all of the thanks and praise to God for what He was going to do in her life. Here is another important lesson about prayer and faith. God tells us to pray in faith and expect Him to answer our prayers. Many times we pray and ask God for something. However, we fail to thank Him for what He is going to do. Here we see that Mary thanked God for what He was going to do in her life. This is the way that we should pray. We should thank God for answered prayer even before we personally see the answer. This is real faith in action.

28. Read Luke 1:39-56 and write to whom Mary gave all the glory.
29. Explain what these verses teach us about thanking God in advance for what He is going to do.
30. Explain what these verses teach you about the godly character of Mary.

Luke 1:57-66 tells us about the birth of John the Baptist. The birth of John brought great joy to Elizabeth and Zacharias. In addition, it also brought great joy to the neighbors and relatives because they had seen how God had shown His mercy. As you remember from the first part of the chapter, Zacharias was not able to speak because he did not believe the promise of God immediately. He was still not able to speak when John the Baptist was born. When the baby was eight days old, he was circumcised. Then it was time to name the baby. The neighbors and relatives were all there when the day came to name the baby.

31. Read Luke 1:57-66 and write what the neighbors wanted to name the baby.
32. Explain why the birth of John brought great joy to the relatives and the neighbors as well as to Zacharias and Elizabeth.
33. Explain what this event teaches you about the importance of the naming of a baby in that

period of time.

Elizabeth said not to name the baby Zacharias. Instead his name would be John. Everyone was very surprised and said that none of the relatives were named John. The relatives still wanted to name him after his father so they turned to Zacharias and made signs to him asking him what he wanted to name the child. Then he took a tablet and wrote John on it. Everyone was very surprised at the answer. They did not realize that God had given the name many months before.

34. Read Luke 1:57-66 and write what happened to Zacharias as soon as he named the baby.

35. Explain why the fact that Zacharias also gave the name of John to the baby caused the relative and neighbors to marvel.

36. Explain why you think that that Lord opened the mouth of Zacharias so that he could speak again as soon as he named the child.

Luke 1:67-80 gives us a prophecy spoken by Zacharias after he had named John. Here we see that he was filled with the Holy Spirit as he spoke. Zacharias spoke of the fact that God was going to send one that would redeem His people. That one would fulfill the words spoken by the prophets in the Old Testament. God would also remember His promise that He had made to Abraham in the Old Testament more than 2000 years earlier. That promise said that all of the families of the world would be blessed through the family of Abraham. Christ fulfills this promise because He makes eternal life possible for men of all nations and families by His death. Zacharias also said that his son would be a prophet of the Highest (Christ).

37. Read Luke 1:67-80 and write the four things Zacharias said John would do.

38. Explain why Zacharias talked about the One that John was going to introduce rather than talking very much about his own son.

39. Explain how this message by Zacharias helps you to understand a little more about the ministry of Christ.

Zacharias said that the ministry of John would be to prepare the way for Christ. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ, he preached the same message that Christ preached. He came with a message of salvation. He came to share a message about how to receive forgiveness of sins. He came to tell of the Light (Christ) that would remove the darkness of sin. He came to tell how we could have inner peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the same message that we are to tell others today. We also read that John became strong in spirit.

40. Read Luke 1:67-80 and write where John lived until he started preaching.

41. Explain why it is important that both John and Christ shared the message of how to have forgiveness of sins.

42. Explain why it is important to you in your life to know that Christ came to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Now reread Luke 1:1-80 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 2**  
**Luke 2:1-3:38**

Today we will be studying about the birth of Christ. We will see how God used the Roman ruler to get Mary and Joseph in the right place for the birth of Christ so that Christ would be born in the town of Bethlehem as the Old Testament had predicted. We will also see what different people said and did when they heard about the birth of Christ. This is also the only place in the Bible where we read about something that happened to Christ while He was a boy. We will see that He was able to clearly explain His purpose for being here on this earth even as a boy. Chapter 3 tells us about the message of John the Baptist and the family of Mary.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what the shepherds learned about Christ.
- Explain what happened when Christ visited the temple as a baby.
- Explain what happened when Christ visited the temple as a boy.
- Tell what John the Baptist said about Christ.

The Old Testament had said that Christ would be born in Bethlehem. However, Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. That was a town about 80 miles north of Bethlehem. In order to fulfill the Old Testament, Christ used the Roman government. The Roman emperor made a law that everyone in the Roman Empire must return to the city where the husband of the family had originally lived in order to register. This was to make sure that everyone would pay taxes. Since Joseph was a descendent from the family of David, this meant that he had to go to Bethlehem to register. It probably was a very hard trip for Mary because the time for Christ to be born was very near. They had to go, however, because of the Roman law.

1. Read Luke 2:1-20 and write where they laid Christ when He was born.
2. Explain why God allowed the Roman emperor to make a law that would cause a great number of people to travel long distances.
3. Explain how this passage shows you that God will fulfill His prophecies given in the Bible regardless of what people say or do.

Since everyone had to register for the Roman tax, there were probably many visitors in Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph arrived. It was impossible for them to find a room in which to stay because every room was already taken. However, someone was kind enough to let them stay in the barn. Many think that the barn was actually a cave in the side of the hill. If it was a cave, it would have at least been warm. There was no bed in the barn and it was necessary for Mary to lay Christ in the manger (feed trough for the cattle). They apparently did not have any clothes for Christ so they wrapped Him in a long piece of cloth. It was the kind of cloth that was usually used to wrap a dead person before they buried him. However, Mary and Joseph had to use it to wrap the baby because they had nothing else.

4. Read Luke 2:1-20 and write who the angels told about the birth of Christ.
5. Explain why the fact that Christ was born in a barn (stable) shows us that Christ humbled Himself and was willing to be born in a lowly place.
6. Explain why you lessons you learn for your own life about humility from this example of Christ.

A group of shepherds were watching their sheep on the hills near Bethlehem. Often sheep were raised in the Jordan Valley and then brought to the hills in the area around Bethlehem a few weeks before the time of the Passover so that the visitors that came to Jerusalem for the Passover could buy them for the Passover. Suddenly an angel appeared to the men. At first the

men were afraid. Then the angel told them that he brought good news. He told them that Christ had been born. Then many angels joined together and sang praises to God. When the angels left, the shepherds quickly decided to go to Bethlehem. They were eager to see Christ.

7. Read Luke 2:1-20 and write how they came to Bethlehem.

8. Explain why it was necessary to have many sheep in the area of Jerusalem as it got close to the time of the Passover.

9. Explain why you think that God chose to announce the birth of Christ first to a group of shepherds.

When the shepherds came to Bethlehem, they found Mary, Joseph, and Christ exactly as the angels had told them. As soon as they had seen Christ, the shepherds went and told others. Here we see an important lesson for us today. When we have met Christ and become Christians, our desire should be to go and tell others about Christ. When the shepherds told the other people about Christ, the Bible tells us that the other people thought about the birth of Christ. However, we do not read about any of the other people going to see Christ. Today many people are like the people of Bethlehem. They are not even interested in meeting Christ. However, we should be like the shepherds.

10. Read Luke 2:1-20 and write what Mary did after the shepherds came and visited Christ.

11. Explain how this visit of the shepherds to see Christ must have changed the rest of their lives.

12. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the lives of the shepherds.

Luke 2:21-38 tells us about the first visit of Christ to the temple. In the Old Testament law all Jewish women were told to bring a sacrifice and offer it in the temple forty days after a male child was born. Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem so that Mary could offer her sacrifice. When they went into the temple, they met two people who were looking forward to the coming of the Lord. Because of their faithfulness, God allowed them to see Christ before they died.

13. Read Luke 2:21-38 and write the names of the two people they met in the temple.

14. Explain why the Lord gave Simeon and Anna the opportunity to see Christ before they died.

15. Explain why you think it would have been a great privilege to have been either Simeon or Anna.

The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die until he saw the One that would be the Savior of the world. One day the Spirit showed Simeon that the day had come when he would see Christ. He went to the temple and waited. Soon Mary and Joseph came into the temple carrying Christ. Simeon took Christ in his arms and thanked God for Him. In his prayer of thanks, Simeon thanked God for sending One who would bring salvation to all people. Here Simeon shows that he knew Christ was going to die for the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

16. Read Luke 2:21-38 and write what Christ would be for the Gentiles.

17. Explain why it was important to Simeon that Christ was coming to provide salvation for the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

18. Explain why you think that Mary and Joseph were amazed at the words that Simeon spoke about Christ.

In John 8:12 Christ said that He had come to be the light of the world. Christ came to give light to all those who walk in darkness. Today most of the world still remains in the darkness of sin. The people of the world are still waiting for the message of light. We are the people that Christ has chosen to bring that light to others. Anna also came into the temple as Simeon was speaking. She gave thanks to God for the fact that He had sent Christ into the world. She also used every opportunity to tell those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem about Christ.

19. Read Luke 2:21-38 and write from what tribe Anna came.

20. Explain what these verses teach about God's plan for people to receive the light of Christ.

21. Explain why you are thankful that Christ came to provide redemption.

Luke 2:39-52 tells us a little more about the early life of Christ. Each year the parents of Christ went to Jerusalem at the time of the Passover. This particular event happened the year that Christ was twelve. There was always a large crowd of people who came to Jerusalem for the Passover. When Mary and Joseph got ready to leave Jerusalem and go back to Nazareth, they thought Christ was playing with some of the other boys in their group. That evening when they started looking for Christ, they suddenly realized that no one had seen Christ all day.

22. Read Luke 2:39-52 and write what Mary and Joseph did when they found out that Christ was not with any of their friends or relatives.

23. Explain why the Passover is a very important time for the Jews.

24. Explain why you think that Christ chose to remain in Jerusalem when his parents started back toward Nazareth.

When Mary and Joseph got back to Jerusalem, they could not find Christ. A normal twelve-year-old boy would probably have gone to the market place or some place where foreigners brought things from other lands to sell. However, Christ was not just a normal boy. Mary and Joseph did not find Christ for three days. Finally, they went to the temple. There was Christ talking to the religious leaders. He was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. The leaders were very surprised at how much Christ understood. Mary and Joseph were very worried until they saw Christ. Then they asked Christ why He had not come with them.

25. Read Luke 2:39-52 and write what Christ told Mary and Joseph.

26. Explain why Christ chose different things to do than most twelve-year-old boys would choose.

27. Explain why you think that Christ was both listening to the teachers and asking them questions.

We learn an important lesson from Christ here. Even though He enjoyed being with the teachers and the opportunity to discuss the Word of God to them, He obeyed His parents and went home with Mary and Joseph. We also read that Christ grew in four important ways. First He grew in wisdom. He also grew in physical size. Then Christ grew in favor with God. Finally, He grew in favor with man. Here we see what God wants each Christian to do. He wants all of us to grow in our love Him more and then grow in our love for other people. As we grow in our love toward God and others, we will be the kind of person that God can use effectively.

28. Read Luke 2:39-52 and write what Christ told His parents when they found Him in the temple.

29. Explain what Christ teaches by His example the importance of a child being subject to his or her parents.

30. Explain what you learn about the balanced way that children should grow as they grow and mature.

Chapter three tells us about the preaching of John the Baptist. Matthew and Mark also tell us that John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Christ. Luke gives us some questions that various people asked John the Baptist. We see that people came from many parts of the country to hear John preach. The message of John was the need for people to repent of their sin. These people wanted to know what they should do after they repented and turned from their sins. John told them to give their extra coat to someone who did not have a coat. Then he told them to share their food with those who had no food.

31. Read Luke 3:1-22 and write the two groups of people who asked questions.

32. Explain the meaning of the word repentance and tell why it is important to include repentance as a part of our message also.

33. Explain why you think that the people wanted to know what to do next once they had repented of their sins.

John told the tax collectors that they should not charge any more than they were supposed to charge. We see that the tax collectors usually charged more money than they should and kept the extra money for themselves. Here we see that a Christian should be honest in his or her dealing with other people. The soldiers were told to do three things. Roman soldiers would often threaten to hurt a man unless he would give them some money. John told them not to threaten people anymore. He also told them not to accuse an innocent person anymore. Then he told them to be happy with their wages and not complain all of the time.

34. Read Luke 3:1-22 and write who the people thought John might be.

35. Explain why repentance should also produce a desire to see the Lord change our actions.

36. Explain why you think that the tax collectors wanted to find out what they should do once they repented.

In the advice of John to these various groups, we learn an important lesson for today. We cannot do anything to work for our salvation. However, once we become Christians, then we will want to live for Christ so that others will want to become Christians because they have seen changes in our lives. Our love for Christ should cause us to love others and want to help them. John tells each of these groups who have turned from their sins how they can help others. John also told the people that One greater than he was coming. John said the One that was coming would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Those who placed their trust in that One would receive the Holy Spirit. Those who rejected would face eternal judgment.

37. Read Luke 3:1-22 and write why Herod put John the Baptist in prison.

38. Explain why Christians should show their love for Christ by helping other Christians.

39. Explain why you think that John the Baptist clearly explained the promise to those who repent and warned of judgment for those who did not repent.

In Luke 3:23-38 we have the family of Christ going clear back to the first man - Adam. The book of Matthew gives the family line of Joseph. Since Joseph was considered the legal father of Christ, although God was the real father, Christ had the right to be a king. Joseph came from the family of David and Abraham. Here we see that Luke gives us the family line of Mary to show us that Christ could fulfill the promises that had been made to Abraham and David. This made it possible for Christ to complete the promises of God to both of these men. God promised that one from their family would bless all of the families of the earth. Christ makes this possible because He died so that all people could have eternal life.

40. Read Luke 3:23-38 and write whose son Adam was.

41. Explain why it is important to have both the legal line of Christ through Joseph and the actual line of Christ through Mary.

42. Explain what you think that God meant when He promised Abraham and David that their family would bless all of the families of the earth.

Now reread Luke 2:1-3:38 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 3**  
**Luke 4:1-5:39**

Today we will be studying the fourth and fifth chapters of Luke. Each of the main events in these chapters is mentioned in either Matthew or Mark. However, the book of Luke gives us a little more information about some of these events. We will spend most of our time focusing on the things that are not included in the books of Matthew and Mark. If you have not studied these events in Matthew and Mark, you may want to go back and review them in Matthew and Mark. Christ began His public ministry immediately after He faced forty days of testing by the devil in the wilderness. We will see that Christ began a preaching tour throughout Galilee that included coming back to the synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what lessons Christ teaches us about the way to deal with temptation.
- Explain why the people of Nazareth tried to kill Christ.
- Explain what happened when Peter obeyed Christ as Peter was fishing.
- Tell what Matthew left when he followed Christ.

Luke 4:1-13 tells us about the devil tempting Christ and trying to get Christ to sin. We read that the devil tried three times to get Christ to sin. Satan tempted Christ in the same way that he tempted Eve with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Each time Christ answered the devil by quoting a verse from the Old Testament. Here we see the importance of knowing the Word of God and using it when the devil tries to get us to sin. We need to spend some time every day memorizing verses so that we are prepared when temptation comes. Then when temptation comes, Christ will use His Word to give us strength and keep us from sinning.

1. Read Luke 4:1-13 and write what the devil did when he failed the third time to get Christ to sin.
2. Explain why the Word of God is the only weapon that Christ used each time to defeat the devil.
3. Explain why it is important to you in your life to memorize the Word of God so that you will be equipped to meet the temptations of the devil.

After Christ had victory over the temptations of the devil, He was ready to preach the Gospel publicly. Christ immediately began His public ministry by teaching in the synagogues throughout Galilee. We read that one of the towns Christ visited when He started teaching was Nazareth. This was the town where Christ had grown up and lived as a young man. Since Christ was thirty years old at this time, He had been active in the synagogue for many years before this event. Christ went into the synagogue and began to read from the Old Testament. Then Christ told them that He fulfilled or completed what was written in the Old Testament.

4. Read Luke 4:14-30 and write what the people said after Christ said He completed the promise in the Old Testament.
5. Explain why Christ said that He was fulfilling the promise that had been given by Isaiah.
6. Explain why you think that Christ waited until the age of thirty to begin His public ministry.

The people of Nazareth showed that they refused to believe that Christ came from God. Christ then gave them two lessons from the Old Testament to show what happened to those who refused to believe the Word of God. In the time of Elijah they did not have any rain for 3 1/2 years. Many widows died because they did not have any food. However, God sent Elijah to one widow that believed. God used Elijah to multiply the food of the widow. During the time of

Elisha, many men had leprosy. However, only Naaman believed God and was cured of his leprosy. The people of Nazareth knew that Christ was speaking against them because they refused to believe.

7. Read Luke 4:14-30 and write what the people felt toward Christ.

8. Explain why the two illustrations that Christ gave both showed how the people in the Old Testament had rejected the messengers of God.

9. Explain why you think that the people in the town of Nazareth became very angry with Christ when He used these two illustrations.

The people of Nazareth were so angry that they decided to kill Christ. They chased Him out of town. Nazareth was built on top of a hill and had a cliff on one side. The men of Nazareth led Christ to the edge of the cliff and were going to try and throw Christ over the edge to kill Him. However, Christ was able to go through the crowd of people and get away. Here we learn another important lesson about sinful men. They are willing to do anything to stop others from telling them about their sin.

10. Read Luke 4:14-30 and write where Christ said no prophet was accepted.

11. Explain why the men of Nazareth wanted to kill Christ after He spoke in their synagogue.

12. Explain why you think the people of Nazareth refused to believe what Christ said as He spoke to them.

Luke 4:31-44 tells us about the power of Christ over demons and sickness. When Christ was forced to leave His hometown He went to the city of Capernaum and began to teach there on the sabbath days. Here we see that Christ showed that He has complete power over evil spirits and sickness. As Christ was teaching in the synagogue one sabbath, a man who had evil spirits in him began to shout with a loud voice. Christ immediately spoke to the man and commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. When the evil spirit came out of the man, the people in the synagogue were all very surprised. They had never seen anything like that in their synagogue.

13. Read Luke 4:31-44 and write how Christ commanded the evil spirit to come out.

14. Explain why the people in Capernaum were so surprised when they saw the power that Christ had over the demon.

15. Explain why it is important to you in your life to know that Christ has power over the demons.

Christ was so powerful that the evil spirits could not resist Him. They had to obey Him. Here we see that the demon tried to kill the man by throwing him to the ground as he came out of the man. However, the demon was not able to hurt the man. Today Christ is just as powerful and can work great miracles in our lives. He can choose to work in ways that we would never even imagine. We see that Christ has the same power over sickness that He has over demons. He left the synagogue and went to the house of Simon Peter where He healed the mother-in-law of Peter. Then the people brought many to Christ who were sick. Christ healed every one. Then Christ left that city.

16. Read Luke 4:31-44 and write the reason Christ said He must go to other cities.

17. Explain why it was important for Christ to go and preach the Gospel in other cities also.

18. Explain what you learn about the power of Christ over both the power of demons and over sickness.

Luke gives us much information about what happened the day Christ called His first disciples. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were busy washing and repairing their nets one day when Christ walked by the lake. Many people were following Christ so Christ asked Peter to let Him teach the people from Peter's boat. Peter pushed the boat a few feet out from the shore and Christ sat in the boat and taught the people. Here we see that Christ took every opportunity to teach the people and help them grow in their understanding of the Word of God. In the same way we also need to take the opportunities that Christ gives us to teach others.

19. Read Luke 5:1-11 and write what Christ told Peter when He had finished teaching the people.
20. Explain why Christ had a great concern to teach the people whenever they gathered around Him.
21. Explain why you think that Christ decided to teach the people from the boat of Peter.

Peter had met Christ about a year earlier as we learn in John 1:35-42. Peter had also traveled with Christ to various places in Galilee and listened to Him teach. Peter and his co-workers had even gone to at least one feast in Jerusalem with Christ. He had also heard the teaching of Christ that day. However, he was about to meet Christ in a totally new way. Peter and his co-workers had fished all night and had not caught a single fish. Now it was not the time when people normally caught fish. When Christ told Peter to go out into the deep water and catch some fish, Peter obeyed Christ even though he had not caught a single fish the night before.

22. Read Luke 5:1-11 and write how many fish they caught.
23. Explain what Peter had probably learned about Christ as he had traveled with Him from time to time over the previous year.
24. Explain why you think that Christ told Peter to let down his nets and catch some fish even though he had not caught any the night before.

There were so many fish in the net that the net started to break. Peter immediately called James and John to come and help with their boat. Both boats were filled so full of fish that they started to sink. The men immediately realized that they were sinners and Christ was God. When men see how great Christ is, they will always realize that they are great sinners. Peter told Christ to depart from him because Peter realized that he was so sinful. Instead Christ told Peter that his life was going to totally change as Christ told Peter from that time on he was going to catch men.

25. Read Luke 5:1-11 and write what Peter said to Christ when He saw the catch of fish.
26. Explain the changes that happened in the life of Peter because he obeyed Christ that day.
27. Explain how Christ changed your life when you made the decision to follow Him and let Him take control of your life.

Christ also healed two men in this chapter. Both men suffered from a terrible sickness and could not help themselves. The first man had leprosy, and the second man was paralyzed and not able to move. The leper came to Christ and asked Christ to heal him. He realized that he had a need and that Christ was the only one who was able to help him. This is the same thing that must happen for a person to become a Christian. First a person must realize that he is a sinner and needs salvation. Then he must be willing to let Christ help him. Christ healed the leper even though the last recorded leper that had been healed had been healed several hundred years earlier.

28. Read Luke 5:12-26 and write what the man did after he was healed from his leprosy.
29. Explain why leprosy gives us a real picture of the way that sin works in the life of a person.
30. Explain what this man teaches you about faith by the fact that he knew that Christ was the only one that could help him.

Christ realized the need to spend time with the Father in prayer so He went into the wilderness to pray. When he returned there was a large group of Pharisees and teachers gathered from the towns throughout Galilee. Some friends brought a man that was paralyzed to Christ. As we read about the man that was paralyzed, we find the reason why Christ was always able to heal those who were sick. We read in verse 17, "And the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal them." Today there are many Christians who are depending on their own power instead of the power of the Lord. In our own strength we have no power.

31. Read Luke 5:12-28 and write what Christ said when He saw the faith of the friends.
32. Explain what will happen if we will let the power of Christ control our lives instead of

depending on our own strength.

33. Explain why you think that Christ felt it was very important for Him to spend time praying to the Father.

In the first part of this chapter we read that four men that earned their living by catching fish followed Christ. In the last part of this chapter we read about Matthew (Levi), the tax collector, following Christ. We read that the first thing Matthew did when he became a follower of Christ was invite his friends over to his house for dinner so that they could meet Christ. He gave a big dinner and invited all of his friends because he wanted his friends to know and follow Christ also. However, the Pharisees and scribes immediately began to complain because Christ was eating with tax collectors and sinners.

34. Read Luke 5:27-39 and write who Christ calls to repent and turn from their sins.

35. Explain what the Pharisees and the scribes were showing by their attitude toward Christ.

36. Explain why you think that Christ chose to eat dinners with the people that the Pharisees rejected.

Christ also gives two parables in these verses. These parables were mentioned in the other Gospels. However, we read one additional thing about the piece of clothing with a hole. These verses tell us that a man does not cut a piece of cloth out of a new coat to fix an old coat. The new coat would be ruined if you cut a piece out of it. The old coat would not be any good because the piece from the new coat would not match the old coat. Christ was showing the Pharisees and scribes that He had not come to patch up their old Jewish religion. Instead Christ had come to bring new life.

37. Read Luke 5:27-39 and write what Christ says you do not do in the second parable.

38. Explain why Christ used a parable to show that He was not just trying to fix the old religion of the Pharisees and scribes.

39. Explain why you think that people need their lives transformed by Christ and not just repaired.

Christ shows two things in these parables. Christ did not come to make the old religions better. Instead He came to give new life. You cannot take a little part of the Bible and combine it with the old religion because that will not work. Many religions have tried but not a single one emphasizes the fact that Jesus Christ died for sin. As a result, there are many religions today that use parts of the Bible but they follow teachings that are not in the Bible. These are only religions and they cannot give new life because new life only comes by following Christ and making Him the Master and Lord of our lives. When we trust in Jesus Christ, we have new life. We are safe for all eternity.

40. Read Luke 5:27-39 and write what happens when you put new wine in new wineskins (bottles).

41. Explain why Christ said that new wine must be put in new wineskins in order for both to be preserved.

42. Explain why you think that Christ chose to use parables to help others understand His teachings.

Now reread Luke 4:1-5:39 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned today.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 4**  
**Luke 6:1-49**

Today we will be studying one of the sermons of Christ. We do not have very many of the sermons that Christ preached recorded for us. The sermons that we do have were nearly always given when there was a large crowd of people that made it impossible to ask questions or answer questions. In this sermon Christ gives us many guidelines about the way that we should live as Christians. The Christian life is an exciting life. It is a life that will be full of joy if we follow the example of Christ and live the way that Christ tells us to live.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how the religious leaders felt toward Christ.
- Explain why Christ tells us to leap for joy when men do evil things to us.
- Explain what Christ teaches about loving our enemies.
- Tell what Christ says about the heart of man.
- Explain the meaning of the two foundations.

The religious leaders began to look for a reason to accuse Christ of doing wrong. Since they could not find a single thing that Christ did that was wrong, they began accusing His disciples of doing wrong. In Matthew and Mark we read about the time the Pharisees accused the disciples of working on the Sabbath because they picked a handful of grain and ate it. Here we see that Luke also records this event. That same day the religious leaders also accused Christ of working on the Sabbath because He healed a man with a paralyzed hand. This shows us that their concern was not to help people but to maintain their control over the people.

1. Read Luke 6:1-16 and write who is the Lord of the Sabbath.
2. Explain why the religious leaders were so eager to accuse Christ and His disciples of sin.
3. Explain why you think that this event was so important that it is recorded in three of the Gospels.

Since Luke was a doctor, he mentions something about the man with the paralyzed hand that the other Gospels do not mention. Luke tells us that it was the right hand that was paralyzed. Since most people use their right hand to do much of their work, this man had a great need. It would be very difficult for him to do his work. However, the Pharisees were not concerned about the need of man. Today many religious leaders are saying that the churches need to spend more time helping the poor and the sick. These men are saying that we should spend all of our time meeting the physical needs of people. However, unless we also meet their spiritual needs by telling them how to become Christians, they are only helped for a short time. We will see in the sermon of Christ that said we should help meet both the spiritual and the physical needs of others.

4. Read Luke 6:1-16 and write how the religious leaders felt when Christ healed the man with the paralyzed hand.
5. Explain why Luke felt that it was important to mention that it was the right hand that was paralyzed.
6. Explain why you think that it is important for Christians to be concerned about both the physical and spiritual needs of people.

We also read in this chapter about Christ choosing twelve men to be his disciples. Here we learn a very important lesson for our own lives. Before Christ chose the disciples, he spent the entire night in prayer. Many times individuals and churches make important decisions. When we have an important decision to make, it is important to spend much time in prayer before we

make that decision. Then we will know when we are in the center of the will of the Lord. Christ also called the disciples by another name. Each time the names of all of the disciples are given, they are listed in three groups of four. Peter is always the first name in group one. Philip is always the first name in group two. James the son of Alphaeus is always the first name in group three.

7. Read Luke 6:1-16 and write the other name used for the disciples.

8. Explain why Christ felt it was important to spend the entire night in prayer before choosing the disciples.

9. Explain why you think that the disciples are divided into three groups of four each.

Luke 6:17-26 is the first part of the sermon that Christ gave the day He chose the twelve to be His apostles. As they were coming down from the mountain, a large group of people met them. These people had come from throughout the entire region. These people had come to hear Christ teach. Many of the people that came were sick or had evil spirits that controlled them. Christ healed all those who were sick and commanded the evil spirits to come out of those who were possessed by evil spirits.

10. Read Luke 6:17-26 and write the four groups that are promised blessings in these verses.

11. Explain why people were coming from many different places to hear Christ.

12. Explain why you think that Christ was able to heal everyone that was sick that day and cast the demons out of every person that was demon possessed.

These people who are promised blessings are also mentioned in Matthew 5. Read Matthew 5:1-12 if you do not know what Christ said about these groups. We would like to look particularly at those who are hated. Here we read some of the ways the men will show their hate toward those who follow Christ. We see that men will show their hate by separating themselves from us. They will show their hate by making fun of us. They will show their hate by talking against us for Christ's sake. However, we do not need to worry because Christ will take care of those people.

13. Read Luke 6:17-26 and write the four groups who are promised woe (judgment).

14. Explain what it means to hunger and thirst after righteousness.

15. Explain why you think that Christ says that those who weep now will laugh in the future.

Christ tells us that when men hate us we are to rejoice and be happy. In fact we are told to leap for joy. To leap for joy means to be so happy that we are jumping up and down for joy. Have you been excited and joyful because men hate you for Christ's sake? Many Christians become discouraged when others hate them and persecute them because they are Christians. Here we are told to be very thankful. This attitude of joy will only happen as we view this hatred from the viewpoint of Christ and realize that we are being persecuted for His sake.

16. Read Luke 6:17-26 and write why he warns of the danger of all people speaking well of you.

17. Explain why Christ gives us the four woes listed in these verses.

18. Explain why you think that Christians can rejoice even when they are hated because of their faith in Christ.

Christ also spoke about the importance of loving our enemies. In addition to rejoicing and leaping for joy when men hate us, we are also told to love those men. Truly this could only be possible through Christ. A normal man hates those who hate him. Christ tells us in these verses how to get rid of that feeling of hate and turn that feeling of hatred into love. Christ tells us to pray for those that hate us. We cannot pray and really mean it until we love the person for whom we are praying. Christ also tells us to bless those that curse us.

19. Read Luke 6:27-35 and write what we are told to do to our enemies.

20. Explain what makes it possible for Christians to love their enemies.

21. Explain how you have found that it changes your attitude when you pray for those that hate you.

The normal person loves those who love him. Even the sinners love their friends. It is easy to love people who love you and live like you live. However, Christ gives us a real example of true love. He loved us and died for us while we were sinners and hated Him. That is true love. Christ also tells us not to hit back when others hit us. Instead we are to turn the other side of our faces and let them hit it also. Instead of treating others the same way that they are treating us, we are to follow the example of Christ and treat them like we would want to be treated.

22. Read Luke 6:27-35 and write how much money we should expect back when we lend to others.

23. Explain why Christ chose to show kindness even to the unthankful and the evil.

24. Explain why you think that sinners are able to show at least a worldly love to other sinners.

Everything we have comes from God and belongs to God. We are told to help those who have a need and not expect anything in return. When we help other Christian brothers who are in need, we are being good stewards of God's money and using it in the way that God would want it used. God promises that he will supply our needs if we put Him first and help others the way that He helps others. God also shows us that He does even more than Christ is asking us to do here. God chooses to be kind even to those who are unthankful and evil.

25. Read Luke 6:27-35 and write what kind of a reward Christ promises if we do the things mentioned in these verses.

26. Explain why Christ tells us to lend to those who are needy and expect nothing in return.

27. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to show kindness even to those who are unthankful and evil.

We are to follow the example of God in all that we do. We are to show mercy because of the fact that the Father shows mercy. We are to avoid judging others. We are to choose to forgive others. Christ also emphasizes the importance of giving. In these verses Christ tells us that we will be rewarded the same way that we give to others. Christ gives us a picture of the way that we will be rewarded when we give. He tells us that our reward will be like a bowl of flour, which has been filled, then shaken down and filled again so that it is full and running over. We cannot outgive God. The more we give to God, the more He will give to us.

28. Read Luke 6:36-49 and write what Christ said about a disciple in these verses.

29. Explain how our lives will be transformed if we choose to follow the example of God.

30. Explain what these verses teach you about giving to the Lord.

Christ emphasizes many places in the New Testament that one Christian is not greater than another Christian is. We are all equal in the sight of God. God gives each Christian different gifts and different abilities. However, these different gifts do not mean that one person is more important than another is. Every Christian is told to minister to other Christians and build up the other Christians according to Ephesians 4:12. We are all servants of the Lord and He is our Master. As servants we are all equal. We are to make it our goal to become more and more like Christ instead of trying to compete with one another.

31. Read Luke 6:36-49 and write how you can tell whether a fruit tree is good or not.

32. Explain why Christians should become more and more like Christ as they grow to spiritual maturity.

33. Explain why things you have chosen to do in your own life to help you become more like Christ.

Christ warns us of the danger of looking for sins in the lives of others. Instead we are to make sure that we examine our own lives first. In these verses Christ uses a fruit tree to show what we are like. A good tree has good fruit. A bad tree has bad fruit. A man will show what he is like on the inside by what He says and does. He may be able to trick people for quite a while. However, the day will come when he forgets that other people are around and he will say or do things that show he is evil on the inside. What we are in our hearts will reveal itself by our

attitudes and our actions.

34. Read Luke 6:36-49 and write what a good man brings out of the good treasure in his heart.
35. Explain why a person cannot completely hide what he or she is like on the inside.
36. Explain why it is important to you in your life to make sure that you are serving the Lord out of a good treasure in your heart.

Christ also tells us that many people call Him Lord but they do not obey Him. Here we see that their words and their actions do not agree. Christ wants people who obey Him as well as listen to Him. He gives a short story to show what we are like when we obey His Word. We are like a man who built a house. Before that man started to build the house, he dug a hole until he reached the rock. Then he built his house on the strong foundation of the rock. When we obey Christ we are doing what we do on the foundation of Christ and His Word.

37. Read Luke 6:36-49 and write what happened to the house on the rock when the storm and the flood came.
38. Explain why Christ gave this parable to show the difference between just hearing and hearing and obeying.
39. Explain the difference that it makes in your own life when you obey what Christ commands rather than just reading what He commands.

The storm could not shake the house because it was built on a rock foundation. Christ is our foundation. As long as we depend on Him for our strength, we will be able to stand firm when temptation comes. We are also sure of our salvation because Christ is our foundation. A man who does not obey Christ is like a man who built his house on the sand. It was easy to build that way because he did not need to dig to find a rock foundation. However, a man who does not obey Christ, will fail and fall.

40. Read Luke 6:36-49 and write what happened to the house that was not built on a rock foundation.
41. Explain how the lives of people are affected when they hear the Word of God but do not put what they hear into action.
42. Explain why you think that it is important to show others how to obey the Word of God as well as teach them the Word of God.

Now reread Luke 6:1-49 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 5**  
**Luke 7:1-50**

Today we will be studying about the power of Christ over sickness and death. One day Christ and His disciples were walking toward a city called Nain. There was a large group of people following them. As they came close to the city, they met another group of people. These people were on their way to bury a young man that had just died. The young man was the only son of a lady that was a widow. As we study this chapter today, we will see what happened when Christ met the funeral procession. We will also see what happened when a very sinful woman washed the feet of Christ.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why Christ said the Roman centurion had great faith.
- Tell what happened when Christ met a dead man.
- Explain what Christ said about John the Baptist.
- Explain what happened when a sinful woman washed the feet of Christ.

After Christ finished the sermon that we studied in our last lesson, He went to the town of Capernaum. One of the people that lived in that town was a Roman soldier. This Roman soldier was called a centurion because he was in charge of one hundred men. He had a servant that was very sick. This Roman soldier was different than most of the Roman soldiers. This Roman soldier was a very good man. He loved the Jews and had built a synagogue for them. All of the people of the town respected him and said good things about him. The Roman soldier was very concerned about his servant that was sick so he sent some men to ask Christ to heal the servant.

1. Read Luke 7:1-10 and write who the men were that the Roman soldier sent.
2. Explain why the people of Capernaum had a real respect for this man even though he was a Roman centurion.
3. Explain why you think that these verses show that a person can earn the respect of others in almost any situation.

The elders of the Jews were the leaders of the synagogue in the town. They were the men who taught the Word of God to the people in the synagogue. As the elders walked with Christ toward the house of the Roman soldier, the soldier sent some friends to tell Christ not to come to his house because he was not an important person. Christ did not treat people in different ways if they were important or not important. Christ was willing to go to the house of anyone whether the person was important or not. However, Christ decided not to go this time because He wanted to teach the people a lesson about faith.

4. Read Luke 7:1-10 and write what the soldier asked Christ to do so his servant would be healed.
5. Explain why Christ was willing to go to the house of the Roman soldier even though he was a Gentile.
6. Explain why you think that Christ respected the request of this Roman soldier and healed his servant without going to the house.

Here was a man that believed that Christ could do all things. He knew that Christ could perform a miracle just by speaking the word. Christ said that the Roman soldier showed more faith than any other man that Christ had met had showed. This man recognized that Christ did not need to see the servant in order to heal the servant. He realized that Christ is the One that has all power and authority over all things. The faith of the soldier was rewarded immediately. The servant was well before the messengers even got back to the house. There is an important

lesson for us to learn from these verses. We need to realize that nothing is too hard for Christ to do. He is able to do all things.

7. Read Luke 7:1-10 and write what Christ said about the faith of this soldier.
8. Explain what this Roman soldier shows about the fact that he recognized that Christ had authority over sickness.
9. Explain how the fact that Christ is able to do all things affects you in your life today.

The day after Christ healed the servant of the Roman soldier; He went to a city called Nain. Many of His disciples as well as a large crowd of people also traveled with Christ to this city. This points out the fact that Christ had other disciples in addition to the twelve. When they came close to the city they met another large group of people. However, the people in the group that they met were very sad. They were on their way to bury a young man that had died. This young man that had died was the only son of a widow. His death meant that there would be no one to take care of his mother when she grew old.

10. Read Luke 7:11-18 and write what Christ said to the mother when he met her.
11. Explain why it is important that Christ had other disciples in addition to the twelve.
12. Explain why you think that it would have been very difficult for a widow living in that time that had no son.

Christ always brings a message of hope to those who have no hope. Today many people have no hope because they do not know Christ. They are afraid of death. They are afraid of evil spirits. Their entire lives are controlled by fear. Christ won the victory over death when He died on the cross. He has the victory over the evil spirits. He offers hope to men and women that are filled with fear. This is another reason why it is so important for every Christian to witness and tell others about Christ. Christ walked over to the side of the coffin and stopped the funeral.

13. Read Luke 7:11-18 and write what Christ said to the young man in the coffin.
14. Explain why Christ is able to give hope to people that are presently without any hope in their lives.
15. Explain how you think the people reacted when Christ stopped the funeral procession and went over to the coffin.

Christ told the young man to arise. Immediately the young man sat up and began to speak. He was alive. Christ had given this young man new physical life. He was a changed person because he now had life again. Christ had interrupted a funeral procession. Instead of great sadness among those people, there was now great joy. Luke 15 tells us that there is also great joy in heaven when one sinner repents of his sin and turns to Christ. As Christians, we are also filled with joy when we see a sinner trust in Jesus Christ.

16. Read Luke 7:11-18 and write what the people said had been raised up among them.
17. Explain why this miracle caused many people to realize that God had visited His people.
18. Explain why you are filled with joy when another person becomes a Christian.

Herod had put John the Baptist in jail. The disciples of John the Baptist came and told John about the miracles that Christ was doing. John sent two of His disciples to find out more about Christ. The two asked Christ if He was the one that should come from God. Instead of answering the two men, Christ told them to stay around and watch for an hour. Then He healed the sick, cast out evil spirits, and made the blind see. After doing these things while the two disciples observed, Christ told the disciples of John to tell John the things that they had seen and heard.

19. Read Luke 7:19-35 and write down six things that they had seen and heard.
20. Explain why Christ demonstrated His power instead of trying to answer the question of the two disciples.
21. Explain why you think that John the Baptist would have his question answered when He

heard what Christ was saying and doing.

The two men started back to tell John what they had seen and heard. Then Jesus began talking to the crowds about John the Baptist. Jesus told the people that John was a great prophet. In fact he was even more than a great prophet. When John preached the tax collectors and other sinners believed the message of John and were baptized by him. The Pharisees, lawyers, and other religious leaders refused to believe the message of John. They rejected the Word of God that was spoken by John. They rejected John because they rejected the counsel of God against themselves.

22. Read Luke 7:19-35 and write what the religious leaders had said about John the Baptist.

23. Explain why Christ said that John the Baptist was the greatest of the prophets.

24. Explain why you think that Christ said that even the person that is the least in the kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist is.

One day a Pharisee invited Christ to come to his house for dinner. As they were eating, a very sinful woman came and began washing the feet of Christ with her tears. In that country men would lie on couches around the table as they ate. Their feet would be behind them. It was thus very easy for the woman to wash the feet of Christ while they were eating if Christ allowed her to do so. Here we see that Christ showed His acceptance of this sinful woman by allowing her to wash His feet. After the woman had washed the feet of Christ with her tears, she began to dry His feet.

25. Read Luke 7:36-50 and write what the woman used to wipe the feet of Christ.

26. Explain what Christ showed about His acceptance of those that have lived a very sinful life by allowing this woman to wash His feet.

27. Explain why you think that Christ is very willing to accept any person regardless of how sinful that person has been in the past.

This woman was a great sinner. However, she realized that Christ could save her. Women that have long hair are usually very proud of their hair. They take care of it very carefully. This woman was not concerned about her hair or how she would look later. The thing she wanted to do was show her love for Christ. She even kissed His feet and put precious ointment on them. Here we learn an important lesson for our own lives. Christ should be the most important person in our lives. We should put Him first in all things.

28. Read Luke 7:36-50 and write what the Pharisee thought to himself when the woman touched Christ.

29. Explain why this woman showed the greatness of her love for Christ by wiping his feet with her hair.

30. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the actions of this woman that day.

The Pharisee that had invited Christ to dinner was very shocked to see Christ allow such a sinful woman even touch Him. The Pharisees thought that they were very good. They would not even let a person that they thought was sinful come close to them. Here Christ was allowing a sinful woman to wash His feet. The Pharisee thought to himself that Christ could not be a prophet to allow a woman like that to touch Him. The Pharisee even used this as an excuse to think that Christ must not have come from God. Of course Christ knew what the Pharisee was thinking.

31. Read Luke 7:36-50 and write what Christ said to the Pharisee.

32. Explain how the attitude of this Pharisee shows why the Pharisees and other religious leaders were constantly condemning Christ.

33. Explain why you think that there are proud people today that have attitudes just like this Pharisee.

Christ used a story to show Simon that he was not thinking the right way. He told about a man that loaned some money to two other men. One man owed 500 days wages and the other man

owed 50 days wages. Since neither man had the money to pay what they owed, the man who loaned the money forgave them both and cancelled their debts. A debt of 500 days wages would mean that a person would probably be in debt the rest of his life. A debt of only fifty days wages could probably be paid in a few months or years if the person really worked to get rid of the debt.

34. Read Luke 7:36-50 and write the question that Christ asked Simon.

35. Explain why Christ chose to use this story to help the Pharisee learn to think instead of just react.

36. Explain why you think that Christ often used stories and parables to make His teaching clear.

Simon immediately answered that the man who owed the most money would love the person the most. It was easy for Simon to see and understand that a person that had a very great debt would love the person that had forgiven him that debt. Christ told Simon that He was right. Christ then said that the woman had many sins. However, she followed Christ and He forgave all of her sins. As a result she had a great love for Christ. Even though Simon has invited Christ to his house for dinner, he had not shown much love for Christ. Instead he was looking for a reason to condemn Christ and say that Christ was wrong.

37. Read Luke 7:36-50 and write what he had not done when Christ came to his house.

38. Explain what lessons about wrong attitudes we can learn from the life of Simon the Pharisee.

39. Explain why you think that the Pharisee had not treated Christ the way that most people treated their guest when Christ came for this dinner.

Simon had failed to show any love when Christ came to his house for dinner. A man always washed the feet of a visitor that came to visit. However, Simon had failed to wash the feet of Christ. He had also failed to give the normal kiss of greeting. He had not put any oil on the head of Christ. In contrast, the woman had shown great love by washing the feet of Christ with her tears, drying them with her hair, kissing them and putting expensive ointment or perfume on them. Christ then told the woman that her sins were forgiven. This immediately caused the Pharisee and his friends to think evil about Christ because He had forgiven the woman.

40. Read Luke 7:36-50 and write what Christ said about the faith of the woman.

41. Explain why the Pharisee and his friends had evil thoughts in their hearts when Christ forgave the woman of her sins.

42. Explain why you think that Christ chose to show great love to this woman by forgiving her sins and telling her to go in peace.

Now reread Luke 7:1-50 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 6**  
**Luke 8:1-56**

Today we will be studying two of the parables of Christ. The chapter begins with those parables. We will also see the power of Christ over four things. We will see the power of Christ as He stops a terrible storm. We will see the power of Christ as He commands the evil spirits to come out of a man. We will see the power of Christ as He heals a woman that had been sick for twelve years. Finally, we will see the power of Christ as He raises a dead girl and gives her new life. Over and over again the Gospels have been emphasizing the power of Christ. We see that He has all power because He is God. That is why we know that as Christians nothing can stand against us because we have the power of Christ in our lives.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what the two parables show about the importance of sharing the Word.
- Tell what happened when people saw the miracles of Christ.
- Explain what lessons we learn by seeing the power of Christ.

As we begin the study of this chapter, we read who fed Christ and the disciples as they traveled from place to place. We read that there were many women that helped Christ. We learn an important lesson from these women. These women gave their food and their money to help Christ. They did not try to keep their things for themselves. Instead they wanted to share what they had with Christ. This is one of the changes that should happen when we become Christians. We should want to give our money, time and other things to Christ because He gave His life for us.

1. Read Luke 8:1-18 and write the name of the woman out of whom Christ had cast seven demons.
2. Explain how these women ministered to Christ and the disciples to help them in their ministry.
3. Explain how the Lord has used you at various times to help other people in their ministries for the Lord.

Christ had many people come to Him and so He began to talk in parables. Parables are short stories that helped the disciples to understand what Christ is teaching. Here Christ spoke two parables to show the importance of telling others about Christ. The first parable tells about the four kinds of ground. The first three kinds of ground are like different people that do not become Christians. The ground by the wayside pictures those who hear the Word of God and quickly forget it. The stony ground pictures those who hear and the Word never takes root. The thorny ground pictures those who hear but their problems cause them to neglect the Word. Today we want to learn more about those who do become Christians.

4. Read Luke 8:1-18 and write the two things that those who are like good ground do with the Word of God.
5. Explain why the first three kinds of ground are like people that hear the Word of God but never make the decision to follow Christ.
6. Explain why you think that the Word of God never produces fruit in the lives of many that hear it.

Here we see that those who become Christians are those who hear the Word of God and obey it. The result of doing these two things produces fruit in their lives. The first three groups also heard the Word of God but they did not obey the Word. We see that obedience is the thing that will produce fruit in the lives of those that hear the Word of God. Psalm 126:6 tells us, "He that

goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.” Christ promises us that if we are faithful in talking to others about Christ, we can be sure that Christ will use the Word of God that we share to produce fruit for Himself.

7. Read Luke 8:1-18 and write what Christ says to do with a candle (lamp) in the second parable.

8. Explain why obedience to the Word of God in the lives of those who hear it is the key to fruitfulness.

9. Explain why you know that the Lord will produce fruit through you life if you are faithful in sharing the Word of God.

In this second parable Christ talks about the importance of putting a light where it can be seen. It does not help to have a light if you put that light under a box so that the light cannot be seen. It also does not help other people to see. Christ came into our lives and gave us light when we became Christians. Now He calls us to be lights to the world around us. We let the light of Christ shine through our lives by telling others about Christ so that others can become Christians also. In this way others will see the light of Christ shining through our lives.

10. Read Luke 8:1-18 and write what Christ says is secret.

11. Explain what these two parables teach about the importance of telling others about Christ.

12. Explain why you feel that it is important for you to share the Word of God with other people that you know.

Christ also gives a warning to each of us that are Christians. He tells us that if we fail to tell others what we have learned; we will lose what we have already received. Today there are Christians who once were full of joy because they were busy telling others about Christ. They were growing in their Christian lives because they were studying the Word of God and teaching others what they had learned. Gradually, however, they stopped telling others about Christ. Pretty soon they were not getting much out of their Bible study. Now they grumble and complain and seem to know very little about the Word of God. They have lost what they once knew of the Word of God because they failed to tell others.

13. Read Luke 8:1-18 and write what will happen to the man who is faithful in giving others what he has received.

14. Explain why Christians will grow as they share the Word of God with others and help others to understand it.

15. Explain why you think that some Christians have never experienced the joy that comes from sharing the Word of God with others.

While Christ was speaking to the crowd, His mother and brothers came to visit Him. However, they could not get close because of the crowd of people. Finally someone in the crowd told Christ that His family wanted to see Him. Christ gives us a wonderful lesson here. He tells us that we are also included in His family if we are Christians. Christ said that all those that hear the Word of God and obey it are a part of His family. Even if we have no family here on this earth, we are not alone because we are part of the family of Christ.

16. Read Luke 8:19-25 and write who are included in the family of Christ.

17. Explain why it is important for Christians to understand that they have become a part of the family of Christ.

18. Explain why you are thankful that Christ chose to include you in His family.

Wherever Christ went there were large crowds of people. Christ became very tired as He spent time teaching these crowds. One day Christ and the disciples were going across the Sea of Galilee in a boat. As they were crossing the sea, Christ found a place in the boat to rest and went to sleep. Meanwhile the wind began to blow very hard. Suddenly there was a storm and the boat quickly filled with water. The disciples awoke Christ and told Him they were about

ready to drown. Christ immediately stood up and spoke to the wind. The storm stopped at once and the waves became calm.

19. Read Luke 8:19-25 and write the question that Christ asked the disciples.

20. Explain why the disciples became so frightened in the storm when they knew that Christ was with them in the boat.

21. Explain why you think that Christ allowed this storm to happen when He and the disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee.

How many times have you become upset or worried when things did not go exactly as you had planned? If this has happened to you, then you are having the same problem that the disciples had that day. You are looking at the things that are happening around you instead of depending on Christ. The things that are happening around us will always be bad because the devil is doing his best to keep every Christian discouraged. However, we do not need to look at the bad things happening around us. Instead we can rejoice and be very happy because we know that Christ has complete control over every one of the things happening around us.

22. Read Luke 8:19-25 and write the question that Christ asked the disciples.

23. Explain the meaning of faith in your own words.

24. Explain what has happened to you in your own life when you have looked at your problems instead of looking to Christ to solve your problems.

Just as Christ has complete control over the storm, He also has complete control over demons. When Christ and the disciples came to the other side, a man met them that was controlled by many demons. These evil spirits had controlled him for a long time. Here we see an important lesson about evil spirits. An evil spirit that has taken control of a man or woman does not want to leave that person. The evil spirit is using the body of that person to satisfy his evil desires. As a result, Christ is the only one who has the power and authority to cast the evil spirits out of that person. Only Christ has complete power over every evil spirit.

25. Read Luke 8:26-40 and write what the demons asked Christ not to do.

26. Explain how the problems that this man was experiencing show that the goal of Satan and his demons is always to steal, to kill and to destroy.

27. Explain why you think that chains would not even hold and control this man.

The demons did not want to be sent to hell before the time of the final judgment. They knew that judgment is coming and did not want to be sent to hell early. This gives us a picture of the terribleness of hell. Even the demons know hell is so bad that they do not want to go there any earlier than they have to go there. They want to stay on the earth as long as possible. This is also the reason why people that are not Christians are afraid to die. They are afraid of what will happen to them after they die because all people know that they have sinned.

28. Read Luke 8:26-40 and write where the demons would drive the man.

29. Explain what these verses teach about the way that demons work when they cause a person to become demon possessed.

30. Explain why you are thankful that Christ is the One that has all power over all of the demons.

Here again we see that demons do have great power. These demons would cause the man to break the chains that held him and then they would drive him and force him to go out into the desert areas. There was nothing that the man could do to stop the power of the demons in his life. This is the way it is with sin. A person who is not a Christian cannot break the power of sin over his life. For example, a man may say every Monday morning that he is never going to drink again. However, by the time he gets some more money he has forgotten the promise that he made to himself. Only the power of Christ can give a man victory over sin.

31. Read Luke 8:26-40 and write where the demons went when Christ told them to leave the man.

32. Explain why we should emphasize the power of Christ over evil spirits or over sin when we are talking to people that are not Christians.
33. Explain what lessons you learn from the way that the man was changed when Christ cast the demons out of the man.

After Christ cast the demons out of the man, the people of the area asked Christ to leave their country. They were more concerned about their possessions than they were about the message of Christ. However, Christ showed real love for the people even as He left. He told the man that had the demons cast out of him to go and tell the people what Christ had done for him. This way the people were given another opportunity to hear about Christ. When Christ got back to the other side, the people were glad to hear Him. As Christ talked to the people, a man came and said that his daughter was very sick. He asked Christ to come and heal her.

34. Read Luke 8:41-56 and write the name of the man whose daughter was sick.
35. Explain why the man was told to go and tell his family what Christ had done for him.
36. Explain why you think that the changed life of this man had an effect on the people of that city even though the people asked Christ to leave.

On the way to the house of Jairus, a woman who had been sick for twelve years touched Christ and was healed. Here we see the power of Christ over sickness. For twelve years the woman had been going to different doctors. She had spent all of her money but none of the doctors had been able to help her. However, as soon as she touched Christ, His power healed her immediately. Christ told her that her faith had made her well. Now she was able to go with peace in her heart. She was physically well and she also had put her faith and trust in Christ. As Christ was talking to the woman, a man came from the house of Jairus with a message about his daughter.

37. Read Luke 8:41-56 and write what the man said about the daughter of Jairus.
38. Explain how the faith of this woman changed her both physically and spiritually.
39. Explain why you think that Christ told this woman that she could now have peace in her life.

In this chapter we have seen the power of Christ over a storm, the power of Christ over demons, and the power of Christ over sickness. Now we see the power of Christ over death. The man said the daughter was dead. They were coming too late. Christ told Jairus not to be afraid but to believe because the daughter would soon be well. Most of the people refused to believe that Christ could heal the dead girl. Today most people fail to believe that Christ can take away sin. However, those who believe will see the power of Christ. Christ went to the girl, took her by the hand and spoke to her. Immediately, her life came back into her again and she got up.

40. Read Luke 8:41-56 and write how the parents felt when they saw the daughter alive again.
41. Explain why Christ told the father that the thing he needed to do was believe because his daughter would be made well.
42. Explain why you think that the verses say that the spirit came into the girl again and she then arose.

Now reread Luke 8:1-56 and write down the three most important lessons that you have learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 7**  
**Luke 9:1-62**

Today we are going to see that Christ was teaching the disciples many lessons. They would learn some of these lessons through on-the-job training. As we look at the miracles in this lesson, we want to notice how Christ used miracles to teach the disciples certain lessons. We also want to notice how Christ asked the disciples questions to test their learning and cause them to think. Christ also used things that happened as they traveled to teach them lessons about love. Here we see an important lesson for us today. As mature Christians we need to take every opportunity to teach new Christians so that they will grow strong in the Lord and be able to serve Him better.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how Christ was training His disciples when He sent them out to witness.
- Explain what Christ taught three disciples about heaven.
- Tell how Christ used miracles to teach His disciples.
- Explain how Christ taught the disciples to love those who hated Him.

In Matthew and Mark we see that Christ taught the disciples several lessons about faith by sending them out to witness and telling them not to take any food, clothes or money. Today we would like to emphasize another part of the teaching of Christ. When the disciples returned, Christ asked them to tell what they had done as they went. In teaching we need to ask the pupils to give a report of what they have studied when we have asked them to study a certain lesson or chapter. In this way they teach others what they have just learned. This helps them to remember what they have studied.

1. Read Luke 9:1-17 and write where Christ and the disciples went after they gave their report.
2. Explain why it was important for the disciples to learn that Christ would supply their needs when He sent them out to witness.
3. Explain why you think that Christ had the disciples tell Him all that they had done when they returned from their witnessing trip.

Many people saw Christ and the disciples leave for the desert and followed them. Instead of finding a quiet place to relax and rest with His disciples, Christ and the disciples found a large group of people. Christ saw that these people wanted to learn and so He began to teach them many things. Christ spent the day teaching and healing instead of resting. This was not what the disciples had expected to happen that day. Late in the afternoon the disciples came to Christ and told Him to send the people away. Instead of sending the people away, Christ told the disciples to do something.

4. Read Luke 9:1-17 and write what Christ told the disciples to do.
5. Explain why the disciples saw a problem when Christ told the disciples that they should feed the people.
6. Explain what you learn from the way that Christ used things that looked like big problems to the disciples to get them to think.

Here we see another way that Christ was teaching His disciples. Although the food did not look like very much at first, Christ told the disciples to begin giving it to the people. The disciples saw the food multiplying as they gave it to the people. Today Christ tells us to give His Word to the people that are lost and dying in their sin. As we learn the Word of God, we should want to share what we have learned with others. We may think that we do not know very much of the Word of God. However, we will quickly learn and understand more of the Word of God if we are teaching the things that we do know to others.

7. Read Luke 9:1-17 and write how many baskets of food were left when all of the people were full.
8. Explain what lessons Christ was teaching the disciples as He questioned them and then had them participate in passing out the food.
9. Explain how the statement of Christ to the disciples, "Give them something to eat," applies to you today.

Christ asked the disciples who people were saying that He was. People had many different ideas. Then Christ asked the disciples who they thought He was. They answered that He was the Christ of God. We see in Matthew that Christ was testing the disciples to see if they had learned what He was teaching. Since their answer showed that they understood, Christ began to teach them more difficult lessons. He began to teach the disciples that soon He would die and be raised to life again on the third day. He also began to teach the disciples more about what it meant to follow Him.

10. Read Luke 9:18-36 and write what will happen to the man who tries to save his own life.
11. Explain why it was important for the disciples to understand that Christ was God before He could begin to teach them about His coming death and resurrection.
12. Explain why it is important to you to ask questions when you are teaching others so that you can see what they understand and what they still need to learn.

As we read these verses we see what it means to follow Christ. First we must deny ourselves. This means that we must stop thinking that we are important. We must realize that Christ is the one that is important. Second, we are told to take up the cross of Christ each day. This means we must be willing to do what Christ tells us to do even if it means suffering for Him. Finally, we are told to keep following Christ. Here we see that following Christ includes learning to follow Him and follow His plans rather than trying to control our own lives and plans.

13. Read Luke 9:18-36 and write what Christ says will happen if we are ashamed of Him and His Words.
14. Explain why it is important for Christians to make Christ the most important person in their lives.
15. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to want to follow Christ.

Christ had finished teaching His disciples what it meant to follow him. Then He took the opportunity to teach them what the glory of heaven would be like. He told them that some of them would not die until they saw the kingdom of God. We see that Christ was talking about the time He would be changed (transfigured) in front of three of His disciples. Just eight days later Christ took Peter, James and John with Him up to a high mountain. He had taken these three with Him many times before when He went to pray. This time something happened as He was praying. We read that his appearance was changed and His clothing was changed.

16. Read Luke 9:18-36 and write who talked with Christ and helped the three disciples to understand what it will be like in heaven.
17. Explain why Christ chose to show these three disciples what the kingdom of God would be like.
18. Explain why you think that it was important for these three disciples to understand what the kingdom of God would be like.

As Christ was changed in front of the three disciples, they saw His glory as He will be in heaven. We also read that Moses and Elijah stood and talked with Christ when He was changed in front of His disciples. Elijah had gone to heaven without dying. Moses died and is now in heaven with Christ. If Christ comes to take the Christians to heaven before we die, we will go to heaven without dying just as Elijah did. If we die before Christ comes back to take the Christians to heaven, then Christ will raise us from among the dead and take us to heaven just as Moses was taken to heaven. Either way, every Christian will be taken to heaven.

19. Read Luke 9:18-36 and write what a voice said from heaven when Christ was changed before the disciples.
20. Explain why you think that Christ talked with Moses and Elijah about what was going to happen to Him at Jerusalem.
21. Explain why you think Christ was changed (transfigured) in front of His disciples.

Christ used another miracle to teach His disciples two more lessons. When Christ and the three disciples came down from the mountain a man met them whose son was controlled by a demon. This was the only son of the man. The man told Christ how the demon would try and destroy and kill his son. He told Christ that the disciples had not been able to cast the demon out. We see that the man was very concerned about his son especially since the disciples had not been able to help him. Mark tells us that this kind of demon could only be cast out by much prayer and fasting.

22. Read Luke 9:37-48 and write what the demon did to the boy as his father brought him to Christ.
23. Explain why these verses show us again that the goal of Satan and his demons is always to destroy.
24. Explain why you think that the disciples had not been able to cast the demon out of the boy.

Christ healed the boy and then used the miracle to tell His disciples that He was going to die. He told them to let these sayings sink down into their ears. He was trying to help them realize how important it was for them to understand that He was going to die and be raised again from the dead. However, the disciples did not understand what Christ meant and they were afraid to ask him. The meaning of what Christ was saying was hidden from them and they did not understand until after the resurrection. Instead they were talking to each other about something else.

25. Read Luke 9:37-48 and write what they were talking about to each other.
26. Explain why the disciples could not understand about the death and resurrection of Christ at this time.
27. Explain why you think that Christ kept telling His disciples about His coming death and resurrection even though they did not understand.

The disciples needed to learn that it does not matter who is important. To teach the disciples, Christ picked up a little child and held him for all the disciples to see. Then Christ told them that they needed to consider themselves as not being important, and then they would be important in the sight of God. Christ also told the disciples how important it was for them to be concerned about the little children. Today many parents do not realize the great privilege and responsibility that God has given them by giving them children. They do not realize that they need to spend time every day teaching their children to love and serve Christ.

28. Read Luke 9:37-48 and write what Christ said about the person that is willing to be least of all.
29. Explain why it is important for parents to teach and show their children how to love and serve Christ.
30. Explain why you think that it is a great privilege for parents to have the opportunity to teach their children to love and serve Christ.

The night before Christ was crucified; He told the disciples that He was giving them a new commandment. That new commandment was to love one another. Christ also taught the disciples some lessons about love in this chapter. A man was casting out demons in the name of Christ. John told him to stop because the man was not a part of the group of disciples. Christ took the opportunity to teach the disciples the importance of loving other Christians even if they do things in a different way than we do.

31. Read Luke 9:49-62 and write what Christ told John.
32. Explain why it is important for us to love all followers of Christ whether they are a part of

our church or not.

33. Explain why you think that John tried to stop the man from casting out demons in the name of Christ.

Today there are Christians that are preaching that Jesus Christ died on the cross to give us eternal life. However, they may worship God in a way that is different from the way we worship. Perhaps they are quieter than we are or perhaps they make more noise than we do. They may like a different style of music than we like. They may have longer or shorter services than we have. The thing to remember in any worship service is that God is the audience and we are the participants. We are not to condemn them as long as they are teaching that the only way to have eternal life is through Christ. We need to love our Christian brothers even if they worship a different way than we worship.

34. Read Luke 9:49-62 and write what city Christ and the disciples planned to visit in these verses.

35. Explain why we are to accept other Christians even if they do things differently.

36. Explain why you think that we should be thankful that different Christians do things in different ways.

Christ and the disciples went through Samaria on the way to Jerusalem. The Jews and Samaritans hated each other. When the Samaritans saw that Christ was going toward Jerusalem, the Samaritans refused to let Christ and the disciples stay in their village. This made James and John angry. They were not used to having anyone tell them no. They asked Christ if they should ask God to send fire from heaven to destroy the village. Christ used this opportunity to teach the disciples the importance of loving those that hate us. Christ told the disciples that He came to save people and not to destroy them. They were to show love and not hate.

37. Read Luke 9:49-62 and write where Christ and the disciples then went.

38. Explain what Christ teaches us about the importance of loving those who hate us.

39. Explain why you think James and John got so angry with the Samaritans.

In the final part of this chapter Christ said, "Follow Me," to three different men. As far as we know, none of the three ever followed Christ. One said he would follow Christ but he changed his mind. The reason he changed his mind was due to the fact that Christ did not offer him things if he followed Christ. Today there are people that only go to services at a church or mission because the Christians give them things. Christ wants us to serve Him because we love Him and not because we hope to get certain things. The second man said he would follow Christ after his father died. The third man wanted to visit his family first. We never read that any of the three men ever followed Christ.

40. Read Luke 9:49-62 and write who Christ said could bury the dead.

41. Explain why a lot of people say that they will follow Christ when they get old or at some later time.

42. Explain what you think is the main reason that people make the choice not to follow Christ.

Now reread Luke 9:1-62 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 8**  
**Luke 10:1-42**

Today most of our lesson will be spent studying things that are not mentioned in any of the other Gospels. We have studied how Christ sent the twelve disciples out to tell others about Christ. Today we will study about Christ sending seventy followers out to preach. We read that Christ gave them the same instructions that He gave to the twelve disciples. In our last lesson we learned that the Jews and Samaritans hated each other. Today we will read a story about a Samaritan who showed love instead of hate. Christ tells us that this is what we should do as Christians.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why Christ sent the seventy out to preach.
- Tell what Christ says about those who refuse to obey God.
- Explain the meaning of the parable of the Good Samaritan.
- Explain why Mary chose what is important.

In our last lesson we learned that Christ sent the twelve disciples out to teach and preach. Today we read that Christ sent seventy followers out to teach and preach. Christ sent the seventy out in teams of two. This way they would be able to encourage one another when they faced difficult situations. They would also be able to share with one another the things that they had learned from Christ so that they would be teaching each other as well as the people that they visited. Christ was training those who followed Him so that they would be ready to take the Gospel to the world when He returned to heaven. As Christ sent the seventy out to teach and preach, He told them that the world is like a great field that has a very large harvest.

1. Read Luke 10:1-12 and write what Christ says is few in number in His harvest field.
2. Explain why Christ was training this larger group of seventy to share the Gospel as well as training the twelve.
3. Explain why you think that Christ told the seventy that the world is like a great field that has a very large harvest.

Today Christ is still telling us about the great need of the world. Millions of people throughout the world have never heard of Jesus Christ. There is a great need for men and women to take the Gospel to those who have never heard. Each Christian should be taking the Gospel to others who are lost. Many Christians feel that witnessing is the job of the preacher or the missionary. However, they fail to realize that witnessing is also their privilege because Christ has set them free from their sin so that they can have the opportunity to serve Him. Galatians 5:13 says, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." One way we serve is to share the Gospel with others.

4. Read Luke 10:1-12 and write what the seventy were to say to the people at each house as they entered the house.
5. Explain why Christ is concerned because of the fact that there are very few laborers in His harvest field.
6. Explain what you learn about the privilege that you have been given to tell others about Christ from these verses.

In addition to taking the Gospel to others, we are also told to pray that the Lord will send forth more laborers into His harvest. We should pray that Christ would also cause other Christians to become concerned about those who are not Christians. We should pray for areas where no one is telling the people about Christ. As we pray for places where no one is preaching the Gospel,

we should be willing to go ourselves to those areas if Christ should lead us to take the Gospel to those people. Christ told the seventy to pray as they went that the Lord of the harvest would also send others.

7. Read Luke 10:1-12 and write how Christ said He was sending the seventy.

8. Explain why the first thing that we are to do to multiply the number of workers in the harvest field of the Lord is pray.

9. Explain why you think that prayer is so important in the recruitment and development of workers.

As Christ sends us to take the Gospel to those that are not Christians, we are like lambs among wolves. There will be those who will do everything they can to stop us from preaching the Gospel. However, even though we are like lambs among wolves, we do not need to worry. We do not need to face the wolves of the devil alone. The Great Shepherd, Christ, goes with us and gives us victory. An interesting point to remember is the fact that if the lamb tries to face the wolf alone the wolf will have lunch and the lamb will be lunch. However, if the lamb is following the Great Shepherd, there will be one dead wolf because the Great Shepherd will protect the lamb.

10. Read Luke 10:13-24 and write what the seventy said as they returned with joy to Christ.

11. Explain why it is important for Christians to totally depend on the Great Shepherd for protection and strength instead of trying to serve Him in their own strength.

12. Explain why you think that the first thing the seventy were to say when they entered a house was, "Peace be to this house".

While the seventy were gone, Christ spoke about three cities that would be judged because they refused to believe in Him. Christ had performed many miracles in those three cities. The people in those cities had heard Christ teach many times. However, they still refused to believe. Christ said that the miracles He had performed in them would have caused Tyre and Sidon to repent and turn from their sins. He said that these three cities would receive a greater judgment than Tyre and Sidon at the final judgment. Here we see that people will be held accountable for what they have heard and rejected because of their unbelief.

13. Read Luke 10:13-24 and write the three cities that Christ said would be judged.

14. Explain why those who have heard more and rejected will receive a greater judgment than those that have never heard.

15. Explain why you think that Christ warned these three particular cities of judgment.

When the seventy gave their report, Christ said that He had seen Satan falling from heaven like lightning. By saying this, Christ was showing how completely the power of Satan has been broken. As Christians, we can always have victory over Satan through Christ. Then Christ goes on to tell the seventy that they should be full of joy because their names are written in heaven instead of rejoicing because they had power over evil spirits. As Christians we can be thankful because we have power over evil spirits through the power of Christ. However, we should be full of joy because we have eternal life and our names are written in heaven.

16. Read Luke 10:13-24 and write what Christ did that very hour after He heard the report of the seventy.

17. Explain why eternal life is even more important than power over evil spirits.

18. Explain why you think that Christ told the disciples that they were blessed because of the things that they had been allowed to see.

One day a lawyer came to Christ and wanted to know what he could do to inherit eternal life. Christ asked the lawyer what the law taught that a man should do. The lawyer replied that a man should love the Lord with all his heart, soul, strength and mind, and then love his neighbor as himself. Christ told the lawyer that he had given the right answer. Then Christ told him to do what he had said and that he would have eternal life. However, the lawyer tried to justify

himself and what he was doing by asking Christ a question. Here we see a picture of many people. They know what the Bible teaches but they are trying to gain eternal life by their own methods. Christ tells us in John that He is the only One that can give eternal life.

19. Read Luke 10:25-36 and write the question that the lawyer asked Christ.

20. Explain why the lawyer was trying to justify himself by his question.

21. Explain why you think that it is important for each of us to love the Lord with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind and love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

In order to answer the question of the lawyer, Christ told a story. He said a man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was a steep road going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. Jerusalem was built on a range of hills that were about 3000 feet above sea level. Jericho was down near the Dead Sea almost 1300 feet below sea level. The road was crooked and narrow and there were many places where robbers could hide. As the man went down the road, a group of robbers caught him and took everything he had, beat him and left him bleeding and almost dead.

22. Read Luke 10:25-37 and write the two people who saw him and went by on the other side of the road.

23. Explain why Christ told the lawyer this story instead of answering his question.

24. Explain why you think that Christ often chose to answer the questions of people with other questions or with a story.

The priests and the Levites were some of the religious leaders of the Jews. The priests were the people that offered the sacrifices in the temple. The Levites were the people that served with the priests to help them with the other things that needed to be done. Here we see that religion by itself will not cause a person to be concerned about others. These men did not want to touch a man that was bleeding and dying. A Samaritan man came down the road next. In our last lesson we learned that the Jews and the Samaritans hated each other. A normal Samaritan probably would have said the man received what he deserved. However, this Samaritan was different.

25. Read Luke 10:25-37 and write how he felt toward the injured man.

26. Explain why people can be religious and yet not have a concern for the needs of other people.

27. Explain why you think that Christ chose to use a story about a Samaritan to answer the question of this lawyer.

The Samaritan went to the man and wrapped the wounds to stop the bleeding. He also poured oil and wine on the cuts to help the wounds heal. Then he took the man to a small inn and took care of him all night. When he got ready to leave the next morning, he gave the owner two days wages and told the owner to take care of the man until he was well and his wounds were healed. The Samaritan also promised to pay more money the next time he returned if the money he was giving was not enough. Here we learn an important lesson. We should be happy to use what the Lord has given us for the work of the Lord and to help others.

28. Read Luke 10:25-37 and write the question that Christ asked the lawyer.

29. Explain what these verses teach about the meaning of loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

30. Explain what lessons you have learned for your own life from the life of the Samaritan man.

When Christ had finished the story, He turned to the lawyer and asked him which of the three was the real neighbor to the wounded man. Of course the lawyer had to admit that the Samaritan was the real neighbor of the three men. The story is very important but the next thing that Christ told the lawyer is the most important thing of all. Christ told the lawyer that it is important to obey and not just to talk about the one that is the neighbor. True Christian love is shown primarily by actions and not just by words. We are to follow the example of the

Samaritan in this story. Today Christ tells us the same thing that He told the lawyer.

31. Read Luke 10:25-37 and then write what Christ told the lawyer to do.

32. Explain why it is important for Christians to be concerned about the needs of the people around them.

33. Explain why you think that true love for others means that our actions will agree with our words.

One of the places where Christ stayed as He traveled was at the home Mary, Martha and Lazarus. This is the Lazarus that Christ would later raise from the dead. One day as Christ visited the home, we read that Mary sat down and listened to Christ instead of helping her sister get dinner ready. Martha finally got so upset because she did not get any help from Mary that she came and spoke to Christ. Here we see that the two sisters had made two very different choices. Mary chose to learn from Christ. Martha chose to prepare a very special meal for Christ.

34. Read Luke 10:38-42 and write what Martha said to Christ.

35. Explain why we need to realize that we are making choices in our lives that show our priorities.

36. Explain why you think that Mary chose to listen to Christ as He shared and taught the Word.

Martha was so busy serving (rushing around the house) the Lord that she did not have time to spend with the Lord. In fact, she complained because her sister was listening instead of helping. Today there are many Christians who are very busy trying to do the work of the church. They are trying to work for the church (they say Lord) when they have not spent time with the Lord in personal Bible study and prayer. As a result, they are easily upset with others. This means that they will not be effective in their efforts to serve Christ.

37. Read Luke 10:38-42 and write what Christ said to Martha.

38. Explain why Christians must spend time with the Lord if they want to be effective in working for the Lord.

39. Explain why you think that Christ said to Martha that she was worried and troubled about many things.

Martha was worried because she was more concerned about the dinner than she was about listening to Christ. When Christ is not the center of our life, the result will usually be worry. This leads to a life of unhappiness because we are spending our time worrying instead of depending on Christ moment by moment. Here we see that the cure for worry is to put Christ in the center of our lives. That is what Mary had done. She chose to learn from Christ so that her life would be changed and transformed by Christ. Those changes would change her life permanently.

40. Read Luke 10:38-42 and write what Mary had chosen.

41. Explain why it is easy for Christians to spend much time worrying if they are not spending time fellowshiping with Christ.

42. Explain why you think that Christ said that Mary had chosen the good part and that would not be taken away from her.

Now reread Luke 10:1-42 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 9**  
**Luke 11:1-54**

Our study today will be a study of the importance of prayer. We will also learn about the way that God answers prayer. This chapter also shows us that a person cannot change his or her life by their own efforts. Such people will often create more problems for themselves. Then we will see that the scribes, Pharisees and lawyers again spoke against Christ and tried to find something wrong with Him. As a result, Christ warns these men about the judgment that will come to them if they refuse to turn from their sin. Instead of turning from their sins and asking Christ to forgive them, the scribes, Pharisees and lawyers began to plan how to kill Christ.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what Christ promises about answering our prayers.
- Explain why the Pharisees were controlled by the devil.
- Explain what happens when a man tries to make himself better.
- Explain what Christ says about judgment to the religious leaders.

One day the disciples came to Christ and asked Him to teach them how to pray. The disciples had been following Christ for many months. However, they still did not feel that they knew how to pray. Today we have many new or weak Christians that do not know how to pray. They need to have another Christian explain this prayer to them so that they know what should be included in their prayers. We see that the disciples asked Christ how to pray one day as He was praying. Here we see that the importance of prayer is taught by example. Christ had shown the disciples by His example the importance of them learning how to pray.

1. Read Luke 11:1-13 and write who the disciples said had taught his disciples to pray.
2. Explain why it is important to spend time praying with new Christians so that they can begin to learn to pray from our example.
3. Explain why you think that the disciples asked Christ to teach them how to pray after they had seen Him praying.

This prayer begins by saying, Our Father. The word used for father here is the word a little child used when talking to his father. As Christians we know that God is very close to us and we can talk to Him as a child talks to a loving father. Holy is your name, teaches us that God is holy and we should recognize that He is holy. Your kingdom come, is a prayer that God will complete His plan and purpose on the earth and be the ruler of all things. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is our prayer that the work of the Lord will be done here on the earth. This means that we want to be obedient in doing the work of God that He has given us to do. As you can see, the first half of this prayer is a prayer for the work of the Lord. We will see that the last half of the prayer is a prayer for our own needs. Three things are mentioned in the last part of this prayer.

4. Read Luke 11:1-13 and write three things we should pray and ask God for our own lives.
5. Explain why it is important to pray for the work of the Lord in the world.
8. Explain why it is important to you in your life to pray daily for the work of the Lord in this world.

As we pray for the work of God and for our own needs, we know that God will answer our prayers. We are told to pray for our daily needs. We are told to pray for forgiveness of sins. We are told to pray for victory over temptation. We are given several pictures in these verses to show that God does answer our prayers. First, Christ tells about a man who gets company and needs to borrow some food in the middle of the night. Even if you would not give him bread although he is a friend, you would give him bread to get him to stop knocking on the door so

that you could go back to sleep. Christ then tells us to do three things as we pray.

7. Read Luke 11:1-13 and write the three things Christ tells us to do and write after each one what Christ promises He will do.

8. Explain why the three things that Christ tells us to pray for ourselves are each very important.

9. Explain what lessons you learn for your own prayer life from the story of the friend that kept knocking on the door.

Here we see three promises that God will answer our prayers. Christ promises that we will receive when we ask. Christ says that we will find when we really focus on prayer. Christ says that when we keep praying that He will answer. Christ then shows how even a sinful father will give his children good things and not evil things. A father would not give his son a snake or a stone if the son were hungry. If sinful men will help their children, certainly God who has no sin will help us as His children. That is why we know that God will answer our prayers. God is a loving Father that is much more concerned about us than our earthly fathers.

10. Read Luke 11:1-13 and write what Christ says the Father will give.

11. Explain how you know that God answers the prayers of those that have placed their trust in Him.

12. Explain the purpose why the Father has given you the Holy Spirit in your life.

In the rest of this chapter we will see how Christ is warning the Pharisees and other religious leaders about coming judgment. Christ cast a demon out of a person who was unable to speak. The people were very surprised. However, the religious leaders immediately said that Christ was casting out demons by the power of the devil. Christ showed the Pharisees that He would be fighting against Himself if he were casting out demons by the power of the devil. A man can only defeat someone else if he is stronger than the other man. The reason Christ could cast out demons was due to the fact that he was stronger than the Devil.

13. Read Luke 11:14-28 and write where a demon walks when he goes out of a man.

14. Explain why Christ said that Satan would not cast a demon out of a person.

15. Explain what you learn for your own life about the strength of Christ from the fact that He was able to cast out demons.

The Pharisees refused to believe God and accused Christ of performing miracles by the power of the devil. Christ gives them a real warning about what will happen in their lives if they continue to think that they are able to have victory over evil spirits by their own power. If a man has an evil spirit and it goes out of his life, his life is empty unless Christ comes into his life. As long as that life is empty the evil spirit may return at anytime and take control of that life again. Here we see that the evil spirit went out and brought back seven other evil spirits worse than he was. Here we see that it is impossible for people to try and change their lives by their own efforts.

16. Read Luke 11:14-28 and write what the last condition was of the man.

17. Explain why many people think that they can change their lives through their own efforts.

18. Explain why you realize that Christ is the only One that has the power to change and transform your life.

We also learn another important lesson. Demon possession is becoming more common in the world today because many people continue to turn away from God and turn to the worship of evil spirits. When we as Christians meet a person that is demon possessed, we are told to pray that Christ will cast out that demon. We are to spend much time in prayer and fasting according to Mark 9. Then we need to encourage that person to become a Christian immediately. If that person waits to become a Christian, his life is empty and it is likely that he will be possessed by a demon again and will be in worse condition than he was before.

19. Read Luke 11:14-28 and write who Christ says is blessed.

20. Explain what these verses teach about the danger that people face when they try to change

their lives through their own efforts.

21. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to obey the Word of God and not just hear it.

Christ went on to talk more about the religious leaders in the next few verses. They were looking for a sign from Christ. Christ said that He was a sign to them just like Jonah was a sign to the sinful people of Nineveh. The men of Nineveh heard the message of Jonah and turned from their sins. Christ was much greater than Jonah was but the people refused to listen to Christ. As a result, Christ said that the people that heard Him and rejected would face a greater judgment. Then Christ said that the people of Nineveh would judge these people who were refusing to listen to Christ.

22. Read Luke 11:29-38 and write what the men of Nineveh would say about the people of Christ's day.

23. Explain why Christ was a sign to the people of His day just as Jonah was a sign to the people of Nineveh.

24. Explain why you think that the people refused to listen to Christ even though He was God.

Christ used a lamp to show what the religious leaders were like. We turn on a light so that we can see. We do not put a lamp under a box or a barrel or the light would not help us at all. However, this is exactly what the Pharisees were doing. Christ is the Light. He came to take away the darkness of sin. The Pharisees had heard His message. Instead of listening to Christ, they were covering their ears and refusing to listen. They were hiding the light given by Christ so that it did not help them. As a result, their lives were filled with darkness.

25. Read Luke 11:29-38 and write what is the light (lamp) of the body.

26. Explain why Christ warned the people about the danger of allowing their lives to be filled with darkness.

27. Explain what you realize about the danger of allowing darkness to remain in your life.

A good eye means a body is full of light. An evil eye means a body is full of darkness. Christ wants our entire life to be full of light because we are walking in fellowship with Him. This daily fellowship with the Lord will cause us to have light and guidance so that we can see the way that the Lord wants us to live our lives. The result will be lives that are bright and shining. We will be able to show the light of Christ so that others will want to become Christians also. As we are walking in the light, the Lord will be working through our lives to change the lives of others.

28. Read Luke 11:29-38 and write who invited Christ to come and have dinner with him.

29. Explain why it is important for Christians to see things with spiritual eyes so that they can have bodies that are full of light.

30. Explain why you want your body to be full of light.

As Christ was talking, one of the Pharisees invited Christ to come and eat dinner with him. Christ always accepted invitations to dinner because this gave Him an opportunity to talk to that person about how to have eternal life. However, this Pharisee was looking for an excuse to accuse Christ of doing something wrong. Christ sat down to eat without washing His hands in the ceremonial way. The Pharisee was very surprised. Christ knew that the Pharisee was thinking wrong thoughts about Him. Christ told him that the Pharisees were like a cup that was very clean on the outside but very dirty on the inside. The Pharisees were very careful to make sure their dishes and hands were clean. However, their lives were full of sin on the inside.

31. Read Luke 11:37-54 and write what Christ calls the Pharisees.

32. Explain why the Pharisee was amazed that Christ did not go through the ceremonial washing that the Pharisees did before He ate.

33. Explain why it is important to you that your life be pure on the inside and not just the outside.

Here Christ uses a very strong word to show the Pharisees how sinful they were. First he said that the Pharisees needed to focus on the inside. Then Christ goes on to tell about the reasons why the Pharisees would be judged. They would be judged because they had failed to love God and be fair to other men. They would be judged because they were trying to make themselves important. They wanted the important seats in the synagogues. They wanted to be greeted as they walked through the marketplaces. They would be judged because they were like graves that cannot be seen. This means that they looked good on the outside but on the inside they were full of evil thoughts.

34. Read Luke 11:39-54 and write what other group Christ said would be judged.

35. Explain why the Pharisees were warned of coming judgment if they refused to turn their lives over to the Lord.

36. Explain why you think that Christ said that the Pharisees were hypocrites.

These verses tell us some of the reasons why the lawyers would also be judged. They made other men carry heavy loads but they refused to lift one thing. They built fancy tombs for the prophets who had been killed by their fathers. However, they were just as sinful as their fathers were because they were already planning to kill Christ. They also had taken away the key to knowledge and were doing all they could to keep other people from understanding the Word of God. Today many people are like these lawyers. Such people are refusing to follow Christ and they are doing everything possible to keep others from following Christ.

37. Read Luke 11:37-54 and write whose blood would be required of that generation.

38. Explain the judgment that people will receive who try to keep others from following Christ.

39. Explain why Christ told the lawyers that the things that they were doing would be a witness of the fact that they were following the ways of their fathers.

The Pharisees and lawyers were not happy when they were told that they would be judged. They began to oppose Christ very strongly by their words. Instead of turning from their sins, they started trying to catch Christ saying the wrong thing so that they could put Him to death. They even tried to get Christ to argue and fight with them. They were listening very carefully to His words so that they could find something that they felt He was saying that was wrong. This would give them the excuse that they wanted so that they could kill Christ.

40. Read Luke 11:37-54 and write why the Pharisees wanted to catch something that Christ said that they felt was wrong.

41. Explain why the lawyers were so anxious to try and get Christ to argue and fight with them.

42. Explain why it is important for you to avoid arguments with people that have attitudes like these lawyers had about Christ.

Now reread Luke 11:1-54 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 10**  
**Luke 12:1-59**

We mentioned earlier that many of the parables in the Gospels are in the book of Luke. Today we will read about the rich man who had much money and thought he was prepared for many years of easy living. His only problem was the fact that he had not prepared for death. As a result Christ calls him fool. Two other parables warn us to be ready when the Lord returns. In the second parable Christ teaches us that the Christian who is faithful will receive a great reward. The one who hears the Word of God and rejects it will receive greater punishment than the one who has never heard the Word of God.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what Christ says about the false teachings of the Pharisees.
- Explain the warning in the parable of the rich fool.
- Explain the parable about the return of Christ.
- Tell how families will be divided when some do not believe in Christ.

In our last lesson we learned that Christ warned the Pharisees of coming judgment if they did not turn from their sins. Instead of turning from their sins, the Pharisees planned to put Christ to death. Today we read in the first part of chapter 12 that Christ warns the disciples and other people about the false teachings of the Pharisees. He tells them that the teachings of the Pharisees are false and should not be followed. In fact Christ called their teaching hypocrisy because they said one thing and did something else. Then Christ tells them that whatever they say would be repeated again. Christ said that those things would not be kept a secret.

1. Read Luke 12:1-15 and write what will happen if they try to keep a secret by whispering in the ear of man.
2. Explain why Christ said that the teachings of the Pharisees were hypocrisy.
3. Explain why you think that many people are like the Pharisees and say one thing but do something else.

Christ also encouraged the disciples as He warned them that men would try to kill them. He says that we do not need to worry if men try to kill us. Once they kill us there is nothing more that they can do to us because we are with Christ. There is only one person that men need to fear. That is the devil because those who listen to him and follow him will be cast into hell. God promises us that He will take care of us. He knows when every bird falls. God even knows how many hairs you have on your head. Here we see that God has a very great concern for each of His followers.

4. Read Luke 12:1-15 and write what Christ promises He will do for us if we confess Him and speak to others about Him.
5. Explain why Christians do not need to be afraid even if there are people that are trying to kill them for following Christ.
6. Explain why you learn for your own life about the concern that the Lord has for you and your life.

Christ also warns us that if we refuse to speak and tell others about Him, He will not speak about us to the angels of God. Then Christ gives us another wonderful promise. He says that if we are taken to court because we are Christians that He will give us the words to speak to the judges. We read that the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say. Many Christians do not know very much about the Holy Spirit. However, when Christ went back to heaven He promised He would send the Holy Spirit to teach us and help us understand the Bible.

7. Read Luke 12:1-15 and write what one of the people in the crowd asked Christ to do for

him.

8. Explain what these verses teach about the way that the Holy Spirit will help Christians when they are persecuted for their faith.
9. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that you can yield to the Holy Spirit and He will give you the words to speak in a time of testing.

A man came to Christ and asked Christ to tell his brother to divide the money that the brother had received when the parents died. This man wanted Christ to help him get part of the inheritance even though his parents had left the money to his brother. Christ used this request to show the danger of desiring money. Christ said that covetousness is dangerous. Our lives do not gain value from the possessions that we have. To desire more things will give us a wrong purpose in life. Then Christ told a parable about a man that was very rich. He had such good crops that he decided to tear down his barns and build bigger barns.

10. Read Luke 12:16-34 and write what he told himself about the future.
11. Explain why covetousness is dangerous and can cause people to have a wrong purpose in their lives.
12. Explain why you think that many people are living lives that are controlled by covetousness.

This man in the parable sounds like many people today. They are working to earn lots of money so that they can buy all kinds of things. They think that if they get enough money, then they will be able to take it easy and enjoy life. However, money will never satisfy them or make their lives enjoyable. The problem people have when they become covetousness is that they never have enough. When a person has a lot of possessions, that person will only want more so that he or she can have even more things. The rich man thought that he had enough so that he could have a good time because his possessions would last for many years.

13. Read Luke 12:16-34 and write what Christ said to the rich man.
14. Explain why people cannot buy happiness with money and possessions.
15. Explain why it is important to you in your life to be content with the things that the Lord has given to you.

The rich man was prepared for everything except death. God said that he was a fool because he was not prepared to die. He was not prepared for the moment of his death. He had gathered many things that he would never be able to use after death. Today there are many people who are just like the rich fool. They are preparing for everything except death. One day they will die and then it will be too late to prepare for death. They may be rich in the things of the world but they are not rich toward God. They have made a choice that has eternal consequences.

- Christ goes on to give us several reasons why we should not worry about riches anyway.
16. Read Luke 12:16-34 and write two things that we need every day that Christ tells us not to worry about.
  17. Explain why there are many people that prepare for everything except death.
  18. Explain what you think it means to your own life to be rich toward God.

If God gives us life, certainly He will give us food and clothes to continue that life. God also feeds the birds even though they do not plant crops. If God feeds the birds, He will certainly feed us also. Christ also says that there is nothing we can do to make ourselves grow. Since we cannot grow, it is no use to worry about trying to change our height. The flowers of the field are so beautiful that there is no way that man can be as beautiful. If God takes such good care of the flowers, certainly He will take care of us. Yet God has created the flowers so that they only last for a little time while He has created us to last for eternity.

19. Read Luke 12:16-34 and write what God tells us to seek instead of riches.
20. Explain why Christians are wasting their time when they worry because of the fact that they can turn each thing over to the Lord and the Lord will give them wisdom.
21. Explain how you are finding that your life is changing as you learn to turn things over to the

Lord instead of worrying about them.

Christ even tells us that we could sell everything that we have and give it to others and we would not need to worry because we know that Christ will provide for our needs. In fact God tells us that He will bless us with great blessings if we will put Him first. That is why we are told to seek the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God includes our personal salvation. The kingdom of God also includes the rule of God on this earth. Finally the kingdom of God includes the eternal kingdom that will last throughout all eternity. When we seek the kingdom of God, it includes making sure of our salvation, praying and working for God's will in the world and working to reach others so that they will be a part of the kingdom of God for eternity.

22. Read Luke 12:16-34 and write what Christ said our heart will be.

23. Explain why Christians should be seeking the kingdom of God instead of material things.

24. Explain why you think the kingdom of God is important to you in your own life.

Luke 12:35-48 gives two more parables of Christ to remind us again about the importance of being prepared for the return of the Lord. In the first parable Christ tells us that we will be blessed if we are ready to meet the Lord when He comes. We will be ready to meet Him if we are seeking the kingdom of God. Christ says that we will sit down to eat with Him and that He will serve us. It will be wonderful when we have the privilege of sitting down and enjoying fellowship with Christ in heaven. However, we should also be enjoying fellowship with Christ right now.

25. Read Luke 12:35-48 and write when the Son of Man will come.

26. Explain why it is important for Christians to be prepared for the return of the Lord to take us to heaven.

27. Explain some of the things that you are presently doing to prepare yourself, your family and your friends for the coming of the Lord.

Christ may come during the day or He may come in the middle of the night. His coming will be like the coming of a thief. A thief does not announce in advance that he is coming. In the same way, Christ does not tell us what will be the exact moment of His coming. That is why we need to be ready at all times. He will come suddenly without warning. It will be too late to prepare for those who are not ready when the Lord comes. Christ tells us that he wants us to be faithful and wise servants who are prepared for His coming.

28. Read Luke 12:35-48 and write what Christ will do for the faithful servants who are prepared for his coming.

29. Explain why it is important for people to be ready at all times for the coming of the Lord.

30. Explain why you think that many Christians have become so busy with the things of this world that they give little thought to the coming of the Lord.

Christ also gives a warning to those who will not be prepared for His coming. Those who are not ready when the Lord comes will be judged and sent to hell. They will remain in hell until the final judgment when they will be judged and cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. There they will suffer in the fire and darkness of the lake of fire and brimstone forever. All those who do not trust in Christ will experience this eternal judgment that will last forever. However, those who knew the Word of God and did not prepare will receive greater punishment than those who have never heard because they heard but did nothing to prepare.

31. Read Luke 12:35-48 and write what will happen to those who knew the Word of God but did not prepare for death.

32. Explain what the final judgment will be for all those who do not prepare to meet Christ before they die.

33. Explain why you think that Christ wants every person to understand the consequences if they do not repent and trust in Christ.

Today there are many people who have heard how to become a Christian over and over again.

They understand clearly what it means to be a Christian. However, they have not yet decided to follow Christ. Most of these people will die without ever trusting Christ. When they go to hell, these verses teach that such people will receive greater punishment than those who have never heard. Part of that punishment will be the fact that they will remember each of the times they heard about Christ and refused to ask Him to take away their sins. Such individuals are choosing to enjoy the momentary pleasures of sin without giving any thought to the eternal consequences of rejection of Christ.

34. Read Luke 12:35-48 and what God says will be required from those that have been given much.

35. Explain what warning these verses give to those who know about Christ and have rejected Him or waited too long to put their trust in Him.

36. Explain why these verses show you that you should warn your relatives and friends of the danger of waiting to put their trust in Christ.

In verses 49 through 59 we read that there will be families where the rest of the family will reject one part of the family because one part of the family is following Christ while the rest of the family is not following Christ. There are several reasons why families are divided like this. Many times one of the parents will become a Christian before the other parent. In those cases it is often several years before the entire family become Christians. This means that they are divided for several years. God does mention that the entire household or family will be saved in at least eight places in the New Testament. This happens as a result of much prayer. From this we see that faithful prayer and witnessing in love will lead the entire family to Christ. However, it may take several years.

37. Read Luke 12:49-59 and write what will be present in the family during those years where part believe in Christ and part do not believe in Him.

38. Explain how a divided family affects the family.

39. Explain what you are doing to reach those that do not yet believe.

A second reason why families are divided is much more serious. Sometimes a Christian young person will disobey the Word of God and marry a person that is not a Christian. Direct disobedience to the command of God is always very dangerous. This often leads to conflict in the home. One parent wants to teach the children one way. The other parent wants to teach the children another way. The parent who is a Christian knows that he is disobedient and this hinders his fellowship with God and that person often becomes a carnal Christian. Because of the disagreements between the parents, the results are seen in the lives of the children. Often they will rebel and become more sinful than either of the parents which only divides the family more. This is why it is so important for Christian young people to marry Christians.

40. Read Luke 12:49-59 and write what people said when they saw a cloud in the west.

41. Explain why it is dangerous for a Christian to marry a person that is not a Christian.

42. Explain what you can do to encourage Christians to marry Christians.

Christ finished the chapter by giving another warning to the Pharisees. He told them that they knew how to predict the weather but they do not know enough to obey Him. Today many people are just the same. They can tell you many things about what is happening in the world. However, they do not know Christ. They may have much education but that education will not help them on the Day of Judgment. Just like a person who has broken the laws of men, such people will be judged. They will be cast into eternal judgment.

43. Read Luke 12:49-59 and write what Christ calls such people.

44. Explain what people will recognize in the Day of Judgment.

45. Explain why you are thankful you are prepared for the Day of Judgment.

Now reread Luke 12:1-59 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 11**  
**Luke 13:1-14:35**

Today most of our lesson will be spent studying more of the parables of Christ. The parables that are mentioned in Matthew or Mark will only be discussed briefly so that we can spend most of our time looking at the parables mentioned only in Luke. One of the parables in these chapters is about a man who sat in the most important place at a wedding so that others would think he was important. We learn from this parable that we should not try to make ourselves important because that is a wrong attitude. Christ also taught again what it meant to be His disciple.

As you study his lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the teaching of Christ when He healed a woman on the Sabbath.
- Explain the teaching of Christ on the way to Jerusalem.
- Tell what Christ teaches about trying to be important.
- Explain what Christ teaches about being His disciple.

One day some people asked Christ if the people of Galilee were worse sinners than the people in other areas because Herod had killed some of them and mixed their blood with the blood of animals. Christ pointed out that all men are sinners and all must repent from their sins or they will die. Then Christ gave a parable to show them why they had not received a similar kind of death. A man had a fig tree that did not have any fruit. Finally he decided to cut the tree down. However, one of the workers begged the owner to wait one more year and give the tree one more opportunity to produce fruit. The reason that all the people in the world have not already been judged is the fact that God is allowing them a little more time to turn from their sins.

1. Read Luke 13:1-17 and write how long the woman in these verses had been unable to straighten her back.
2. Explain why Christ taught that the way people die does not mean that they are worse sinners than others are.
3. Explain why the worker that asked his master to give the fig tree one more opportunity to produce figs gives you an example about the concern that you should have for other people.

The woman had been unable to stand up straight for eighteen years. However, the day Christ met her was the Sabbath or day of rest. We have already seen that Christ healed people on the Sabbath. Christ was always ready to help someone with a need. He laid His hands on the woman and immediately she was able to stand straight. The ruler of that particular synagogue immediately became angry and said that there were six days during the week when people could be healed. He told the people that if they wanted to be healed to come some time during the other six days. Today many people are like this leader. They feel that only one day needs to be recognized as a time to worship and serve the Lord. Christ shows us that any time is the time to worship and serve Christ and do the will of the Father.

4. Now read Luke 13:1-17 and write what Christ called the ruler of the synagogue.
5. Explain why every Christian should be worshipping and serving the Lord every day.
6. Explain why you think that this leader of the synagogue had a greater concern for his own rules than he had for the needs of the woman.

Christ turned to the leader of the synagogue and called him a hypocrite. Christ pointed out the fact that this leader took his animals out of the barn and gave them water on the Sabbath. If he could show love to his animals on the day of rest and work to make it possible for them to have water, certainly Christ could show love to His children and help them by meeting their physical

and spiritual needs on the day of rest. When the leader of the synagogue and all of the others that were speaking against Christ heard the answer of Christ, they were ashamed.

7. Now read Luke 13:1-17 and write how the rest of the people felt.

8. Explain why Christ called this ruler of the synagogue a hypocrite.

9. Explain why you think Christ showed that it is always right to show mercy to others on any day of the week.

Christ now started toward Jerusalem because the time had come when He would soon die. On the way Christ taught the disciples many things. He gave the parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the yeast hidden in the bread dough. The mustard seed is a very small seed but it produces a very large plant. The mustard seed shows the great growth of the church although it started from a very small beginning. The parable of the yeast shows that the yeast spreads throughout the entire lump of dough. In the same way the church has grown and spread throughout the entire world.

10. Read Luke 13:18-35 and write the question a man asked Christ as He went through a village on the way to Jerusalem.

11. Explain why these parables were given by Christ to show how the church would grow and develop;

12. Explain why you are thankful that the church has been able to spread throughout the world even though it had a very small beginning.

Christ used this question of the man to point out the importance of being ready for the coming of Christ. Christ says that once he has shut the door it will be too late to get ready. A person may have attended a church and even helped in the church but it will mean nothing if that person has not repented of his or her sin and placed their trust in Christ. Those who are not ready will be told to depart from Christ. Then they will be sent to hell where there will be great crying and grinding of teeth. However, there will also be Christians that come from the east, the west, the north and the south.

13. Read Luke 13:18-35 and write what will happen to the people that have placed their trust in Christ.

14. Explain what these verses teach about the judgment that faces those that do not place their trust in Christ.

15. Explain why you think it is important for you to help people realize that they must make a choice now before it is too late.

One of the Pharisees came to Christ and told Christ that Herod was planning to kill Him. Christ gave a wonderful answer to Herod. Christ said that He had a job to complete and that there was nothing that Herod could do to stop Him. God is in control of all things and He is using the things that happen in the world to complete His plan and purpose for the world. God even chooses to use the most sinful rulers to complete His plan and there is nothing that such rulers can do to stop the plan of God. This is why we do not need to be afraid of any group that is against God. God is using those groups that are against Him to cause Christians to grow strong so that they are able to witness without being afraid of death.

16. Read Luke 13:18-35 and write the name of the city for which Christ had a great concern.

17. Explain what these verses teach about the fact that God is able to use a sinful government to complete His plan on the earth.

18. Explain why you are thankful that evil rulers have no power to stop or even change the plan of God.

One Sabbath day one of the most important Pharisees invited Christ to his house for dinner. He was not interested in listening to Christ. Instead he wanted to look for an excuse to say that Christ had done something wrong. A man came to the dinner that had a terrible sickness called dropsy. Dropsy makes a person swell so that his arms and legs often become twice as large as

usual. Every part of the body swells. The lawyers and Pharisees watched to see if Christ would heal the man. Christ asked the same question that He had asked two other times. He asked them if it was right to help their animals on the Sabbath. The lawyers and Pharisees did not answer.

19. Read Luke 14:1-14 and write what Christ did to the man with dropsy.

20. Explain the reason why Christ asked the lawyers and Pharisees whether it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath day.

21. Explain why you think that the lawyers and Pharisees did not answer the question of Christ.

Then Christ spoke a parable to the lawyers and Pharisees. He noticed that as they sat down to eat that they all chose the most important places. Christ told them that they should choose to sit in the lowest places rather than the important places. He told them that a more important man than they might also be invited. Then the man giving the dinner would come to them and ask them to move to a lower place. As a result, they would be very embarrassed. Christ told them to take the lowest place instead. Christ said the people would honor them when the man giving the dinner invited them to move to a more important place.

22. Read Luke 14:1-14 and write what Christ promises to the man who humbles himself.

23. Explain what these verses teach about the pride of the lawyers and Pharisees.

24. Explain why you think that Christ teaches that it is very important for each of us to have a humble attitude.

Christ then turned to the man who was giving the dinner. He told the man that instead of inviting his rich friends to the dinner, he should invite the poor, the crippled and the blind. The reason he invited his rich friends was to get invited back to their houses. The poor and needy would not be able to invite him to come to their houses for a dinner. In this way the man would be showing real love instead of just pleasing himself. Christ promises a reward to those who show real love.

25. Read Luke 14:1-14 and write what Christ said would happen to the person that invited the poor, the crippled and the blind to a dinner.

26. Explain why we as Christians should want to help those who are poor and needy.

27. Explain why you think that it is important in your own life to have a great concern for the poor and needy.

In the next parable Christ shows us how men have rejected the invitation to follow Christ. Christ told how a man had prepared a great dinner and invited many people to the dinner. When the dinner was ready, the man sent his servants to tell the people it was time to come to the dinner. Every one of those invited had an excuse and said that he could not come. The excuses are very poor excuses and only show that the people invited did not want to come to the dinner. No person buys land before he looks at the land unless he is very foolish. No man buys oxen to pull his plow until he has tested the oxen to make certain that they are good oxen. However, these were just some of the excuses that people gave for not coming to the dinner.

28. Read Luke 14:15-24 and write the four places where the servants were told to find guests for the wedding.

29. Explain why the excuses that the people gave showed that they did not want to come to the dinner.

30. Explain why you think that Christ used this parable to show how many of the people were rejecting the salvation that Christ was offering.

Most of the Pharisees will not be in heaven because they have refused the invitation of the Lord to come to Him for salvation. This has made it possible for Christ to invite us. Now Christ tells us to go out and invite others. Today many Christians open the door of the building where the church meets and feel that they have done their part to reach the lost for Christ. However, we see here that we are to go out of the building and talk to people where they live, work or play.

We are to tell them right where they live about the invitation of Christ to follow Him. It is our privilege and responsibility to go to them and not to wait for them to come to us to hear how to be saved. Only after they have accepted Christ are most people ready to come to meetings of the church.

31. Read Luke 14:15-24 and write how many Christ wants in His house.

32. Explain why we need to go to the places where people live, work and spend their free time and invite them to follow Christ.

33. Explain why it is important to you in your life that Christ has given you the privilege of telling others how they can have eternal life.

In the last part of this chapter Christ gives three more parables. Before giving the parable, Christ again tells the people what it means to be His disciple. We are to love Christ even more than we love our own family. This means that we are to put Christ first in our lives and not let anything be more important than Christ is. If we are disciples and followers of Christ, we are to willingly bear His cross and follow Christ. Just as Christ suffered many things for us, now we have the privilege of suffering for Him. This is the true meaning of being a disciple of Christ. Then Christ gives two parables to show us what we should do before becoming disciples.

34. Read 14:25-35 and write what the two parables show we are to do before becoming a disciple of Christ.

35. Explain why our love for the Lord is to be the most important thing in our lives.

36. Explain what it means to you in your life to be a disciple of Christ.

In the book of Matthew, we learn that Christ is the foundation on which the church is built. We also see that Christ is at war with the devil. Christ is the one who is building the tower and fighting the war with the devil in these two parables. He has called us to be his soldiers in the war against the devil. He has called us to be His builders in the building of the church. Both of these tasks require total dedication on the part of the workers. This is why Christ explains the true meaning of being a disciple. Christ does not want people that will only be Sunday morning builders and soldiers. Christ wants Christians who are serving Him day and night seven days every week.

37. Read Luke 14:25-35 and write what Christ says we are like in the third parable.

38. Explain why all true disciples want to be builders and soldiers in the work of the Lord on this earth.

39. Explain what it is important to you that Christ asks you to be a part of the team that He uses to build His church.

Salt is very useful and does many things. It can be used to add flavor. It can be used to create thirst. It can be used to heal wounds. It can be used to preserve things. However, it is no good at all if it loses its flavor. That will make it useless salt. The only thing you can do with it is throw it out. In Matthew 5:13 Christ says that His followers are the salt of the earth. Christ wants us to be disciples that are good builders and good soldiers. He expects us to give our very best. Today many Christians are like salt that has lost its flavor. They are doing very little to serve the Lord. Christ tells every Christian to hear His Word and obey it.

40. Read Luke 14:25-35 and write what Christ says about hearing.

41. Explain why Christ said that Christians are to be salt on this earth.

42. Explain why it is important to you to allow the Lord to work in your life and then through your life so that you will have an impact on people in this world.

Now reread Luke 13:1-14:35 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 12**  
**Luke 15:1-32**

In Luke 15 we have three parables about things that are lost. In the first parable we read about a sheep that was lost. The second parable tells about a coin that was lost. The third parable tells about two sons that were lost. The younger son was a rebellious son that lived a very sinful life. He ended up working in a pigpen before he finally asked his father and God to forgive him. The older son lived a life that looked good to others. He worked hard in the fields of his father. However, we will learn that he is lost also and does not even realize that he is lost. He is like many people that are depending on their own efforts to be accepted by God.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why the shepherd was so concerned about the lost sheep.
- Tell why the woman called her neighbors when she found the lost coin.
- Explain why the younger son finally turned from his sin.
- Explain how the older son was like the Pharisees.

The religious leaders did not want to listen to Christ. In fact they were looking for any excuse to condemn and kill Christ. However, the people who were very sinful were anxious to listen to Christ. One day a large crowd of very sinful people came to spend time with Christ and hear His teaching. They ended up eating with Christ. The Pharisees immediately began talking about Christ. They condemned Christ for accepting these people that had lived a sinful life. They especially condemned Him for eating with them. As a result, Christ spoke three parables to show the rejoicing in heaven when a sinner comes to Christ.

1. Read Luke 15:1-7 and write what the first parable was about.
2. Explain why the tax collectors and sinners were eager to hear Christ even through the Pharisees condemned Christ.
3. Explain why you think that the Pharisees condemned Christ for accepting and eating with tax collectors and sinners.

Christ told a parable about a man that had one hundred sheep. When he counted the sheep one evening, he found that one of the sheep was missing. Instead of being satisfied that he had ninety-nine sheep, the man was immediately concerned about the one sheep that was lost. He left the other sheep out in an open field and went to hunt for the lost sheep. He was ready to hunt all night if necessary to find the lost sheep. When he finally found the lost sheep, he carried it home and then invited all of his friends and neighbors to come and celebrate the finding of the lost sheep. This parable is actually showing the concern of Christ for the lost.

4. Read Luke 15:1-7 and write what the man told the neighbors.
5. Explain how the man in this parable is a wonderful example of the love that Christ has for sinners.
6. Explain why you think that the salvation of even one person that is a sinner causes great joy in heaven.

It is easy to see why there is rejoicing in heaven when a sinner becomes a Christian. One sheep was lost. However, ninety-nine sheep were out in an open field. They were not in the protection of the corral either. They were not safe but they did not know it. This is a real picture of the Pharisees. They thought that they were righteous (right with God) and did not need to turn from their sins. The sinners realized that they needed Christ to forgive them and change their lives. Today there are many people that are like the Pharisees. They condemn people that they think are sinful but they do not realize that they are lost in their own sin.

7. Read Luke 15:1-7 and write what causes joy in heaven.
8. Explain why the Pharisees did not realize that they were lost and thought that they were righteous.
9. Explain why you think that the people who know that they are lost in their sins are more likely to turn to Christ than those that think that they live good lives are.

The second parable is the parable of the lost silver coin. Silver coins were worth a large amount of money during the time of Christ. The ten coins were probably all that the woman had saved during her entire life. As we see the woman looking for the lost coin, we see a real picture of Christ looking for those who are lost in sin. First, the woman lighted a lamp. She was not going to miss a single place in her search for the lost coin. Christ says that we are to take the Gospel to every single person. It is the desire of Christ that every single person in the world hears how to repent and receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

10. Read Luke 15:8-10 and write what the woman did after she lit the lamp.
11. Explain how this woman shows the desire of Christ that we really look for those that need to hear how to have their sins forgiven.
12. Explain why you think that Christ wants us to go to people where they are at and share with them how they can have forgiveness of sins.

The woman was not satisfied to just look with a light. When the light did not help her find the coin, she swept the floor. She was going to keep searching until she found the coin that was lost. Christ wants us to continue to witness to those who are not Christians. We should not give up and quit witnessing because a person shows no interest at first. We should continue to witness to a person even though that person seems to show no interest in the Gospel. Many people will have no interest in the message of salvation for years. Then a crisis will come in their lives and they will want to know how to have forgiveness of sins. Here we see that the woman kept searching until she found the coin.

13. Read Luke 15:8-10 and write what the woman did when she found her coin.
14. Explain why we should keep witnessing to a person even though that person seems to show no interest in the Gospel.
15. Explain why this parable shows you that you should share the Gospel with the same person many times.

When the woman found her coin, she invited all of the neighbors to come and celebrate the finding of the lost coin. There is great joy in heaven when a person becomes a Christian. We learn a real lesson here for our lives today. When someone has good news, he wants to share that news with other people. When a Christian has the privilege of leading another person to Christ, that Christian has some good news that he wants to share with other Christians. It is important for a church to provide an opportunity for Christians to be able to tell others about those who have become new Christians. It is also important for the new Christians to be welcomed by other Christians.

16. Read Luke 15:11-24 and write what was lost in the third parable.
17. Explain what these verses teach about the joy that there is in heaven every time that a sinner repents.
18. Explain why you think that it is important to have a celebration to welcome each person that becomes a Christian into the family of Christ.

We will see in a little while that both sons are lost. However, the second son never does realize that he is lost. That first son came to this father and asked to have the money that he would receive when his father died. The father knew that the son was rebellious and wanted to spend the money in wild living. However, the father knew that he must be willing to let the boy fail so that he could learn from his mistakes. God allows us to fail so that we realize the sinfulness of our sin. Then we are willing to turn to Him for help because we realize that we

cannot help ourselves.

19. Read Luke 15:11-24 and write what happened in the land after the son had wasted all of his money in sinful living.

20. Explain why the father allowed his son to leave home and spend a period of time in wild living.

21. Explain why you think that the rebellious son wanted to go to a country a long distance from his father.

Whenever people follow the devil, there is an empty place in their lives. They are looking for something that will satisfy that emptiness. Many people try to fill that emptiness with wild living. Others try to fill that emptiness with money and success. Whatever they choose in this world to satisfy that emptiness does not satisfy. Christ is the only one that can satisfy that emptiness in their lives. The son became so hungry that he went to a man of that country and asked for work. The only job the man had to offer was feeding the pigs. However, this young man was so hungry that he was willing to take any job. Since Christ was talking to Jews, this was the lowest job they could take.

22. Read Luke 15:11-24 and write what the young man ate.

23. Explain why people turn to many things to try and fill the emptiness in their lives.

24. Explain why you know that the things of this world will not satisfy the emptiness that people have in their lives.

Here we see a picture of the results of sin. This young man had been the son of a rich farmer. Now he was eating the food that the pigs were eating. Then the young man started to think. He thought about all of the food that his father had at home. He thought of the fact that his father took good care of the servants. However, only thinking about changing his life was not enough. As the young man thought, he decided to go back home to his father and tell his father that he had sinned. He planned to tell his father that he was no longer good enough to be his son. He was willing to become one of the servants. Here we see an attitude of true repentance.

25. Read Luke 15:11-24 and write what the father did when he saw his younger son coming home.

26. Explain why this young man had to come to a point of true repentance before He was ready to admit that he had sinned.

27. Explain why you know that a person has to come to a point of true repentance before that person will ask Christ to take control of His life.

The son was dirty and smelled like pigs. He had been living and feeding the pigs in their pen. His life was a mess. He did not even know if his father would accept him. However, he had reached a point where he was willing to come to his father in his present condition. The father loved the son so much that he did not care about the dirt and the smell. He gladly threw his arms around the son. This is a real picture of the love of God. He accepts the sinner just as he is with all of his sin. The sinner cannot make himself better. Only God can change him. That is why every person must come to God with an attitude of repentance if they want to receive forgiveness of sins.

28. Read Luke 15:11-24 and write four things that the father did for the son.

29. Explain why our heavenly Father is eagerly waiting for every person to come to Him with an attitude of repentance.

30. Explain why you know that God will accept every person that comes to Him for forgiveness.

Here we see four things that God does for us when we become Christians. He gives us a coat of His righteousness to cover and take away our sin. A ring meant that a person was a member of the family. We became members of the family of God. God tells us in Ephesians 6 that the shoes that He gives us are the good news of the Gospel that brings peace. We are given this

good news so that we can enjoy peace in our lives. Then we can also tell others about Christ so that they can have peace in their lives also. Christ also gives us eternal life in heaven where we will sit down and have a great banquet with Him.

31. Read Luke 15:11-24 and write what the father said about his younger son.

32. Explain why it is important for each person that becomes a Christian to realize that God also does these four things for him or her.

33. Explain what God did for you personally when you became a Christian.

The older son was working in the field when his younger brother arrived home. When he came close to the house he could hear that there was big dinner and celebration going on inside the house. He asked a servant what was going on in the house. The servant said that his lost brother had returned home. The older brother was angry that the father would forgive the younger brother. He refused to go into the house and join the celebration. Then the father came out and invited the older son to come into the dinner. The older son became very angry and would not listen to his father. Instead he complained because the father showed love to the younger brother.

34. Read Luke 15:25-32 and write one thing that the older son said he had never done.

35. Explain why the older brother was angry because the father had shown love to the younger brother.

36. Explain why you think that many people want to see sinful people get the fullest punishment possible for their sins.

The older son was just like the Pharisees. Christ invited the Pharisees to receive the gift of eternal life just as He invited the tax collectors and sinners to receive the gift of eternal life. The tax collectors and sinners turned from their sin and accepted the gift of eternal life. However, the Pharisees refused to accept the gift of eternal life. Instead they complained because Christ made the gift available to the tax collectors and sinners.

37. Read Luke 15:25-32 and write what attitude the father told the older son that they should have.

38. Explain why many people today are just like the older son and refuse to accept God's gift of eternal life.

39. Explain why you think that many people have attitudes that are similar to the older brother.

We also learn another lesson from the older brother. He told his father that he had always been good. He had been faithful in working for the father. Today we have many people who feel that their own efforts and works are enough to get them to heaven. They feel that they are good people. They have worked to help the church. They feel that they are better than most of the other people that live around them. However, although such people may have done many good things, they have refused to accept the invitation of Christ to enter into eternal life.

40. Read Luke 15:25-32 and write two things the father told the older brother about the younger brother.

41. Explain why many people are like the older brother and are depending on their own efforts to be right with God.

42. Explain why you think that you should have the same compassion for people that have destroyed their lives with wild living that the father had for his younger son.

Now reread Luke 15:1-32 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 13**  
**Luke 16:1-31**

In our lesson today we will study about the way to be a good steward of the things that the Lord has given to us to manage. At the same time we will see the consequences for those that have been unfaithful with the things that the Lord has given them. We will see that it is impossible for people to serve two masters. Those who choose to serve money will not be serving the Lord. Then we will learn about the terrible judgment of people who refuse to believe in Christ. Right now all those who die without trusting Christ are in terrible suffering. However, their judgment will be even greater after they are sent to the lake of fire in the final judgment.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how people of the world prepare for the future.
- Explain how Christians prepare for the future.
- Explain what Christ says about divorce.
- Explain the judgment for all those who fail to follow Christ.

Christ gives another warning in this chapter about the danger of riches. A rich man had a man (steward) who took care of his money. One day the rich man realized that the steward was not spending his money wisely. In fact the rich man felt that the steward had wasted his money. The rich man called the steward and told him that he must show how he had taken care of the money or he would lose his job. Since the steward had not managed the money wisely, he knew that he was in trouble because his master would remove him from his position as steward. The steward did not know what to do.

1. Read Luke 16:1-13 and write what the steward was ashamed to do.
2. Explain how a rich person that depends on other people to manage his money is affected if he does not choose a wise manager.
3. Explain why you think that this steward had not been able to manage the money of his master wisely.

Then the steward had an idea. He went around to every man that owed money to the rich man. He asked each one how much he owed. Then he cancelled part of the debts so that the men did not owe as much any more. Some of them had half of their debt cancelled while others had a smaller part of their debt cancelled. The steward hoped that these people would be glad he had helped them and that they would be willing to help him if he lost his job. He was making sure that he would be able to survive if he lost this job. Here we see that the steward was only thinking about himself. He did not care how his actions affected other people.

4. Read Luke 16:1-13 and write what the rich man did when he heard what his steward and done.
5. Explain why many people never think about the way that their actions will affect others.
6. Explain why you think that the steward wanted to make these other people feel that they needed to help him in the future.

The master actually commended the steward for acting shrewdly. The master realized that the steward had acted like the people of the world and had done what he could to make certain that he would have help in the future. The servant planned ahead for his life on this earth but he did not plan ahead for eternity. He did not follow Christ and had not given the control of his life to Christ. Since the man could not be trusted with the money of men, he certainly could not be trusted with the riches of God. If a man is controlled by a desire of money, he will not love and serve Christ.

7. Read Luke 16:1-13 and write what these verses say a servant cannot do.
8. Explain why a person that cannot be trusted with money cannot be trusted with the riches of God either.
9. Explain why you think that many people spend a lot more time planning for life on this earth than they spend planning for eternity.

These verses also apply to us today. God has given spiritual gifts to each Christian. God has told us to be good stewards of the gifts that He has given to us. We are to use those gifts wisely to serve other Christians and to take the Gospel to the people that have not yet received forgiveness of sins. If we fail to use the gifts God has given us, God may take those gifts from us or He may even take our lives. God has given every Christian a great opportunity and responsibility so we must use every gift that we have for the Lord. We cannot serve both God and money because we will either let money control us or we will yield our lives to the Lord so that He can lead us.

10. Read Luke 16:1-13 and write what a person will be that is faithful even if he has very little.
11. Explain why we as Christians should use all of our gifts and abilities to serve the Lord.
12. Explain why you know that it really is impossible to try and serve both God and money at the same time.

The Pharisees loved money and so they were very angry when Christ said that a person couldn't love both God and money. As a result, they started to speak against Christ. Christ used the words of the Pharisees to show them what they were really like. He told them that they did everything to impress men and make men think that they were very good. However, God knows their hearts and what they are like on the inside. The world values highly the things of this world and people value highly the praise of other people. In contrast, God hates the things that people do to receive the praise of other people.

13. Read Luke 16:14-18 and write what was being preached since the coming of John the Baptist.
14. Explain why people in the world value highly the praise of other people for their worldly actions.
15. Explain why it is important for you in your life to know that God knows your heart.

The kingdom of God was being preached. This caused two things to happen. Many sinners believed that message and were pressing (going) into the kingdom of God. Many religious people were fighting against the message of salvation. Every man must decide either to accept or reject the wonderful message of salvation. A person has to decide one way or the other. The sinners knew that they were lost and that caused them to accept the Word that Christ was teaching. The religious people were refusing to believe and were fighting against Christ.

16. Read Luke 16:14-18 and write what Christ says will pass away easier than one word out of the law of God.
17. Explain why many people that the religious leaders considered sinners believed the message of Christ and received forgiveness of sins.
18. Explain why you think that the Pharisees and others that were covetous made fun of the things that Christ was teaching.

In Luke 16:18 Christ again talks about divorce and adultery. In these verses we learn again that marriage is very important in the eyes of God. A man or woman that breaks his or her marriage to marry another person is guilty of committing adultery. Today there are many people who do not seem to care what the Word of God says. This includes many people that claim to be Christians. The Word of God is being openly disobeyed by those that are actually Christians when they divorce their partner in order to marry someone else.

19. Read Luke 16:14-18 and write what God calls it when a person gets a divorce in order to marry another person.
20. Explain why God shows that He values marriage very highly by what He says about

divorce.

21. Explain why you think that some Christians choose to openly disobey the Word of God and divorce their partner in order to marry someone else.

Luke 16:19-31 gives us a little picture of what happens to those who do not follow Christ. A certain man was very rich. He wore clothes like kings wore. He ate wonderful meals and had lots of food. There was also a crippled beggar named Lazarus who had a bad disease that caused him to have large open sores. He did not even have anyone to help him when the dogs came and licked those sores. The only food he had to eat was the crumbs that fell from the table of the rich man. Although these men were very different, they had one thing in common. The day came when they both died. The angels carried the beggar to the bosom of Abraham so that he was with all of the others that had obeyed God.

22. Read Luke 16:19-31 and write where the rich man went when he died and was buried.

23. Explain why death will one day come to every person whether that person is very rich or very poor.

24. Explain what this poor beggar shows about the value of faith in the promises of God.

We see that the rich man died and was buried. However, that was not the end for him. We see that he was immediately experiencing judgment in the fire of hell. Today there are many people that think that they will have a second chance to become a Christian after they die. However, we see in these verses that judgment begins at the moment of death for all those who have not followed Christ. There is no second chance to repent of sin. A person must decide to follow Christ while he is here on this earth or it is too late. The rich man realized that it was too late for him to repent so he only asked for a little water to cool his tongue.

25. Now read Luke 16:19-31 and write what the rich man asked if Lazarus could do.

26. Explain how these verses show that the choices made on this earth have eternal consequences.

27. Explain how you would help a person to understand that he or she will not have a second chance to become a Christian after death.

We see that when a person that has not followed Christ dies, that person is immediately in great suffering and pain from the fire of hell. The heat from the flames is very great. We see also that there is no water in hell to cool the terrible flames of hell. The rich man asked only for the amount of water that a person could get on the tip of his finger (only one or two drops). Yet that is more water than there is in all of hell. Many people do not want to accept the fact that hell is real. However, they will find out that hell is very real when they die. We do not need to prove the reality of hell but we are to warn people that they must choose to follow Christ or they will go to hell.

28. Read Luke 16:19-31 and write what Abraham told the rich man to do.

29. Explain why Christians need to warn those that are not Christians about the judgment that is coming.

30. Explain why you are thankful that someone explained the Gospel to you so that you could put your trust in Christ and not go to hell.

In these verses we see that there are at least five things a person can do in hell. First we notice that people in hell are able to see. The rich man was able to see Abraham and Lazarus and see what he had missed by not following Christ. Then we see that people in hell can talk. However, they are not talking to each other. Instead they are crying in great pain. We also see that people in hell can feel. The rich man was in great torment and could really feel the great pain from the fire of hell. We read also that the rich man could hear. The message heard, however, was not a message of joy. He heard that it is impossible to receive any help. He could not even have a drop of water to cool his tongue. The fifth thing a person in hell can do is remember.

31. Read Luke 16:19-31 and write the five things that we see a person will be able to do in hell.
32. Explain why these five things that people can do in hell means that the people there are going to experience great suffering for all eternity.
33. Explain why you think that it is important for you to warn your relatives and friends so that they can put their trust in Christ and do not go to hell.

Although the flames of hell are terrible, the worst part of hell for those who failed to follow Christ is remembering. A person in hell will remember each time that he heard about Christ and refused to follow Christ. He will remember the times he laughed at Christians. He will remember the Christians who told him about Christ. No matter how much he tries to forget, he will keep on remembering. One of the reasons that people become insane today is the fact that they cannot forget something they have done wrong. However, they will remember in hell forever.

34. Read Luke 16:19-31 and write where the rich man asked Abraham to send Lazarus.
35. Explain why the fact that people in hell will remember is a very great punishment.
36. Explain why the rich man suddenly became concerned about the salvation of his brothers.

We see one other thing about hell. The people that are there do not want their friends and relatives to come there. Many people today say that they do not care if they go to hell because all of their friends will be there too. They think that they and their friends will be able to have a good time together in hell. Here we see that a person is in such great pain that he does not even think about having a good time with his friends. All a person can think about is the fact that he or she does not want any relatives or friends to experience the same judgment. In fact the person would like someone to warn relatives and friends not to come there.

37. Read Luke 16:19-31 and write how many brothers the rich man had.
38. Explain why people will not be able to have a good time with their friends in hell.
39. Explain why you think many people have deceived themselves about what hell is really like.

We also see a picture of the sinful heart of man in these verses. Abraham told the rich man that if his brothers would not listen to the Word of God, they would not listen to a person who had died either. Today we are to teach a person what the Word of God says. Then it is up to each individual to decide whether to accept or reject Christ. We need to help them realize that their choice will have eternal consequences. If they place their faith in Christ, they will receive eternal life. If they reject Christ, they will have eternal judgment.

40. Now read Luke 16:19-31 and write who God says they will not listen to if they will not listen to the Bible (the law and the prophets).
41. Explain why it is important to explain what the Word of God teaches about future judgment for those that reject Christ.
42. Explain why you think a person would not listen to a person that came back to life if they will not listen to the Word of God from someone that is alive.

Now reread Luke 16:1-31 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 14**  
**Luke 17:1-37**

Our study today will teach us several important lessons about the way we should live in order to live our lives for Christ. We will learn lessons about not keeping others from Christ and about forgiving those who sin against us. We will also learn about the way that we should serve Christ. Then we will learn about the importance of being thankful as we read about ten men who had the terrible disease of leprosy. Christ cured all ten but only one came back to express his thanks. Finally we will learn more about the things that will happen just before Christ comes back to rule on the earth for one thousand years.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what Christ says about forgiving others.
- Explain what Christ says about the right way to serve Him.
- Explain what we learn about being thankful from a leper.
- Explain what the earth will be like just before Christ comes back to rule.

Today there are many people that say that they cannot forgive another person because that person has done something against them. In this chapter we are told several things about forgiving others. First we see that when a Christian brother does something wrong against us, we are to use the Word of God in love to help the brother realize that he has sinned against God. Many times when someone does something against us we get angry. Here we see that the plan of God is for us to show love and show the individual what the Word of God teaches about their trespass.

1. Read Luke 17:1-6 and write what we are supposed to do when our brother repents of his sin against us.
2. Explain why the disciples were warned about offending someone else especially a little child.
3. Explain why you think we are told to go and speak to a Christian that has sinned against us.

If we have talked to the other person with love in our hearts, then it will be easy to forgive that person. Christ goes on to show us that we must be willing to continue to forgive. If a brother does something against us seven times in one day, we should be happy to forgive that person seven times. Today many people are willing to forgive a person once or twice but have never even thought of forgiving a person many times. However, we learn here that the love of Christ in our hearts will cause us to keep right on forgiving the person that sins against us and repents.

4. Read Luke 17:1-6 and write what the disciples answered when Christ told them to forgive seven times in one day.
5. Explain why it is important to go to a person and confront that person about their sin against us in love.
6. Explain why it is important for you to forgive a person that has sinned against you when that person repents.

The disciples realized that they did not have enough faith to forgive a person seven times in one day. It is not normal for a person to forgive another person seven times in one day. A person that is not a Christian would be filled with anger and hate. A Christian that is depending on his own strength will also become angry. Only a Christian that has a real faith in Christ will be able to show this kind of love and forgiveness. Here we see that Christ wants Christians to restore their relationships with each other so that they can enjoy true Christian fellowship. This is the reason the disciples asked Christ to increase their faith.

7. Read Luke 17:1-6 and write what kind of a seed Christ uses as an illustration.

8. Explain why Christians need to yield to the Lord and ask Him for His strength to forgive someone that sins against them.
9. Explain what these verses teach you about the importance of both rebuking and forgiving a person that has sinned against you.

Christ also tells us how we should serve Him. Christ uses a servant to show the right way to serve. In that day many of the servants were slaves that were owned by their master. When a man had a slave working for him, he expected that servant to work all day out in the field. When the servant came in from the field, the master expected the servant to fix dinner for him before the servant made his own dinner. That was the normal thing for a servant in that day. In that day the master did not even thank the servant for preparing his meal after working in the field. The master just expected the servant to do that. It should be our desire to be a true servant of Christ.

10. Read Luke 17:7-10 and write what we have done when we have done all that we are commanded to do.
11. Explain why a servant was expected to prepare a meal for his master when he came in from working in the field.
12. Explain why you want to be a true servant of Christ.

When we become Christians and follow Christ, we are becoming servants of Christ. Now we are serving Christ instead of serving the devil. When we served the devil, he was a very hard master and gave us all kinds of sorrow and misery. Now we are serving a master who gives us love, joy and peace. As a result, we should want to be the best servant possible. In these verses we see two places where we should serve Christ. First we should serve Christ where we work and then we should serve Christ in our own homes. We serve Christ in our homes by teaching and training our families to love and serve Christ. We invite our Christian friends into our homes so that we can share the Word of God with each other and learn from each other. We invite people who are not Christians to come to our homes and visit. As we visit with them, we have an opportunity to explain to them how to become Christians.

13. Read Luke 17:7-10 and write the two places mentioned in these verses where we should serve the Lord.
14. Explain why it is a privilege to serve a master that gives us love, joy and peace.
15. Explain some of the ways that you have found that you can serve the Lord in your home.

Many Christians do not realize the importance of serving Christ where they work. God has given us the job that we have so that we can serve Him and witness to those with whom we work. This means that we must do the best job possible as we work. If the people we work with see that we are doing the best possible work that we can do, they will respect us and listen to what we say. During our breaks and at lunch, we can look for opportunities to tell how Christ has changed our life and how he can change the life of the one to whom we are talking. If we do the best job possible and look for every opportunity to witness, we will see some of the others where we work become Christians.

16. Read Luke 17:7-10 and write what we are doing if we obeying the commands of Christ.
17. Explain why Christians need to realize the importance of serving the Lord by the way that they work at their jobs.
18. Explain what you learn for your own life from these verses about the importance of serving Christ in your home and at work.

One day as Christ was traveling toward Jerusalem a group of ten lepers met Him. As we study the Bible, we learn that leprosy is a terrible disease that eats the fingers, toes, ears, nose and other parts of the body. It also causes large open sores. There was no cure for leprosy. It was such a terrible disease that all those who had leprosy had to live by themselves and shout unclean whenever someone came near them. As a result, these ten lepers did not even come

close to Christ. Instead they stood a distance from Him and asked Jesus to heal them and show mercy to them.

19. Read Luke 17:11-19 and write what Christ told the lepers to do if they wanted to be healed from leprosy.

20. Explain how the disease of leprosy gives us a picture of what sin is like.

21. Explain why you think that these ten lepers asked Christ to show mercy to them.

Here we see that Christ was testing their faith. Christ did not heal them immediately. Instead he told them to show themselves to the priests. This meant that they had to believe Christ and start to go to the priests before they would be healed. Sometimes Christ wants to test our faith so He does not answer our prayers immediately. Instead He answers our prayers as we show our faith and do what He has told us to do. The ten men immediately went on their way to show themselves to the priests. The Lord performed a miracle as they were on their way to the priests.

22. Read Luke 17:11-19 and write what happened to the ten lepers as they started down the road.

23. Explain why Christ chose to test the faith of these ten lepers by telling them to go and show themselves to the priests.

24. Explain why you think that Christ gives you tests in your life at times.

The lepers obeyed Christ. As they traveled to go and see the priests, they were healed. Then one of the lepers turned around and went back and thanked Christ. The one that thanked Christ was a Samaritan. Then Christ asked the man where the other nine men were that had been healed. They did not even think about saying thanks to Christ. Today many people are just like the nine lepers. They never thank Christ for the many things that He does for them each day. Instead they just go on their way and forget to thank Christ.

25. Read Luke 17:11-19 and write what Christ told the man that returned to thank Him.

26. Explain why many people never give thanks to Christ for the things that He has done for them.

27. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life about the importance of being thankful to the Lord for what He has done for you.

One day the Pharisees came to Christ and demanded that He tell them when the kingdom of God was going to come. Christ told them that the kingdom of God was with them but they did not understand. Later Christ explained to the disciples what it would be like when Christ comes back to become the king of this earth for 1000 years. He said that His coming would not be until after He was rejected by that generation. We read that the coming of Christ will be sudden. He will come like the lightning. A person has no time to prepare and get ready for lightning. It comes too fast. The people will be living in great sin just as they were living in great sin in the days of Noah and again in the days of Lot. People were having what they thought was a good time before the flood.

28. Read Luke 17:20-37 and write what the flood did when it came.

29. Explain what Christ meant when He told the Pharisees that the kingdom of God was among them.

30. Explain why you think that Christ chose to explain more about His coming to rule when He was talking only to the disciples and not to the Pharisees.

People in the time of Lot thought that they were having a good time too. Then the brimstone from heaven destroyed all of the people of Sodom. All of the wicked people were destroyed in the days of Noah. Then all of the wicked people were destroyed in Sodom in the days of Lot. In the same way, all of those who are sinful and refuse to follow Christ will be destroyed when Christ returns to become the king of the earth. People that are evil and reject the warnings that the Lord gives will all be judged for their sin and rejection of the salvation that God has

provided.

31. Read Luke 17:20-37 and write what we are told to remember in these verses.

32. Explain what these verses teach about the judgment that will come before Christ comes to rule on the earth for a thousand years.

33. Explain why you know that judgment will one day come on all those that reject Christ and the salvation that He offers.

In the warning to remember Lot's wife, we have a real warning to every person. The wife of Lot knew that the city of Sodom was going to be destroyed. She knew that she was not supposed to look back at the city. However, she disobeyed. She looked back at the city and as a result became a pillar of salt. The wife of Lot is a warning to every person that God will bring judgment. Those who know the Word of God but have not obeyed it will be destroyed along with those who have never heard the Word of God. That is why it is dangerous for a person to wait until a later time to become a Christian when that person knows the choice that he or she must make.

34. Read Luke 17:20-37 and write what will happen to the person that seeks to save his own life.

35. Explain why it is dangerous for a person to wait to become a Christian.

36. Explain why you think that the wife of Lot should be a warning to all those who choose to disobey God.

Christ gives a warning also for the person who tries to save himself by his own efforts. Christ says that person will lose his life. Today many people think that they can save themselves by their own efforts. They are depending on their own good works, the fact that they go to church or something else to get them to heaven. These verses tell us again that they will lose their lives. However, the person that is willing to lose his life for the sake of Christ will have a life that lasts forever. In the last part of this chapter Christ gives three more pictures to show the importance of being ready when Christ returns.

37. Read Luke 17:20-37 and write what will happen to the people in each of the three groups.

38. Explain why it is impossible for a person to be saved by his or her own efforts.

39. Explain why it is important to you to use your life to serve Christ and not live just to please yourself.

When Christ returns to become the king of the earth, all of those who have followed God will be left on the earth to be a part of the kingdom that will last for one thousand years. All those who failed to follow Christ will be destroyed and taken off the earth. Many of these people will be with others that believe and the one will be judged and taken off the earth by death. A picture of the destruction of the evil people is also given in these verses. We see a picture of a certain kind of bird ready to eat the dead bodies of those who have been destroyed. This completes the removal of their physical bodies from the earth.

40. Read Luke 17:20-37 and write the kind of bird that will remove the bodies of those who refuse to follow Christ.

41. Explain why all those who obey Christ at the time that He returns will be left on the earth to live while Christ rules the earth.

42. Explain why you realize that only those who follow Christ will be alive when He begins His rule on the earth.

Now reread Luke 17:1-37 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 15**  
**Luke 18:1-43**

Today in our study we will learn about the wrong way to pray and the right way to pray. Many people today pray every day but it does not do them any good. Some pray the wrong way and others pray to the wrong person. Those who are praying to anyone but Christ will not have their prayers answered because dead idols cannot help them. However, in this chapter we will learn that men can pray the wrong way to God and their prayers will not be answered either. In this chapter Christ also gives another parable to show that God will answer the prayers of those who pray the right way.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this chapter, you should be able to:

- Explain the right and the wrong ways to pray.
- Explain why the rich young ruler turned away from Christ.
- Explain what Christ said about His coming death.
- Explain what happened to Bartimaeus.

In the first part of our chapter today we have two parables about the right and the wrong ways to pray. In the first parable we see that we are to continue to pray and not to quit when we do not get an answer. There was a widow who needed help with a legal problem. She went to the judge and asked him for help. This judge did not fear God and he did not respect people.

Because the widow was probably unable to pay the legal fees, the judge did not even listen to her at first. Even though the judge did not believe in God, the widow did not give up because the judge refused to help her. Instead she kept coming to the judge with her request.

1. Read Luke 18:1-14 and write why the judge finally helped the widow.
2. Explain why this parable teaches us that we are to continue to pray even when our prayers are not answered immediately.
3. Explain why you think that Christ gave us this parable to show that we should continue to pray and bring our requests to God.

The judge did not believe God but he finally helped the widow because she kept coming to him. He got tired of her bothering him and so decided to give her justice. God is much different than this unjust judge. God is a God of love and mercy. Certainly He will answer our prayers if we continually come to Him in prayer. He has much more love than this sinful judge. In these verses God promises that He will answer His children when they pray. We are to cry out to God in our prayers because He is very patient with us and will both hear and answer us.

4. Read Luke 18:1-14 and write how fast God says He will answer our prayers.
5. Explain why God is much more willing to answer our prayers than the unjust judge was to answer the requests of the woman.
6. Explain why you are thankful that you know that God will answer your prayers when you cry out to Him.

In the second parable about prayer, we read about two men who went to the temple to pray. The first man was a proud Pharisee and the second man was a very sinful tax collector. We read that the Pharisee prayed to himself. As we study his prayer, we will see why the Bible says that the Pharisee prayed to himself and not to God. He was praying and telling how good he was so that other people would hear him. He said that he carefully avoided the things that evil people did. He said that he fasted two days a week. He said that he gave tithes of everything that he had.

7. Read Luke 18:1-14 and write the four groups the Pharisee said he was not like.
8. Explain why these verses say that the Pharisee prayed with himself instead of saying that he

prayed to God.

9. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life about the danger of pride from the prayer of the Pharisee.

Here we see the attitude of many people today. They think that they are much better than other people. They boast about all of the good things that they are doing to help others. They criticize the evil things that other people do. They fail to realize that they are also great sinners. Here we see that the Pharisee was guilty of being proud. Pride was the sin that caused Satan to rebel against God even before God created men. Pride is the reason that Satan still tries to get people to follow him instead of following Christ. Here we see that this Pharisee was controlled by pride.

10. Read Luke 18:1-14 and write what the tax collector said to God as he prayed because he realized how sinful he was.

11. Explain why pride is such a dangerous sin.

12. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to have a humble attitude toward others.

The Pharisee told how good he was as he prayed. The tax collector realized that he was a sinner without any hope. His prayer was very short. He prayed and asked God to show mercy to him and forgive him because he knew he was a sinner. This is the prayer that every person must pray that wants to have eternal life. We are all sinners and we are without hope if we have not invited Christ into our lives. The tax collector knew He was a sinner and so he humbled himself. God said that the tax collector had his sins forgiven and was made just or righteous in the sight of God. In contrast, the Pharisee had his prayer rejected.

13. Read Luke 18:1-14 and write what Christ says will happen to the person that humbles himself.

14. Explain what these verses teach that God does for the person that confesses his sin and asks for mercy.

15. Explain what you learn from the fact that God justified the tax collector and rejected the prayer of the Pharisee.

We see the love of Christ for every person of any age in Luke 18:15-27. The disciples told some parents not to bother Christ when the parents tried to bring their children to Christ. These children were very young children and the disciples did not think Christ would want to be bothered with them. The disciples themselves were too busy to be bothered with the children. Today we are often too busy to be bothered with children and young people who need Christ. We are too busy to help adults realize what it means to be a Christian. Often we are busy doing good things. However, this is a trick of the devil. He wants to keep us so busy doing good things that we do not take time to do the real work that the Lord want us to do.

16. Read Luke 18:15-27 and write what Christ said about the children.

17. Explain why it is important to take time to reach out to young children and young people so that they can get to know Christ.

18. Explain why you think it is easy for people to get so busy with their programs that they forget about the people.

Christ not only loves the little children, He also loves young people and adults. When the children left Christ, a young man came to talk to Christ. This young man wanted to know how he could inherit eternal life. We see that this young man had obeyed the commandments ever since he was young and had worked hard to try and live a good life. We want to notice what Christ told the young man. Christ told the young man that only one thing was needed in order for him to have eternal life. Christ told the young man to get rid of his riches so that they would not keep him from doing the one thing necessary to receive eternal life.

19. Read Luke 18:15-27 and write the one thing the young man must do to have eternal life.

20. Explain why this young man thought that he could inherit eternal life instead of receive

eternal life as a free gift.

21. Explain how this young man helps you to understand why many people are depending on their own efforts for salvation.

The young man was sad and went away because his riches were the thing that he was worshiping. They were his god. Today most people have some god that they worship. It may be riches, pleasure, a religion or something else. The thing that every person must realize is that he or she must follow Christ instead of worshiping these other things whatever those things may be. Christ emphasized over and over again that a person must follow Him in order to have eternal life. Only Christ could pay the penalty for sin because He is the only One without sin. We must follow the One that paid for our sin in order to have our sin forgiven.

22. Read Luke 18:15-27 and write what choice this young man made about what he wanted to be his god.

23. Explain what it means to follow Christ.

24. Explain why you made the choice to follow Christ in your own life rather than choosing to follow any other thing.

Christ told the disciples that it was very hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God because that person is depending on riches. Peter said they had left all to follow Christ. Christ tells us two of the rewards of following Him in the next few verses. The first reward for leaving everything and following Christ is a promise that we will receive greater blessings both in this present time and also for all eternity. This is a wonderful promise. When we follow Christ and put Him first in our lives, we begin an exciting adventure. We are going to see Him bless us in ways that we would never even expect. We will also receive rewards when we get to heaven.

25. Read Luke 18:28-34 and write what city Christ told the disciples that they were going to visit.

26. Explain why Christ said that it is difficult for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.

27. Explain why it is important to you in your life to seek the rewards promised by Christ instead of seeking the things of this world.

Christ told the disciples that they were going to Jerusalem where He would be persecuted and die on a cross. Then he would rise again the third day. Here we see the second reward for following Christ. We are following one that is alive from the dead. Today most religions are following a dead leader. We are following a leader who had victory over death. As a result, we are following the only leader that can so completely change our lives so that we can have a victorious life as we follow Him. Truly this is a very great reward. This helps us to understand that we have a real purpose in life.

28. Read Luke 18:28-34 and write to whom Christ would be delivered.

29. Explain why it is very important to help every Christian understand the full importance of the resurrection.

30. Explain what the resurrection of Christ means to you in your own life.

Christ told the disciples several things about his coming death. He told them in advance so that they would be prepared when the time came for Christ to die. Christ said that the Gentiles would mock Him and treat Him shamefully. They would spit upon Him and give Him a very severe beating. Finally the Gentiles would put Him to death. All of these things happened exactly as Christ said they would happen. However, Christ said that He would rise again on the third day. Here we see that Christ wanted the disciples to know that He would also have victory over death.

31. Read Luke 18:28-34 and write whether the disciples understood Christ.

32. Explain what it means when it says that the things that Christ told the disciples were hidden from them.

33. Explain why you think that the disciples could not understand when Christ talked about His coming death and resurrection.

In the last part of the chapter we read about a blind man by the name of Bartimaeus who was begging by the side of the road. Jesus was always ready to help any person that had a need. Bartimaeus knew that he needed help and so he called to Christ as loud as he could. Bartimaeus had probably heard many times about a man named Jesus who could heal the blind and the sick. Although he had heard a lot about Christ, the thing he needed was to be changed by Christ. When he heard that it was Christ that was passing by on the road, he immediately began to cry in a loud voice and ask Christ to have mercy on him and help him.

34. Read Luke 18:35-43 and write how he asked to be changed by Christ.

35. Explain why Bartimaeus asked Christ to show mercy to him.

36. Explain why it is important to you in your life to know that Christ does show mercy to all those who come to Him in repentance.

Before Bartimaeus met Christ, he was like every person that has not followed Christ. Although a person may hear many times about Christ, it does no good unless that person is willing to follow Christ and be changed by Christ. Bartimaeus realized that he needed to be changed by Christ because he could not change himself. Many people try to change themselves but it does not work. They must come to the point where they finally ask Christ to change their lives because they realize that they cannot change themselves. When they come to that point and ask Christ to change their lives, Christ will forgive their sins and give them eternal life.

37. Read Luke 18:35-43 and write what Christ told Bartimaeus that day.

38. Explain why many people think that they can change themselves and their lives through their own efforts.

39. Explain why you think that Bartimaeus realized that Christ could change his life even though he could not change himself.

The blind man asked to be changed by Christ. Christ immediately told him to receive his sight. However Christ did more than just give him physical sight. Christ also gave him spiritual life. We read that he was healed and saved because of his faith. That faith in Christ changed and transformed his life and he became a follower of Christ. This miracle also had an impact on all of the people that were traveling with Christ as they made the journey toward Jerusalem. We read that the people saw the miracle and immediately gave praise to God. Here we see that this miracle changed Bartimaeus but it also changed many other people in the crowd as they realized that Christ had performed the miracle because of the power of God.

40. Read Luke 18:35-43 and write what Bartimaeus did after he received his sight.

41. Explain what this miracle shows about the power of God to change people both physically and spiritually.

42. Explain why you think that Bartimaeus became a follower of Christ after he received his sight.

Now reread Luke 18:1-43 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 16**  
**Luke 19:1-48**

Today we will be studying about the arrival of Christ at Jerusalem just a few days before He was crucified on the cross. We will also study another of the parables of Christ. In this parable we will learn about the rewards that we will receive if we are faithful in serving Christ. This chapter also introduces us to a tax collector by the name of Zacchaeus. We will learn that he was very anxious to see Christ. Christ met Zacchaeus and went to his home to have dinner with him. However, before they even went to the house of Zacchaeus, the life of Zacchaeus had already been changed because he had met Christ and Christ had changed his life.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what happened when Zacchaeus met Christ.
- Explain the parable of the servants that were given money by their master.
- Explain what happened as Christ rode into Jerusalem on a colt.
- Explain how Christ shows His sadness for the city of Jerusalem.

In Luke 19:1-10 we read about Zacchaeus, the tax collector. As we read through these verses we learn several things about Zacchaeus. First we see that he was the chief among the tax collectors. This meant that he was a leader among a very sinful group of men because all of the people felt that the tax collectors were cheating them by changing more tax than the law allowed. Everyone hated the tax collectors because they had become rich by cheating the people and changing extra for the taxes. We also learn that Zacchaeus was very anxious to see Christ. However, there was one thing that made it impossible for him to see Christ.

1. Read Luke 19:1-10 and write why he could not see Christ.
2. Explain why the people of the land of Israel rejected the tax collectors and wanted nothing to do with them.
3. Explain why you think that Zacchaeus was eager to see Christ even though he was cheating the people.

Zacchaeus was short and the crowd of people around Christ was large. Since Zacchaeus was such a terrible thief, no one was willing to let him through to see Christ. Most people would have become discouraged and left. However, Zacchaeus was very anxious to see Christ and so he began thinking of a way to see Christ. Suddenly he remembered that there was a tree whose branches reached across the road. He ran quickly and climbed into the tree before Christ reached the tree. Here we see that Zacchaeus did not care what anyone else thought. He was going to see Christ even if people laughed at the rich man who climbed trees.

4. Read Luke 19:1-10 and write what kind of a tree Zacchaeus climbed.
5. Explain why Zacchaeus was willing to do whatever it took to get to see Christ regardless of what others thought about him.
6. Explain why you think that Zacchaeus was even willing to climb up into a tree in order to see Christ.

Christ was always anxious to help a man with a spiritual need that wanted to change his life. Christ knew that Zacchaeus needed to have his sins forgiven. Christ also knew that Zacchaeus wanted to have his sins forgiven. As a result, Christ was going to arrange a way for Zacchaeus to have his life transformed that day. Christ continues to work to arrange the circumstances so that the lives of people can also be changed today. When Christ came to the tree, He looked up and told Zacchaeus that He wanted to go to the home of Zacchaeus and eat dinner with him. Zacchaeus quickly got out of the tree and hurried to Christ. Now no one stopped him. Instead they moved to one side and let Zacchaeus through.

7. Read Luke 19:1-10 and write how Zacchaeus received Christ.
8. Explain why Christ will always provide the opportunity for people to learn how to have their sins forgiven when people reach a point where they want to change.
9. Explain why you are thankful that the Lord arranged the circumstances in your life so that you came to the point of understanding how to have your sins forgiven.

In our last lesson we saw that the rich young ruler went away from Christ sadly because he chose to worship his money instead of Christ. Here we see what happens when a man follows Christ. Suddenly Zacchaeus was no longer interested in his money. Instead he wanted to use that money to help others. He also wanted to repay four times as much to every person that he had cheated. This is a change that only Christ can make in a person. When Zacchaeus followed Christ, his thinking was changed and he wanted Christ to use whatever he had including his money. Zacchaeus thought he was going to see Christ but he did not know that Christ was seeking for him so that Christ could share with him how to receive salvation.

10. Read Luke 19:1-10 and write what Christ said had come to the house of Zacchaeus that day.
11. Explain what these verses teach about the reason why Christ came to this earth.
12. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the life of Zacchaeus.

Some of the religious leaders immediately began to talk to each other when they saw that Christ was going home with Zacchaeus to eat. They agreed that it was terrible for Christ to go and eat with a sinner. Today many Christians are like the Pharisees. They are not willing to invite those whom they consider to be very sinful to come to their homes for a meal. Such Christians are failing to follow the example of Christ. The easiest place to lead a sinner to Christ is at a meal in your home or in the home of the sinner. We need to realize that Christ often ministered to people in their homes.

13. Read Luke 19:1-10 and write why Christ said He came to this earth.
14. Explain why Christ chose to minister to Zacchaeus in his own home as they talked together over a meal.
15. Explain in what ways you have found that you can use your home as a place to minister to others.

As Christ and the disciples came close to Jerusalem, the disciples expected Christ to become the king immediately. Christ gave a parable of a nobleman to show the disciples what will really happen. Christ said that the nobleman would be going to a far country and would return. Just like the nobleman, Christ gives each of us gifts and tells us to occupy until He returns. This means that we are to use and develop the gifts that God has given to us so that we will have increased the amount given to us by the time Christ returns. This will happen as we depend completely on His strength and not our own. In Christ's strength the gifts He has given us will be multiplied as we use those gifts to lead others to Christ and help them grow.

16. Read Luke 19:11-27 and write how much the first servant multiplied the amount given to him because he used it faithfully.
17. Explain why Christ was showing the disciples that He expected them to use the gifts that He had given them to serve Him.
18. Explain how you are using the gifts that the Lord has given to you to serve Him.

The first servant had gained ten times as much when the master returned because he had been faithful in using what his master had given him. The second servant had also been faithful and had gained five times as much. Here we see that they had gained different amounts but they had both been faithful in using what has been given to them. Both of the servants that had been faithful received a reward based on what they had done with the things given to them by the Lord. In the same way the Lord will reward us based on what we have done with the gifts that He has given us.

19. Read Luke 19:11-27 and write what the third servant had done with the money that his

master had left with him.

20. Explain what these verses teach about the fact that Christ will reward every Christian that is faithful in serving Him.

21. Explain why you think that Christians will receive a reward based on the gifts that have been given to that Christian.

Christ has given every Christian gifts so that we can serve Him better. Some Christians are using their gifts to serve God and lead others to Christ. Some Christians are not using the gifts that God has given them. We see that the reason this servant had not used what had been given to him was a result of fear. In these verses we see that those Christians who are faithful in using their gifts for Christ will be rewarded. Those people who do not use the gifts that Christ has given to them will receive no reward. Those who rejected having Christ rule over them will be judged for their rejection of Christ and will experience eternal judgment.

22. Read Luke 19:11-27 and write what happened to the one that had buried what had been given to him.

23. Explain what these verses teach about the way that Christians should serve Christ.

24. Explain why you want to make the best use possible during this life of the gifts that Christ has given to you.

Luke 19:28-40 tells us about Christ riding into Jerusalem on a colt which had never been ridden before. If you have worked with animals before, you know that a colt that has never been ridden is usually very wild. However, Christ controls the animals as well as all other things.

As Christ got close to the city of Jerusalem, He sent two of His disciples to the village that they were passing and told them where to find the colt. Christ told them what to say when the owners asked them what they were doing. They were to say that the Lord needed the colt. Christ told the two disciples that they would be given permission to take the colt.

25. Read Luke 19:28-40 and write what the disciples began to do as Christ came near the city of Jerusalem as He rode the colt.

26. Explain why Christ chose to ride into the city of Jerusalem on a colt that had never been ridden.

27. Explain why you think that Christ told the disciples how to answer the owners.

The disciples were not ashamed to let others know that they were followers of Christ. They began to rejoice and praise God with loud voices. They said that Christ was the King that was coming in the name of the Lord. They spoke of peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Here we learn an important lesson. The disciples were walking with Christ. As a result, they were not ashamed to tell others that they were followers of Christ. If we will walk in fellowship with Christ, the result will be that we are not afraid to tell others that we are Christians.

28. Read Luke 19:28-40 and write what the Pharisees said when they heard the disciples rejoicing and praising God with a loud voice.

29. Explain why the disciples were rejoicing and praising God with loud voices as they followed Christ into the city.

30. Explain why it is important for you to let others know that you are also a follower of Christ.

The Pharisees were not happy to see the disciples speaking boldly for Christ. Today the devil is not happy when he hears Christians speaking boldly for Christ. He will try to get us to stop just as the Pharisees tried to get the disciples to stop speaking about Christ. However, we are to listen to Christ and not the devil. When we have followed Christ, He is our master. The devil no longer controls us so there is no reason why we should listen to him. Like the disciples, we should ask Christ to help us speak boldly for Him to the people that we meet in our lives.

31. Read Luke 19:28--40 and write who Christ said would begin to cry out if the disciples became quiet.

32. Explain why the Pharisees wanted Christ to tell His disciples to be quiet.

33. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from these verses about speaking boldly for Christ.

Luke 19:41-48 tells us about the arrival of Christ in Jerusalem. As Christ arrived in the city, He wept as He looked at the city. Here we see a real picture of the love of Christ for sinners. Christ knew that the people were very sinful but He still had a great love for them even in their sinful condition. He was not afraid to cry and show His love and concern for the people of the city of Jerusalem. We should have the same love and concern for those who are lost and dying without Christ. People are dying and going to hell without ever hearing that Christ died for their sins. In these verses we see a little picture of the sins of the people of Jerusalem that caused Christ to cry over the city.

34. Read Luke 19:41-48 and write what the leaders of Jerusalem had made the temple of God.

35. Explain why we are to love sinful people even though we know that they are sinful.

36. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life about the need to have compassion for those without Christ.

The people of Jerusalem had turned away from following God. Instead the leaders had made money their god and they were only concerned about making more money for themselves. They had turned the temple into a place where they were selling birds and animals. Christ said that the purpose of the temple was to have a place that could be a place of prayer and fellowship with God. Here we see also a little about the purpose of a church building. The purpose of that building is to provide a place where Christians can meet together for prayer and fellowship with God and each other. That building may be a home, a rented building, a shade or some other type of a place where Christians meet together.

37. Read Luke 19:41-48 and write what Christ did when He went into the temple.

38. Explain why Christ said that the Jewish religious leaders had turned the temple into a den of thieves.

39. Explain what you feel is the purpose of a building where a group of Christians meets to worship Christ.

The leaders were very angry when Christ chased them out of the temple and threw out the things that they were selling in the temple. They immediately began to look for an opportunity that would allow them to kill Christ. One sin always leads to another. When the stealing of the religious leaders was exposed, they immediately began to plan to kill the one that had stopped them from stealing. However, the leaders were afraid of the people. Here we see that the hearts of the leaders were filled with evil but they were also afraid of the people. As a result, they were going to try and hide their plans from the people.

40. Read Luke 19:41-48 and write how the people were listening to Christ.

41. Explain why the religious leaders were afraid of the people even though they were the leaders of the people.

42. Explain why you think that people that are trying to hide their own sin will always act out of fear.

Now reread Luke 19:1-48 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned for your own life from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 17**  
**Luke 20:1-21:38**

Today we will be studying some of the things that happened between the time that Christ arrived in Jerusalem and the night that Christ ate the Last Supper with the disciples. In this section we read about the religious leaders trying to trick Christ with their questions. They were fearful of losing their power over the people so they wanted to trap Christ with His words so that they would have an excuse to condemn Him. However, they were the ones that trapped themselves instead. We will also read about the poor widow that gave all of the money that she had to God. Finally Christ tells about the things that will happen before He comes back to become the King of the earth.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how Christ answered the men from each of the religious groups.
- Tell what lessons we learn for our own lives from the poor widow.
- Explain what will happen before Christ returns to the earth to become King.

As we also see in Matthew and Mark, the religious leaders made one last great effort to trick Christ. They tried to trick Him with questions so that they could accuse Him of disobeying the law or find something else wrong with Him. The first group asked Christ who gave Him the right and power to chase them out of the temple. As we study how Christ answered their question, we see that Christ answered their question with a question. He asked them whether John the Baptist was sent by God or came from men. Since the leaders refused to answer because they did not want to admit that they were wrong when they rejected the teaching of John, they said they did not know. Christ said that He would not answer their question either.

1. Read Luke 20:1-18 and write what the parable was about that Christ spoke when the leaders would not answer His question.
2. Explain why Christ answered the question of the chief priests by asking them a question.
3. Explain why you think that the chief priests were so upset after Christ stopped their selling in the temple.

Christ then gave a parable about the owner of a vineyard. In this parable Christ was showing the religious leaders how sinful they were. Their fathers had wounded and killed the prophets that God had sent. Now they were getting ready to kill the Son of God because of the sin in their hearts. Christ said that they were just like the builders that had rejected the cornerstone (most important stone) when they were building the temple in the Old Testament. Christ warns that He is the one who is the great stone. Those who refuse to listen to Christ will stumble and fall.

4. Read Luke 20:1-18 and write what will happen to them when the anger of God falls on them.
5. Explain why the religious leaders were showing their rebellion against God by acting like the tenants acted against the landowner in the parable.
6. Explain why you think that Christ told the religious leaders that God would certainly bring judgment upon them.

This chapter goes on to give a picture of the judgment of those who fail to follow Christ. The leaders knew that Christ had spoken the parable against them. That same hour they sent spies to trick Christ with another question. They asked whether it was right to pay taxes to Caesar or not. Christ could see that they were trying to trick Him again. Christ used a coin to show that they should give to Caesar what belonged to Caesar and to God what belonged to God. Today many people are trying to say that a person should disobey the laws of the government and riot

to get what they want. Many of the people who are suggesting such ideas are religious leaders. They are like the Pharisees, religious, but not Christians.

7. Read Luke 20:19-26 and write what Christ said to give to Caesar, the Roman ruler.
8. Explain why God wants people both to obey their government and also to obey Him.
9. Explain why you think that Christ says that Christians are to obey their government even when that government is not always a good government.

Here we see that there is not a disagreement between serving God and serving our government. God has given human governments to help keep sinful man under control. God uses even the worst governments for His plan and purpose. We are to obey the government and give to the government the things that belong to the government. At the same time we are also to obey and serve God. These religious leaders thought that they had created a perfect trap to trap Christ with His answer to their question. Instead they were amazed at His answer. They realized that there was no way that they could disagree with the answer of Christ.

10. Now read Luke 20:19-26 and write what we are to give to God.
11. Explain why the Jewish leaders could not trap Christ or question the things that He answered.
12. Explain why you think that it is important to help people see that the wisdom of Christ is far beyond our human wisdom.

The Sadducees asked the third question of Christ that day. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. However, they told a story about a man that had married a wife. He died and the next brother married the wife. As each brother died, the next brother would marry the wife until all seven brothers had been married to her. Then the Sadducees asked Christ whose wife the woman would be in heaven if she was married to each of seven brothers here on the earth. The Sadducees were making two mistakes. They did not realize that there will be no marriage in heaven. Second, the Sadducees failed to believe in the resurrection.

13. Read Luke 20:27-47 and write what Christ told the Sadducees about God.
14. Explain why the Sadducees thought that they could trap Christ by this question about seven brothers and the woman.
15. Explain how this question showed both their lack of understanding about the resurrection and also their lack of understanding about heaven.

After that answer by Christ, the religious leaders were afraid to ask any more questions. Christ then asked them a question. Christ asked how David could call Christ Lord and yet Christ would also be a descendent of David. The religious leaders did not even try to answer the question of Christ. Then Christ began to talk about the sins of the religious leaders. Christ was speaking particularly to the disciples as He spoke about the sins of the religious leaders. However, there was also a large crowd of other people standing around Christ. The religious leaders had many opportunities to follow Christ. We see though that they refused to follow and obey Him.

16. Read Luke 20:27-47 and write what the scribes liked to wear as they walked around the market place and other places.
17. Explain how Christ could be a descendent of David and yet David also called Him Lord.
18. Explain what lessons you have learned about the Jewish religious leaders as you have studied the book of Luke.

Luke 21:1-4 tells about the poor widow who gave all that she had to God. Today we are living in a day when even the poorest Christians in some countries are rich when we compare the poor people living in those countries with the poor people living in many other lands of the world. We do not have people in these countries that are starving unless they are starving because of their own sin. In some countries there are people as poor as this widow. However, nearly all people on the earth have more than this poor widow had. Yet the poor widow gave all that she

had to God. Most of us are giving like the rich people. We are only giving a little to God when we could be giving Him much more of what we have.

19. Read Luke 21:1-4 and write how much the poor woman gave.

20. Explain why this woman shows us an example of a person that is living by faith and trusting God to supply her daily needs.

21. Explain how this poor widow gives you an example for your own life of what it means to trust Christ to supply your daily needs.

As you think about the poor widow giving all that she had to God, ask yourself, "How much am I giving to God?" Does God control your possessions? Have you turned control of everything you have over to God? These are questions that each Christian needs to ask himself. God wants total dedication of our lives and possessions. Christ gave His all including His life for us. The least we can do is give part of what Christ has given to us back to Him and then use it the way that God wants us to use it for His work.

22. Read Luke 21:1-4 and write how much the widow gave to the Lord.

23. Explain what Christ means when He says that the rich were not really giving very much to the Lord because they were giving out of their abundance.

24. Explain how these verses apply to you in your own life.

Christ had the disciples ask Him two questions about the future. In the rest of the chapter we learn about some of the things that will happen before Christ returns to the earth to rule. Some of these things would begin to happen immediately but most will happen after Christ takes the Christians to heaven. Today we will look particularly at the instructions that Christ gives to each of His followers who follow Him. He tells us that men will persecute them because they were Christians. However, this should not make them discouraged. Instead those who were persecuted were to thank God and rejoice. Christ said they would even be beaten and put into prison. Christ said His followers can rejoice in such situations because this will give them new opportunities to speak for Christ.

25. Read Luke 21:5-19 and name the two kinds of government officials before whom God may allow Christ's followers to speak for Him.

26. Explain why followers of Christ can rejoice even when they are suffering persecution.

27. Explain what makes it possible for you to have joy even when you face opposition for your witness for Christ.

When believers are put in jail and brought before rulers because they are followers of Christ, they are not to try and think up an answer for these men in advance. This has been an encouragement to many ever since the church began to know that Christ will give them the words to speak when they are persecuted. Instead they are told to let God put the words in their mouths to answer these men. If God gives His followers the words to speak, those who are persecuting His followers will not be able to answer the wisdom of the followers of Christ.

28. Read Luke 21:5-19 and write four groups who will try to get believers killed.

29. Explain why believers can trust the Lord to give them the words to speak when they are suffering persecution.

30. Explain why you are thankful that Christ will give you the words to speak as you trust in Him.

Here we see that even the family of some believers will hate Christ so much that they will try to get the believers killed. Today this is happening in some countries around the world. Christ says people will hate believers because they follow Christ. As believers we do not need to worry because Christ is taking care of us and He will be with us no matter what people do to us in any period. If men kill us, we can be thankful because that will mean that we are in heaven with Christ. If men do not kill us, we can be thankful because it means we will have more opportunities to witness for Christ. No matter what happens we can be thankful.

31. Read Luke 21:5-19 and write why believers will be hated.

32. Explain why Christians can be thankful regardless of how much persecution we experience.
33. Explain why you think Christ explained to the disciples the things that are going to happen before Christ returns to rule the earth for one thousand years.

Christ also says that the Gentiles will control Jerusalem until the times of the Gentiles are complete. For 2500 years the Gentiles have controlled Jerusalem. In 1948 the Jews regained part of Jerusalem. Today there is much fighting between the Jews and the Arabs in an effort to control that part of the world. The Jews may gain temporary control and the fighting may stop for a time. Jerusalem experienced a great destruction in 70 AD. However, the Jews still face the greatest persecution and suffering in their entire history. This will happen when the false Christ is in control during the seven years of tribulation. Then the times of the Gentiles will come to an end and Christ will come back to rule on the earth for 1000 years.

34. Read Luke 21:20-38 and write what will pass away even though the Word of God will not pass away.
35. Explain why the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD is just a little picture of what Jerusalem will experience during the tribulation.
36. Explain why you are thankful that all Christians will be taken to heaven just before the tribulation begins.

Since God is going to keep His Word, it is important for every person to be ready for the coming of the Lord. As Christians, we need to be ready for Christ to come and take the Christians heaven at the rapture before the seven years of tribulation. For those who become believers during the tribulation they will need to be ready for Christ to come back to judge the wicked and rule for one thousand years. These verses tell us to watch and pray always. If we are praying always, we will not be afraid. We will be resting in the Lord and following His guidance.

37. Read Luke 21:20-38 and write where there will be signs during the tribulation.
38. Explain why the Jews and the other people who trust Christ during the tribulation are told to look up and lift up their heads.
39. Explain what it means to you in your life to pray always.

Christ gave a parable about a fig tree to remind us to be prepared for the coming of Christ. We are seeing many things happen in Israel and the surrounding area. This is a reminder to us that the coming of Christ for the Christians is getting close. Christ also promised that His words will not pass away. That is why we need to watch and be ready always for the coming of the Lord. We read that Christ was teaching the people in the temple during the day. Then at night He would go out to the Mountain of Olives. The crowds kept Christ so busy during the day that He did not have any time to rest. It was necessary for Christ to go out of the city in order for Him to have any time alone with His disciples.

40. Read Luke 21:20-38 and write when the people gathered again to hear Christ.
41. Explain why all believers can know that the Word of God will never pass away.
42. Explain why you think that you need to be prepared for the coming of the Lord at any moment.

Now reread Luke 20:1-21:38 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 18**  
**Luke 22:1-71**

Today we will be studying the things that happened the night before Christ was crucified. That night many important things happened. Christ ate the last meal with his disciples before He was crucified. Christ also warned the disciples and especially Peter that Peter would deny Him three times that night. Christ then gave some final instructions to the disciples. Then we read about the prayer of Christ in the garden on the Mountain of Olives. While Christ was in the garden, Judas led a group of men from the religious leaders to capture Christ. Finally we read about the trial of Christ by the religious leaders.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why it was important for Christ to eat the Passover with His disciples.
- Explain what Christ taught the disciples the night before He was crucified.
- Tell what happened as Christ prayed in the garden.
- Explain what happened at the trial of Christ by the religious leaders.

Luke 22:1-20 tells us about the Passover and the Last Supper that Christ ate with His disciples before His death on the cross. We read first of all that Judas agreed to betray Christ and help the religious leaders catch Christ when no one was around. Judas had followed Christ because He thought that Christ was going to become a king. He had hoped to get rich as a leader in that kingdom. He had even been able to deceive all of the other disciples so that the other disciples believed that he was a true follower of Christ. Now he suddenly realized that Christ was going to die and not become a king. He immediately began to think about how he could get some money for himself. This allowed someone else to control his thoughts.

1. Read Luke 22:1-20 and write who entered into Judas.
2. Explain what made it possible for Judas to deceive the other disciples so that they never recognized that he was not a true disciple of Christ.
3. Explain why you think that there are people like Judas that can pretend to be true followers of Christ when they are actually only out to get something for themselves.

Here we learn an important lesson. One who openly rejects Christ makes it particularly easy for Satan to take complete control of his or her life. Satan is always trying to work in the life of every person. However, the more a person rejects Christ, the easier it is for Satan to deceive that person and cause that person to do wrong. In this case Judas was so controlled by Satan that Satan entered into his body and he became demon possessed by the ruler of the demons. This is one of the reasons why a person that has been very religious for many years but has never followed Christ often has a very hard heart toward the Word of God.

4. Read Luke 22:1-20 and write how Christ told Peter and John to find the place where they were to prepare the Passover.
5. Explain why the evil heart of Judas made it easy for Satan himself to take possession of the body of Judas.
6. Explain what lessons you learn for yourself about the danger of greed from the life of Judas in these verses.

We read that Peter and John went to prepare the Passover dinner for Christ and the disciples. Christ said they would find the place to prepare the meal by following a man carrying a pitcher of water. They were to ask the owner of the house where the guest room was where they could prepare the Passover. Christ said the man would show them a large upper room that was ready for them to prepare the Passover meal. As Christ was eating with the disciples, He told them that He wanted to eat the Passover with them before His suffering and death. As they were

eating, Christ took a cup of juice and thanked God for it. Then He passed it to the disciples. Christ said He would not drink the juice from a vine again until we all drink it together with Him in heaven.

7. Read Luke 22:1-20 and write what Christ says His blood is.

8. Explain why Christ used a man carrying a pitcher of water to lead Peter and John to the place where they were to prepare the Passover meal.

9. Explain why you think that it was important to Christ to eat the Passover meal with His disciples before His suffering and death.

Here Christ gives us a beautiful lesson that takes us clear back to the book of Genesis. In Genesis 12 and 15 God made a promise to Abraham that included four parts. One part said that in Abraham all of the families in the earth would be blessed. God signed this promise with what was called a blood covenant. In Genesis 15 God walked alone between the animals that had been cut in half. In this way God was promising Abraham that he would keep His promises forever. Later God gave Moses the Law and said that the Law was called the old covenant or testament. Moses offered blood sacrifices to put that covenant into effect. Now Christ says that He is making new testament (covenant or promise). This new promise is the promise of eternal life forever. Every one who follows Christ has this promise from Christ that He has eternal life. Christ signed this promise with His own blood. That means that no one can break that promise forever. Once we follow Christ we know that we have eternal life and no one can take it from us because Christ signed the promise with His blood.

10. Read Luke 22:1-20 and write why Christ says that we should eat the bread and drink juice at Communion.

11. Explain why the old covenant of Moses could only bring death instead of life.

12. Explain why you are thankful that the new covenant of Christ brings eternal life.

Christ goes on to teach the disciples several other important lessons in Luke 22:21-38. The disciples still did not realize that Christ was going to die on the cross. They were still discussing which of them would be the greatest and most important. Christ emphasized to the disciples again that if they wanted to become great they must be willing to serve others. As you have noticed in this Gospel, Christ has said over and over again that we must be thankful for the opportunity to serve others. This is an important lesson that every Christian needs to learn.

13. Read Luke 22:21-38 and write the special reward that Christ promises to the disciples.

14. Explain why it is important for Christians to serve others rather than to try and make themselves great.

15. Explain why you are thankful that the Lord has given you the privilege of serving Him by serving others.

Christ also warned Peter that he would say that he did not know Christ three times before the next morning. Here Christ says that Satan wanted to sift Peter like wheat. Men would sift wheat to get the dirt out of the wheat. Satan wanted to cause Peter to fail. Today Satan wants to cause every Christian to fail. Here we see that Peter was depending on his own strength instead of Christ. As a result he did fail. However, Christ says that He had prayed for Peter and that his failure would not cause his faith to become weak. Instead Christ prayed that when Peter realized that he had failed that he would confess his sin and then strengthen the other disciples. Here we see that when we depend on our own strength, the Lord will allow us to fail so that we will learn to depend on His strength instead. Often we learn some of our most important lessons from our failures.

16. Read Luke 22:21-38 and write what Christ said Peter would do that night.

17. Explain why Christ allows Christians to fail when they depend on their own strength.

18. Explain how the Lord has taught you some very important lessons through your failures.

Earlier Christ had sent the disciples out to preach and had told them not to take any extra

clothes, food or money with them. Christ asks the disciples again if He had supplied their needs as they went from place to place. They answered that they had not lacked a single thing. Now Christ gives them some new instructions. This time Christ told the disciples to take their purse, their bag and their sword. They had learned the lesson that they could depend on the Lord to supply their needs. Now Christ wanted to teach them to use everything that they had to serve the Lord. Today we need to use everything that the Lord has given us to serve Him better.

19. Read Luke 22:21-38 and write how many swords Christ said was enough.

20. Explain why it was important for the disciples to learn that Christ would supply their needs as they served Him.

21. Explain why it is important to you to know that Christ will supply your needs.

Luke 22:39-53 tells several things that happened as Christ was in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mountain of Olives. We read that Christ warned the disciples to pray so that they would not yield to temptation. Here we see that prayer is extremely important to protect us from temptation. Then Christ went a little distance from the disciples and began to pray. As you read the prayer of Christ, you see that He prays that the will of the Father will be done. Here we learn an important lesson for our own lives. We should want to do the will of the Father even if that means suffering. The Lord will bless us and strengthen us if we do His will.

22. Read Luke 22:39-53 and write what the Father did to give Christ strength.

23. Explain why it is important for every Christian to know that prayer is the only way that we can have victory over temptation.

24. Explain how the Lord has helped you when you have prayed to Him during times of temptation.

God will always give us the extra strength that we need if we will ask Him for it. Here we see that the Father sent an angel to strengthen Christ. As Christ prayed, we read that He sweat great drops of sweat that were like drops of blood. Here we see a picture of the concern of Christ as he prayed. He was going to have all of the sins of the world placed on Him as he hung on the cross. Christ was willing to have our sins and the sins of the entire world placed on Him so He could pay the penalty for sin. He did this because of His great love for us. We also learn an important lesson for our own lives. Are we concerned for those who are lost and dying without Christ? Are you willing to pray and weep for the lost?

25. Read Luke 22:39-53 and write what the disciples were doing when Christ returned to them.

26. Explain why Christ experienced such great agony as He prayed in the garden.

27. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the concern of Christ for the world.

We see that as Christ finished praying that there was a group of people coming to meet Christ. These men were sent by the religious leaders to catch Christ when no one was around Christ. Judas was the one that was leading these men. Judas had pretended to follow Christ for more than three years. Here we learn another important lesson. Today there are many people who pretend to follow Christ. They may even attend church every Sunday. One day such people will find that they were able to trick people. However, they cannot trick Christ. People are easily deceived by the words and actions of others. In contrast, Christ looks at the heart.

28. Read Luke 22:39-53 and write how Judas betrayed Christ.

29. Explain why there are people that pretend to follow Christ even though they have never repented of their sin.

30. Explain why you think that Judas was able to deceive all of the other disciples.

Christ asked the men why they were coming after Him like He was a thief. Then Christ told them that this was their hour. It was the hour of darkness. Truly it was the darkest hour in the history of the world. The devil was doing everything in his power to destroy Christ. He thought that he would win the victory over Christ if he could kill Christ. When Satan did not know was that it was the plan of Christ to die to pay the penalty for the sins of people. He was

so eager to destroy Christ that he did not even realize that the one that he was destroying was himself. However, we see that Christ won the victory over sin through His death and resurrection.

31. Read Luke 22:39-53 and write what Christ called the hour.

32. Explain why Satan thought that he would win the victory if he could get the people to kill Christ.

33. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that Christ chose to die for your sins as well as the sins of the whole world.

We also read about the trial of Christ by the religious leaders. As Christ was being tried, Peter came and sat by the fire with those who were planning to kill Christ. Peter had forgotten that Christ had said earlier that he would deny Christ three times. As a result, we read that Peter said three times that he did not know Christ. Two things happened as soon as Peter said that he did not know Christ. First we read that the rooster crowed as soon as Peter said the third time that he did not know Christ.

34. Read Luke 22:54-71 and write the second thing that happened when Peter denied Christ.

35. Explain why it was easy for Peter to forget what Christ had said since he had slept when Christ told him to pray to avoid temptation.

36. Explain how you think that Peter felt when Christ turned and looked at him.

Here we see a picture of the love of Christ. When Peter denied Christ for the third time, Christ turned and looked at him. As Peter looked back at Christ, Peter could see the look of sadness in the face of Christ because Peter had failed. Christ did not say a word. He only looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered what Christ had said and went out and wept bitterly. As we think about the failure of Peter and the look of sadness on the face of Christ, we need to ask ourselves, "How does Christ look at me? Is Christ full of joy as He looks at my life or is He looking at me in sadness because of the sin and failure in my life?"

37. Read Luke 22:54-71 and write what the people conducting the trial did to Christ.

38. Explain why Christ looked with love at Peter even though he had failed.

39. Explain what areas in your life you want Christ to change so that He will not need to look at you in sadness.

As you look at the things you have just written, you realize that you fail whenever you depend on your own strength instead of depending on Christ. Now read what areas you want Christ to change in your life and then pray that Christ will give you victory in each area mentioned. As we go through the rest of the chapter, we read that the religious leaders planned to kill Christ because they did not want to admit that He was the Son of God. They decided that they would kill him if He admitted that He was the Son of God and so they asked Him two questions.

40. Read Luke 22:54-71 and write the two questions they asked Christ as He stood before the council early in the morning.

41. Explain why the religious leaders were so anxious to kill Christ.

42. Explain why you think that Christ said that they would see the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.

Now reread Luke 22:1-71 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 19**  
**Luke 23:1-56**

Today we will be studying about the trial and death of Christ. We will learn how sin causes two enemies to become friends. Here we see that people can become friends because of the fact that they are working together against Christ. We will see that Christ gives a warning as He is on His way to be crucified on the cross. We want to notice particularly some of the things that Christ said as He hung on the cross. We will see the love of Christ for those who nailed Him to the cross. We will also see the promise that Christ gave to one of the thieves that was crucified with Him. Finally we will see that Christ willingly gave up His life.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this chapter, you should be able to:

- Explain why Pilate and Herod became friends.
- Explain what Christ said to the women on the way to the cross.
- Explain how Christ showed His love for those who killed Him.
- Explain what Christ said to the thief who realized that he was a sinner.

When the Jewish religious leaders had finished their trial, they led Christ to Pilate. They told Pilate that Christ had tried to lead the people the wrong way by telling the people not to pay taxes to Caesar and claiming that He was the king. Here we see that they told complete lies. Christ had told them just a few days before that they should give to Caesar what belonged to Caesar and to God what belonged to God. Pilate examined Christ and then said, "I find no fault in this man." Pilate knew that they were telling lies. When Pilate said he found no fault in Christ, the people became very angry and began to shout that Christ had been teaching these things clear from Galilee.

1. Read Luke 23:1-12 and write to whom Pilate sent Christ when he heard Christ came from Galilee.
2. Explain why the Jewish religious leaders chose to accuse Christ of telling the people not to pay taxes to Caesar.
3. Explain why you think that the people became very angry when Pilate said that he found no fault in Christ.

Herod had wanted to see Christ for a long time because he had heard about the miracles of Christ. In fact he hoped to see Christ do some miracles. He also wanted to see Christ to make sure that He was not John the Baptist raised from the dead. Once Herod knew that it was not John the Baptist, the only desire of Herod was to make fun of Christ. Christ knew this and so He did not answer Herod. The religious leaders said many false things about Christ. Then Herod and his soldiers treated Christ meanly and made fun of Him. They put one of Herod's old robes on Christ and pretended to worship Christ.

4. Read Luke 23:1-12 and write who became a friend of Herod that day.
5. Explain why Herod had wanted to see Christ for a long time.
6. Explain why you think that Christ chose to say nothing to Herod when Herod spoke to Him that day.

Pilate and Herod both knew that Christ was innocent. Herod had heard John the Baptist preach and tell him of his need to repent of his sin many times before Herod killed John. Herod had known the truth and rejected it. Here we see some of the results of continuing to reject the Word of God. Now his heart was hard toward God. Pilate had said that Christ was innocent and then condemned Christ to die. Pilate and Herod became friends as a result of condemning an innocent man to die. Today many people are just like Pilate and Herod. They become

friends because they sin together. They enjoy making fun of Christ when they are together because they are in rebellion against Christ.

7. Read Luke 23:1-12 and write what the relationship of Herod and Pilate had been like before that day.

8. Explain why Pilate and Herod became friends that day.

9. Explain why you think that the hearts of people become hard toward God when they continue to reject His Word.

Because Herod could find nothing wrong with Christ, he sent Christ back to Pilate. Pilate said that the religious leaders had accused Christ of perverting the people. Then Pilate told the religious leaders that neither he nor Pilate could find anything wrong with Christ. He offered to give Christ a beating and let Him go. The people immediately began to ask Pilate to crucify Christ. Pilate then said for the third time that he found Christ innocent. Here we see that Pilate was trying to decide whether to please the people or do what he knew was right and let Christ go. Many people face a similar choice. They are forced to decide whether to please others or do what they knew is the right thing to do.

10. Read Luke 23:13-25 and write what Pilate decided to do.

11. Explain why Pilate said three times that Christ was innocent and yet offered to beat Christ and release Him.

12. Explain why you think that Pilate chose to please the people instead of doing what he knew was right.

Here we see a picture of the way many people today also act. They are deciding to go along with the crowd instead of following Christ. That is the easy way here on this earth. However, it leads to death in hell. Such people do not follow Christ because they do not want to be different from the world. The Christian is different. He has the privilege of obeying Christ instead of following the devil. When Pilate decided to follow the crowd instead of doing what was right, he agreed to release Barabbas instead of Christ. He then said again that he would beat Christ and let Him go. The people kept crying for Christ to be crucified until they prevailed. Then Pilate sentenced Christ to be crucified.

13. Read Luke 23:13-25 and write the two crimes it says that Barabbas had done.

14. Explain why the people continued to shout until they got what they wanted and Pilate agreed to crucify Christ.

15. Explain how you think that Barabbas felt when he learned that he had been freed and Christ was being crucified.

As the Roman soldiers led Christ away, they made Simon from the country of Cyrene carry the cross of Christ. The other Gospels tell us that Pilate had Christ beaten before the soldiers took Him to be crucified. The beating was so bad that Christ could not carry the cross and so the Roman soldiers made Simon carry the cross. The book of Mark says that Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus. This would indicate that the Christians got to know Simon and his family. This may be an indication that the entire family turned to Christ because Simon met Christ that day. Here we see that God can work even through the evil actions of sinful people to accomplish His plan.

16. Read Luke 23:26-32 and write to whom Christ spoke on the way to the cross.

17. Explain why God is able to work and accomplish His purpose even through the things that are done by those that are rejecting Christ.

18. Explain why you think that the names of the two sons of Simon are mentioned in the book of Mark.

The daughters of Jerusalem were some of the women that had helped Christ during the three and a half years that Christ was carrying on His public ministry. These were people that loved Christ and they were crying as they watched Christ being led out of the city to be killed on the

cross. Christ told them to cry for themselves and their families instead of crying for Him. Christ knew that He was fulfilling the plan of God so there was no need to cry for Him. Christ told them to cry for their families because there was a day of great judgment coming on their nation. If the Romans condemned an innocent man who had done nothing wrong, the judgment for those who were guilty would be even worse. Christ was like a green tree. The judgment for those who were like a dry tree would be even greater.

19. Read Luke 23:26-32 and write how many others were taken to be crucified with Christ.

20. Explain what lessons we learn from what Christ said in these verses.

21. Explain what you learn from the fact that Christ was concerned for these women and their children instead of being concerned for Himself.

We also learn many wonderful lessons from the things that Christ said as He hung on the cross. We see a real picture of love and concern for others even though Christ was in great pain. As Christ hung on the cross, He said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." The religious leaders had condemned Christ even though He was innocent. Then they turned Christ over to the Romans who made fun of Christ, beat Him and finally crucified Him on a cross. Now Christ showed His love for all of these men by asking the Father to forgive them. Here Christ gives us an example of what it really means to forgive others. This is the kind of love we need for the people around us.

22. Read Luke 23:33-43 and write what these rulers said about the one who had just asked the Father to forgive them.

23. Explain what Christ meant when He said that the people did not know what they were doing.

24. Explain why you think that Christ prayed to the Father and asked Him to forgive the very people that were crucifying Him.

Here we see a picture of the sin and hate of men. Even though these men had just heard Christ ask the Father to forgive them, they were showing their hate by mocking and making fun of Christ. As the soldiers heard the religious leaders mocking Christ, the soldiers started to say some of the same things to Christ. Here we see how a group of sinful people quickly leads others to join them in their sin. The soldiers said those things because they had heard the words of the religious leaders. The reverse is also true. If we are continually speaking to others about Christ, then other Christians will begin to tell others about Christ also.

25. Read Luke 23:33-43 and write what the soldiers said about Christ.

26. Explain what these verses show about the sinfulness of the rulers that had rejected and condemned Christ.

27. Explain why you think that others will quickly begin to speak and do the same things that they hear others speaking and see people doing.

The thieves also joined the crowd and began to mock Christ. The other Gospels mentioned that both of the thieves mocked at first. Here we read that one of the thieves said, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us." Here was a man who was dying in great pain. Yet he continued to mock Christ. There are many people who make fun of Christ right till the moment they die. They never do turn to Christ. This thief had made the choice to mock Christ until he could no longer speak. He made a choice that day that he will remember throughout eternity. However, we also see that something else happened that day.

28. Read Luke 23:33-43 and write what the second thief said to Christ.

29. Explain why one thief made the choice to mock Christ until he died and never repented even though he heard Christ pray from the cross.

30. Explain why you think that many people still refuse to repent and turn to Christ even when they know that they are dying.

Here we see another important lesson. God used the words of those who hated Christ to cause one man to realize his need of Christ. The second thief heard the people speak against Christ.

He also heard the prayer of Christ asking the Father to forgive those who were putting Christ to death. Suddenly the thief realized that only Christ could forgive his sins. As the thief hung on the cross, he asked Christ to remember him. Christ told the thief that he would be with Christ that day as soon as he died. Christ wants to teach us a lesson in these verses. He wants us to realize that we should continue to witness for Christ even when men hate Christ because God will use His Word to cause some people to turn from their sins.

31. Read Luke 23:33-43 and write what Christ promised the second thief would happen to him that day.

32. Explain why we should continue to witness to a person about Christ even though the person seems to hate Christ.

33. Explain why you think that the choice of the second thief that day will give him a reason to rejoice throughout eternity.

Luke 23:44-56 tells us about the death and burial of Christ. We read that from noon until about three in the afternoon the entire earth was covered with darkness. Christ was carrying the sins of the whole world as He hung on the cross. The Father cannot look on sin and so He covered the entire earth with darkness. God is holy and He cannot even look at sin. He had to break His fellowship with Christ during this period that Christ was paying for our sins. This is the only time throughout history that the Father and Christ were not in perfect fellowship and it was because Christ was bearing our sins.

34. Read Luke 23:44-56 and write the last thing that Christ said as He hung on the cross.

35. Explain why it was necessary for the fellowship of the Father and the Son to be broken in order to pay the penalty for our sin.

36. Explain why you are glad that Christ was willing to have His fellowship with the Father broken in order to pay for your sins.

Christ had completed the work of paying the penalty for our sins. We read that Christ then gave up the spirit. Men did not take the life of Christ. He willingly gave His life for your sins and mine. Christ chose to come to this earth so that He could die for our sins. Christ chose to suffer and die. Christ chose to do all of these things because He wanted to give us eternal life. He did all this for us. When the Roman centurion saw all that had happened, he recognized that Christ was a righteous man. In fact the Roman soldier gave glory to God. Here we see that the crucifixion of Christ even had an impact on the soldiers that crucified Him.

37. Read Luke 23:44-56 and write the name of the man that asked Pilate for permission to bury Christ.

38. Explain why Christ willingly chose to come to this earth and give His life to pay the penalty for our sins.

39. Explain what the death of Christ means to you in your own life.

The thief followed Christ. The leader of the Roman soldiers glorified God when he realized that Christ was God. We also read about the man who buried Christ. He was a man named Joseph from the city of Arimathea. We see that he was one religious leader that did not agree when the other religious leaders condemned Christ. Instead he had spoken for Christ. Now he was willing to publicly let others know that he was a follower of Christ. He went to Pilate and begged for permission to have the body of Christ so that he could bury it. Here we learn another important lesson. Christ wants every Christian to be willing to publicly say that he follows Christ.

40. Read Luke 23:44-56 and write what Joseph was waiting for and to what he was looking forward.

41. Explain why Joseph was willing to publicly let people know that he was a follower of Christ and chose to ask for permission to bury Christ.

42. Explain why you think Joseph was willing to accept the rejection of the other religious leaders for the choice that he made that day.

Now reread Luke 23:1-56 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.

**Survey of Luke**  
**Lesson 20**  
**Luke 24:1-53**

Today we will study about the day that Christ rose from the dead. That morning several of the women that followed Christ went to the grave. When they came to the grave they found that Christ was not there. Instead an angel told them that Christ was alive. Later in the day two of the followers of Christ were walking along the road to the little village of Emmaus where they lived. As they walked, Christ joined them and walked with them. Christ taught the two many things as they walked along the road. Finally we read about Christ appearing to the disciples that night. As Christ talked to the disciples, he gave them some very important instructions.

As you study this chapter, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what the angels said to the women at the grave.
- Tell what we learn from Christ as He talked to the two followers on the road to Emmaus.
- Explain the instructions that Christ gave to the disciples when He rose from the dead.

On the morning that Christ arose from the dead, the women that had followed Christ went to the grave. They came to bring spices to put on the body of Christ. When they arrived at the grave they found that the stone had been rolled away. They quickly went into the tomb but did not find the body of Christ. They were very surprised because they could not find the body of Christ. This brought great confusion to their thoughts as they tried to understand what had happened. As they stood wondering what had happened, suddenly two angels were standing with them. This caused the women to be very afraid.

1. Read Luke 24:1-12 and write the question that the angels asked the women.
2. Explain why this was very confusing to the women that had brought spices to put on the body of Christ.
3. Explain how you would feel if you came to put spices on the body of a dead person and the body was missing.

Suddenly the women were faced with the thought that they would never find the dead body of Christ because He was no longer dead. The angels asked them why they were looking for the living among the dead. Christ was alive. The angels reminded the women of what Christ had said when He was teaching them in Galilee. The women suddenly remembered the words of Christ about His coming death and resurrection. Here we learn an important lesson for our own lives. We need to realize the full meaning of what it means to serve a living Savior instead of one who is dead. Many Christians pray as though Christ is dead and not able to hear their prayers. They do not expect Him to answer. Other Christians live as though they do not realize that Christ is alive.

4. Read Luke 24:1-12 and write how the disciples responded when the women told them that Christ was alive.
5. Explain why the disciples did not believe what the women said when they said that Christ was alive.
6. Explain what the resurrection of Christ means to you in your own life today.

The other disciples did not believe that Christ had risen from the dead. The women came and told the apostles what had happened and said that Christ had risen. The disciples thought that the women were telling them idle tales when they said that Christ had risen from the dead. Peter and John ran to the tomb and saw the linen clothes lying by themselves. Peter wondered about the things that he had seen at the tomb. Later that day two other followers of Christ decided to return to the town of Emmaus where they lived, as that town was only about seven

miles from Jerusalem. As they were walking along the road, they were talking about the things that had happened. Christ came walking along the road and caught up with them as they walked. However, they did not recognize Christ.

7. Read Luke 24:13-24 and write the question that Christ asked the two as they walked.

8. Explain why the disciples did not believe what the women had told them.

9. Explain why you think that it was hard for the disciples to believe that Christ had risen from the dead.

Here we see a real picture of the teaching methods of Christ. He did several things that are very important when teaching others. He used questions to get the disciples to start thinking and talking. He began at the point that these disciples felt was their greatest need. He had answers prepared for the things He knew they did not understand. He let them do most of the talking and He guided their thinking as they talked. Christ asked them what they were talking about and what made them so sad. The two disciples asked Him if He was a stranger in Jerusalem. They asked if He had not heard about the things that had happened in the city of Jerusalem during the past few days.

10. Read Luke 24:13-24 and write the second question that Christ asked the two disciples.

11. Explain why Christ took time to have the two disciples tell what had happened and what they thought about what had happened before He began to explain what really happened.

12. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the example of Christ about how to teach others.

Suddenly these men saw a wonderful opportunity to explain the things that they knew about Christ to someone else. They started telling all of the things that they knew about Christ to this interested listener. Here we see another important lesson about teaching. A person only learns a certain amount at a time. Then that person must tell what he knows to someone else before he is able to learn new things. Christ had the two disciples teach all that they knew first so that they would be prepared to learn more when Christ started to speak. They told Christ about Jesus of Nazareth. They told how He had been crucified. They explained what they had hoped that Christ would do. They told about the visit of the women to the tomb and how the women had not found the body. They told how some of the other disciples had gone to the tomb and that it was empty.

13. Read Luke 24:13-24 and write what the two disciples said that the women had seen when they went to the tomb.

14. Explain why it was important to these two disciples to be able to tell Christ about the things that had happened.

15. Explain how the example of Christ shows you that it is important to let family and friends talk about the death of one that they have loved.

When the two disciples had finished telling all that they knew about Christ, Christ began with the first part of the Old Testament and went through the whole Old Testament. He explained the prophecies that told how He must suffer and die for the sins of the world. He said it was necessary for Christ to die and enter into His glory. He gave the two disciples a summary of what the Old Testament taught about the death and resurrection of Christ. The Old Testament now had a new meaning to these men because they saw that it talked about Christ, the One whom they were following. This is what always happens when a person begins to follow Christ. Suddenly the Bible begins to make sense.

16. Read Luke 24:25-32 and write what Christ pretended He was going to do as they came to the village of Emmaus.

17. Explain why it was important for these two disciples to understand what the Old Testament taught about the death and resurrection of Christ.

18. Explain why you think that it is important for you to also become familiar with what the Old Testament teaches about the death and resurrection of Christ.

These men had learned many new lessons as they walked along the road with Christ. They were anxious to learn more and so they asked Christ to come into the house with them. Christ agreed and went into the house with them. They prepared a meal and they began to eat with Christ. As they were eating, Christ took bread, thanked God for it and then gave it to them. This was exactly what Christ had done the night before His crucifixion as He ate the Passover supper with His disciples. Suddenly the two disciples realized that the one to whom they had been talking was Christ. As soon as they recognized Christ, immediately Christ disappeared and was gone.

19. Read Luke 24:25-32 and write what the two men said to each other.

20. Explain why Christ used the breaking of the bread to cause the two disciples to recognize who He was.

21. Explain why you are thankful that Christ told us to remember His death by having communion together with other Christians.

Here we see what happens when the Word of God comes to hearts that are prepared to learn. The two men were filled with joy and happiness because of the things that they had learned from Christ. The Word of God had become the most exciting book that these men had ever read. The difference was the fact that now they knew Christ who had told the authors what to write better than they had ever known Him before. The disciples had learned about the Old Testament from the time that they were very young children. They were very familiar with the teaching of the Old Testament. However, Christ had opened to their understanding of the Old Testament so that they understood what they learned through the years.

22. Read Luke 24:25-32 and write what the two disciples said to each other.

23. Explain what these verses teach about the way to make the Bible an exciting book to others.

24. Explain why it is important to you in your life to understand the meaning of the Word of God and not just know what it says.

The two men had good news and they could not keep that good news a secret. They wanted all of the other disciples to know that Christ was risen from the dead. They wanted to tell the other disciples what they had learned as Christ talked to them along the road. They immediately returned to Jerusalem to tell other disciples. Here we learn another important lesson. These disciples had a message to tell others. They were no longer afraid to travel after dark even though there might be robbers or other forms of danger along the road. They had good news and they wanted to share it with others. When they arrived in Jerusalem the other disciples had some good news to tell them also.

25. Read Luke 24:33-43 and write what the group of disciples told the two from Emmaus.

26. Explain why the two disciples had their lives changed as they had talked with Christ along the road and in their home.

27. Explain how the Lord has changed your life and given you a desire to tell others as you have grown in your understanding of the Word of God.

The disciples in Jerusalem had the same good news that the two men from Emmaus had to share. They told the two disciples that Christ really was alive and that He had appeared to Simon. Then the two disciples told how they had learned that Christ was alive indeed. They told the others what Christ had said as they walked along the road. They told the others how they had recognized Christ when He broke the bread. There was no question about it. The disciples now all knew that Christ was alive. The first thing that everyone wanted to do was tell others that Christ was alive. For the rest of their lives, that was the thing the early Christians told wherever they went. Today we have the same good news. Christ is alive. Our greatest desire today should be to share this good news with others.

28. Read Luke 24:33-43 and write what Christ said when He suddenly appeared and stood in the middle of the room.

29. Explain what caused all of the disciples to be changed that day.

30. Explain what you have learned from this chapter about the importance of telling others that Christ is alive.

As soon as the disciples had told each other that Christ was alive, suddenly Christ was there standing in the middle of the group. The disciples were filled with fear at first because they thought Christ was a spirit. That is why Christ told them to have peace. Then Christ told them that He could not be just a spirit because He had flesh and bones and a spirit does not have flesh and bones. Christ also showed them the nail holes in His hands and feet. Christ told them to handle and feel His hands so that they would know for sure that He was alive. He then took time to show them His hands and His feet so that they would not have any doubts. Then Christ asked for some fish and a piece of honeycomb.

31. Read Luke 24:33-43 and write what Christ did with the fish and the honey.

32. Explain why Christ wanted to make certain that the disciples knew that they were seeing Him and not just seeing a spirit.

33. Explain why it is important to you to know that Christ took the time to make certain that the disciples knew for sure that He was alive.

Luke 24:44-53 gives the final instructions of Christ to the disciples before He returned to heaven. First Christ explained to all of the disciples what the Old Testament said about the fact that He would die and be raised from the dead. Christ reminded them that He had spoken these things to them before His crucifixion. He told them that the promises given in the Old Testament had to be fulfilled. He taught them what Moses had written about Him. He explained what the prophets and the psalms had written about Him. We see that He gave them a summary of the entire Old Testament that night. He opened their understanding so that they had both the knowledge of what those passages said and also what those passages meant.

34. Read Luke 24:44-53 and write what Christ said should be preached in all nations.

35. Explain the difference between knowledge about the Word of God and understanding of what the Word is really teaching.

36. Explain why you want to continue to grow in your own understanding of Christ and His Word.

He then told the disciples that this message is to be preached to all nations beginning at Jerusalem. Here is another important lesson. We are to begin witnessing to our own family, friends and neighbors. We want to make certain that the people that we know have a clear understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. However, we are not to stop there. We are told to take the Gospel to every nation. We are to be concerned about our family and friends and also about those we do not know. Here we see that Christ gives every Christian a purpose in life. We are to help the people of every nation learn about the death and resurrection of Christ.

37. Read Luke 24:44-53 and write what Christ says we are to do with the good news that Christ is alive.

38. Explain why Christ told the disciples to begin sharing this message in Jerusalem.

39. Explain why it is important to you to do what you can to make certain that the people in every nation have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Christ tells us that we are to be witnesses of His death and resurrection. However, we do not need to witness in our own strength. Instead Christ gives us a wonderful promise. He told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from heaven. They received that power the day that the Holy Spirit came from heaven. Today the Holy Spirit comes into our lives at the moment we become Christians. We have the power that we need to witness as soon as we follow Christ because the Holy Spirit comes into our lives immediately and gives us His power. As we yield to the Holy Spirit, He will give us the power to speak the Word of God with boldness. After Christ gave the disciples the promise of the Holy Spirit, He went up to heaven.

40. Read Luke 24:44-53 and write how the disciples returned to Jerusalem.
41. Explain why Christians are able to witness for Christ with boldness as they yield to the power of the Holy Spirit.
42. Explain why it is important to you in your daily life to know that the Holy Spirit lives in your life and gives you the power to serve the Lord with boldness as you yield to Him.

Now reread Luke 24:1-53 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from this chapter.