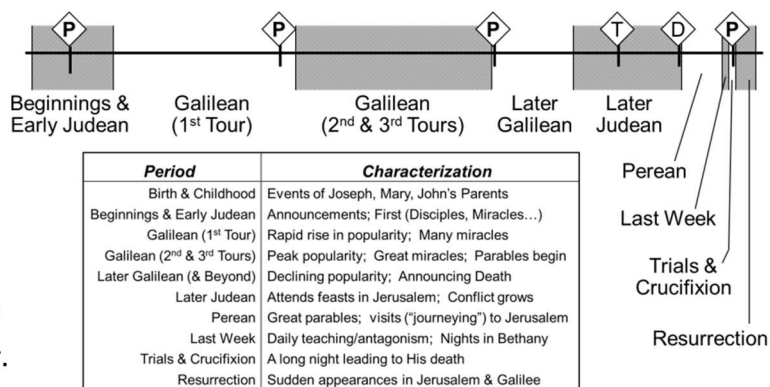


## Lesson 2 – Life of Christ: *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

### A. Overview of Jesus' Life

1. Born, ~4 BC; Died, ~30 AD.
2. Major periods & timeline →



### B. Matthew

1. Author – Matthew (9:9-13; 10:3), though he does not identify himself as the author; "Levi," a tax collector.
2. Hebrew Audience (originally in Aramaic?), written early in church history (?). Compare 1:1 to Gen 2:4; 5:1, etc.
3. Themes/Uniquenesses: "Kingdom of Heaven" references, many OT quotes—related to fulfilled prophecy, long texts of sermons.
4. Outline – Match the section descriptions with the references from Matthew.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Description</u>
___ 1:1-4:11	a. Conclusion – challenge to Action
___ 4:12- 7:29	b. Crucifixion & resurrection events
___ 8:1-11:1	c. Coming of the Messiah – lineage, prophecies, preparatory events
___ 11:2-13:53	d. Teaching in cities & preaching in parables
___ 13:54-19:2	e. Purpose revealed; Preparing for the Cross
___ 19:3-26:2	f. Inaugural address – Sermon on the Mount
___ 26:3-28:10	g. Challenges and conflicts leading to the cross
___ 28:11-20	h. Power revealed – introductory miracles

5. Use the outline above to find the chapter in Matthew in which these verses are found.

- \_\_\_ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field..."
- \_\_\_ "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."
- \_\_\_ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!"
- \_\_\_ "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children..."
- \_\_\_ "Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- \_\_\_ "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery"
- \_\_\_ "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. "
- \_\_\_ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
- \_\_\_ "...You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder'..."

### C. Mark

1. Author: Mark (Acts 11:30; 12:12, 25; 13:5,13; 15:37-39; II Tim 4:11; I Pet 5:13)
2. Audience: Roman mind ("Latinisms," little emphasis on Jewish customs)
3. Character: Stresses facts & actions more than themes; forceful; action-oriented

## 4. Outline – Match the section descriptions with the references in Mark.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Description</u>
___ 1:1-1:13	a. Full Ministry: Nazareth, Desert, Tyre & Sidon, Decapolis
___ 1:14-5:43	b. Last journey to Jerusalem
___ 6:1-8:26	c. Resurrection & Postscript
___ 8:27-10:31	d. Opening of ministry in Galilee & Decapolis
___ 10:32-13:37	e. Crucifixion Events
___ 14:1-15:47	f. Preparation Events: John, Baptism, Temptations
___ 16:1-20	g. Closing ministry: preparation of disciples & challenges in Caesarea, Judea, Perea

## 5. Use the outline above to find the chapter in Mark in which these verses are found.

- \_\_\_ “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature...”
- \_\_\_ “Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around *his* naked *body*.”
- \_\_\_ “As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.”

**D. Luke**

1. Author: Luke, the physician (compare 1:3 to Acts 1:1, 16:10; Col 4:14, II Tim 4:11)
2. Audience & time of writing: To Theophilus, about 60 AD
3. Character
  - a. Unique events: Birth of John & Jesus, childhood, 6 unique miracles, Simeon, Anna, Zacchaeus, Herod (23:8-12); Appearance on road to Emmaus
  - b. Unique parables: Rich man & Lazarus, Prodigal Son, Good Samaritan...
  - c. Four songs/poems: Mary, Zacharias, Heavenly Host, Simeon, Pharisee & Publican
  - d. Stresses the value of disadvantaged: women, poor, sinners, Samaritans...
4. Outline – Match the section descriptions with the references.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Description</u>
___ 1:1-4	a. Work: challenges, the 70, Kingdom teaching, preparing the disciples
___ 1:5-2:52	b. Beginning ministry: announcement of purpose, power, apostles
___ 3:1-4:15	c. Resurrection, appearances, commission, & ascension
___ 4:16-9:50	d. Jesus' introduction: John, Baptism, Genealogy, Temptation
___ 9:51-18:30	e. Crucifixion: from entry into Jerusalem to Burial
___ 18:31-23:56	f. Preparation: Announcements, Birth of John, Birth & Childhood of Jesus
___ 24:1-53	g. Introduction

## 5. Use the information above to deduce the chapter in Luke in which these verses are found.

- \_\_\_ “... for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found...”
- \_\_\_ “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.”
- \_\_\_ “Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”
- \_\_\_ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. “
- \_\_\_ ““The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor...””
- \_\_\_ “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!”
- \_\_\_ “But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

## A. Gospel of John

### 1. Biography

- Father & Brother (Mk 3:17) –
- Mother (compare Mt 27:56 & Mk 15:40, and see Mt 20:20) –
- Disciple of John the Baptist? (John 1:35,40)
- Occupation & Call (Mk 1:19) –
- Personality (Lk 9:54; Mk 3:17; 10:35-37) –
- Relation to Jesus (Mk 5:37; Mk 14:33; John 13:23; Mt 17:1; 19:26) –
- Discussion of his life expectancy (John 21:20-24) –
- John's role in the early church (Acts 3:1, 4:13, 8:14) –

### 2. John's Gospel Account

- Author – John, an eyewitness (see John 1:14, 18:15-16; 19:35; 21:24; I John 1:1-3)
- Audience & time of writing – Believers late in the first century
- Character of the book: Written in a discourse style (a recorded sermon?), includes seven miracles and six (or 7?) feasts, and other events generally not in the other accounts. "I am" images: light, bread, water, vine, shepherd, door, describe the nature of the Son of God. Emphasizes the relationship of Jesus to the Father as a Son.
- Seven Miracles: Water to Wine (2); Nobleman's Son (4); Man at Pool (5); Feeding 5000 (6); Walk on Water (6); Man born blind (9); Raising Lazarus (11);
- "Complementary Account": e.g. Early Judean Teaching, Final Discourse...
- Purpose (John 20:30-31) – provide signs to create belief, to lead to life. Emphasis is on signs and how and why they created belief or unbelief in people.

### 3. Outline – Match the descriptions [from Tenney: John, the Gospel of Belief] with the references.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Description</u>
___ 1:1-18	a. <b>Conference</b> with disciples: preparation & prayer before going away
___ 1:19-4:54	b. <b>Controversy</b> begins: Sabbath works, "God His Father," "Bread of Life"
___ 5:1-6:71	c. <b>Epilogue</b> : Appearance in Galilee
___ 7:1-11:53	d. <b>Prologue</b> : the coming of the Word into the World
___ 11:54-12:36	e. <b>Crisis</b> over claims: Triumphal entry & teaching in Jerusalem
___ 12:37-17:26	f. Initial <b>Consideration</b> of claims and signs: first disciples & early teaching
___ 18:1-20:31	g. <b>Conflict</b> with the Jews: Feasts, Blind man, Lazarus
___ 21:1-25	h. <b>Consummation</b> : Arrest, trials, crucifixion, burial, resurrection

### 4. Use the above to deduce the chapter in John in which these verses are found.

- \_\_\_ "Now we know that God does not hear sinners..."
- \_\_\_ "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger..."
- \_\_\_ "...Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book..."
- \_\_\_ "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."
- \_\_\_ "He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!'"
- \_\_\_ "Jesus wept."
- \_\_\_ "He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.' He said to him, 'Tend My sheep.'"
- \_\_\_ "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- \_\_\_ "...But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst..."
- \_\_\_ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

## Lesson 3 – Early Church History - Acts

### A. Acts of the Apostles

1. Author and date – Luke, (see Col 4:4; Phm 24; I Tim 4:11); Narrative ends in about 62 AD.
2. Audience – Theophilus (same as Luke), Perhaps a Roman official of some rank.
3. Character: A historical narrative, like Luke, identifies contemporary rulers.
4. Purpose (cf. Lk 1:1-4 to Acts 1:1, 8) – Help Theophilus (& others) “know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed,” ...things “begun” in Luke (the book).
5. Outline (see Acts 1:8) – Match the references with the events from the book of Acts.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Description</u>
___ 1:1-11	a. Origin and early years of the church – in Jerusalem
___ 1:12-8:3	b. Transition of the church – Scattering; Samaritans & Gentiles converted
___ 8:4-11:27	c. Establishing the churches: Paul’s 3 <sup>rd</sup> Journey
___ 13:1-14:28	d. Introduction; Last words of Jesus (outline of Acts); Ascension
___ 15:1-35	e. Expansion of the church from Antioch to Galatia (1 <sup>st</sup> Journey)
___ 15:36-18:22	f. Conference in Jerusalem
___ 18:23-21:16	g. Paul’s imprisonment, defenses in Caesarea; Journey to Rome
___ 21:17-28:31	h. Expansion to Greece: Paul’s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Journey

6. List one event from each chapter in Acts

1	10	19
2	11	20
3	12	21
4	13	22
5	14	23
6	15	24
7	16	25
8	17	26
9	18	27,28

7. Use the information above to find the chapter in Acts from which these quotations are taken.

- \_\_\_ “...These times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent”
- \_\_\_ “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.”
- \_\_\_ “But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.”
- \_\_\_ “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins’”
- \_\_\_ “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”
- \_\_\_ “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we?”
- \_\_\_ “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
- \_\_\_ “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them...”
- \_\_\_ “Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”
- \_\_\_ “Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not charge them with this sin.’”
- \_\_\_ “And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

**B. Read these passages and note the connection between Paul's Epistles and the events in Acts.**

1. Acts 17:1-10, 14,15; 18:5 and I Thess 1:1; 3:1-6
2. II Thess 1:1; 2:5; 3:10
3. Acts 18:1-17; 19:1; 19:21-22; 20:2 and I Cor 16:8; 4:18-21; 16:1-6
4. I Cor 16:12 and Acts 19:1
5. II Cor 8:1 and Acts 20:1-3
6. II Cor 1:15-17; 12:14 and Acts 20:31

**C. Timeline of events in Acts**

