

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

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COURSE INTRODUCTION

Lesson 1

The Bible says: " *In the past, God spoke to our people through the prophets. He spoke at many times. He spoke in different ways. But in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.*" (Hebrews 1:1-2a NIRV)

The two parts of the Bible are:

OLD TESTAMENT and **NEW TESTAMENT** (OT and NT).

The first book of Old Testament is Genesis. The word "genesis" means *beginning*.

Genesis tells us about:

1. the beginning of the world.
2. the beginning of the human race (people).
3. the beginning of sin.
4. the beginning of God's promise to send a Savior for sinful people.
5. the beginning of the nation of Israel.

In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Savior. In the New Testament, we can read that God kept his promise. Jesus is the Savior.

The men who wrote the New Testament were **Apostles**. They were eye-witnesses to Jesus' life, His teaching, His death and rising to life again. Some Apostles became missionaries to other countries.

The first four books of the New Testament are called the **Gospels**. The word "gospel" means *good news*. The four Gospels tell us what Jesus said and did. The titles of the four Gospels are the names of the men who wrote the story about Jesus.

The fifth book in the New Testament tells how Jesus gave power to Christians to bring His Good News to the world.

Those first five books in the New Testament are the history books of the New Testament.

The next 21 books in the New Testament are letters which the Apostles wrote to other Christians. Those letters teach us important truth about Jesus. Those letters also guide use in our daily faith and life.

The last book of the New Testament gives us a vision of heaven and the future end of the world.

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Lesson 1 Questions:

Read the sentences here, then write OLD or NEW in the blank to finish the sentence correctly:

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

(If necessary, look in your Bible to answer the next question.)

- #9. The first four books of the New Testament are:

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

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

- #12. The title of the 5th book of the New Testament is: _____

- #13. The 5th book of the New Testament is about what?

Memory work:

Learn the names of the first five books of the New Testament, and write them for memory.

UNIT 1 -- THE FOUR GOSPELS

Lesson 2
Why FOUR Gospels?

The Bible says: "We told you about the time our Lord Jesus Christ came with power. But we didn't make up stories when we told you about it. With our own eyes we saw him in all his majesty." (2 Peter 1:16 NIRV)

Think About it...

How does a policeman investigate a traffic accident?

...ask the witnesses!

How does a student do research to write a paper?

...read many different books and articles!

How do we learn about the life of Jesus?

...see what the eye witnesses said!

SAME & DIFFERENT...

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

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

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all *agree* about the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus, while they report different events of His life.

#1. How many chapters are in each Gospel?

Matthew has _____ chapters.

Mark has _____ chapters.

Luke has _____ chapters.

John has _____ chapters.

Look at these chapters of each Gospel.

Matthew 1 Mark 1 Luke 2-3 John 1

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

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#3. Which Gospels tell about Baby Jesus' birth?

#4. **Jesus speaks from the Cross:**

- Matthew 27:35-50.*
- Mark 15:24-37.*
- Luke 23:33-46.*
- John 19:18-30.*

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

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

Discussion Question

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

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**Lesson 3
Matthew**

The Bible says: "All of this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen. He had said through the prophet..." (Matthew 1:22)

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

WHO was Matthew?

Read *Matthew 9:9-10*

#1. What was Matthew's job? _____

History background:

Sometimes the tax collectors were called "Publicans."

Jewish people hated tax collectors, for two reasons:

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

#2. Jesus told Matthew to do what? _____

#3. Matthew did what? _____

Read *Matthew 10:2-4*.

#4. Jesus chose Matthew to join what group? _____

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

#5. What was Matthew's *other* name? _____

Matthew wrote the Gospel about Jesus FOR WHOM?

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

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Matthew's Message -- Matthew said what?

Read Matthew 1:22

(A) The English Version for the Deaf:

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

(B) The Good News Bible:

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

(C) The New International Version (NIV):

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

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

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

#6. Read the next verse (Matthew 1:23) in your Bible. Here Matthew quotes from the Old Testament. Your Bible should have a note that tells you where in the Old Testament God says first says this verse. (Where to find that note: [a] after the Old Testament verse or [b] at the bottom of the page.) *Write the Old Testament verse name and number here:*

Matthew does this same thing many times in his Gospel:

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

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

MATTHEW'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:

#7. Matthew 1:18-24 _____

#8. Matthew 2:1-23 _____

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

#10. Matthew 25:31-46 _____

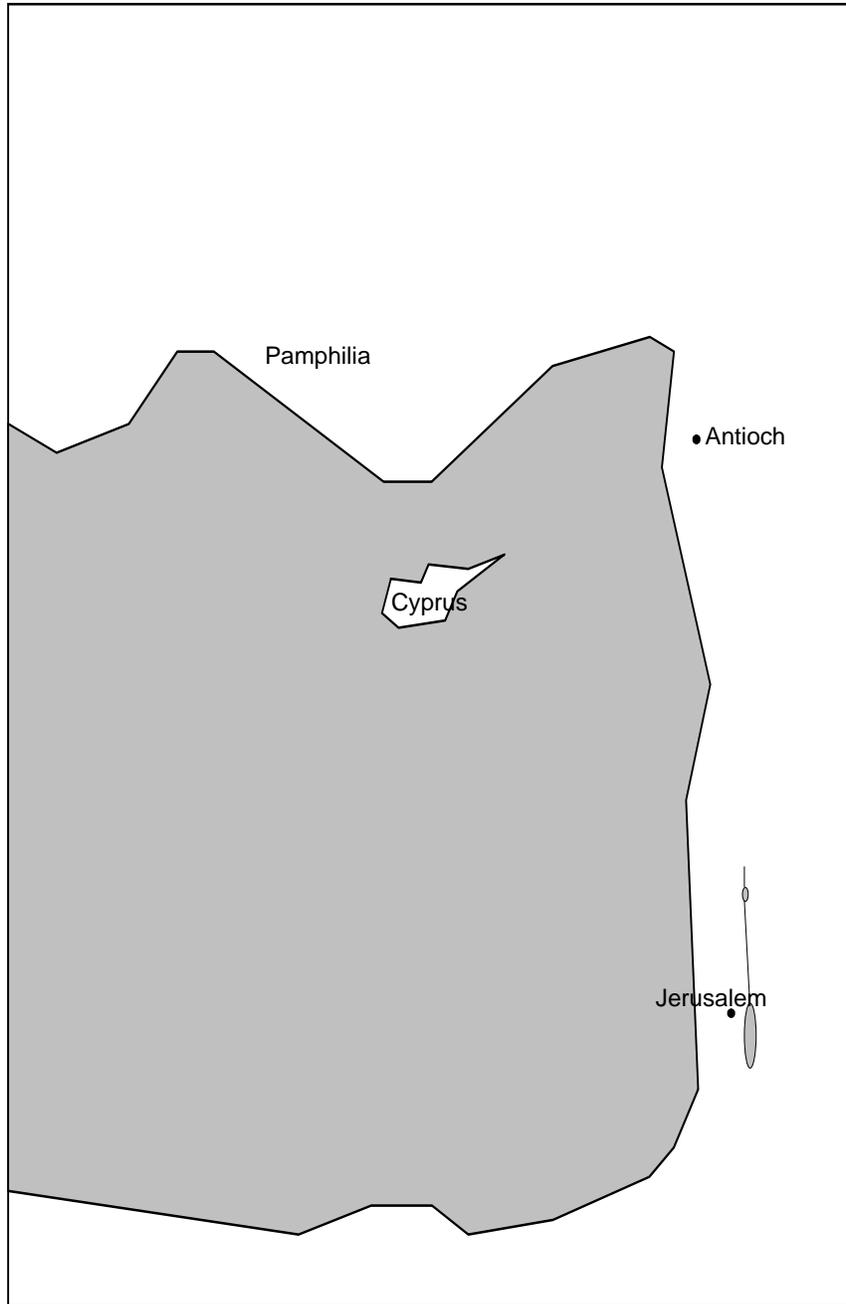
#11. Matthew 28:18-20 The Great Commission

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Discussion Question

Matthew often quoted Old Testament prophecies about Christ. Why?

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Map for Lesson 4, Questions 1-9

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Lesson 4
Mark

The Bible says: *"The people were amazed at his teaching. He taught them like one who had authority. He did not talk like the teachers of the law."* (Mark 1:22 NIRV)

Who was Mark?

- Mark was an eye witness.
- Mark was not one of Jesus' twelve disciples.
- Mark was a young man when he knew Jesus.
- Mark was a helper for Paul and Peter.
- Mark wrote for Roman readers, to show them that Jesus is Lord and Savior, and that Jesus authority as God.

Read Acts 12:12

#1. What is Mark's *full name*? _____

#2. Who was Mark's mother? _____

#3. Who was at Mark's house? _____

#4. What were they doing? _____

Read Colossians 4:10

#5. Who was Mark's cousin? _____

Read Acts 12:25

#6. Mark help two men in their work. Who were those two men?

Read Acts 15:37-39

#7. Paul was upset about Mark. Why? _____

Read Philemon 23-24 and 2 Timothy 4:11

#8. Later in prison, how did Paul feel about Mark? _____

Read 1 Peter 5:13

#9. Peter says Mark is his _____ in Christ.

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Mark's Message: WHO IS JESUS?

Read Mark 15:39

#10. Jesus is _____

Read Mark 1:3; 12:36-37

#11. Jesus is _____

Read Mark 1:22

#12. Jesus has authority in the way He (*does what?*) _____

Read Mark 1:27

#13. Jesus has authority over whom? _____

Read Mark 2:10

#14. Jesus has authority to do what? _____

Read Mark 4:39-41

#15. Jesus has authority over what? _____

Mark wrote the Gospel about Jesus FOR WHOM?

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

MARK'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:

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

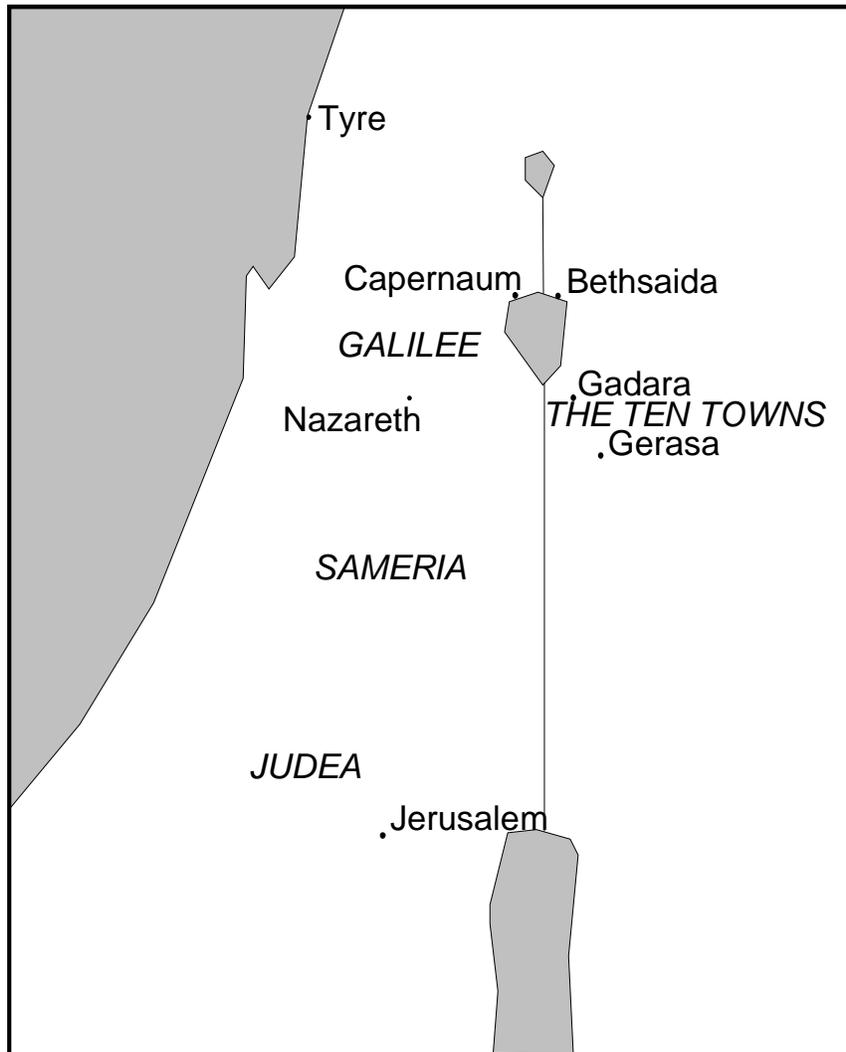
#16. Mark 7:31-37 _____

#17. Mark 14:51 _____
(*Was that young man Mark? We wonder...*)

Discussion Question

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

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Map for Lesson 5

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Lesson 5

"A Deaf Man Meets Jesus"

A story from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus said: *"Go home to your family. Tell them how much the Lord has done for you. Tell them how kind he has been to you."* (Mark 5:19 NIRV)

Background to the story:

Read Mark 5:1-20

#1. Where did Jesus go? (Verse 1) _____

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

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

#2. Jesus met who? (Verse 2) _____

#3. What did Jesus do for the man? (Verse 8) _____

#4. How did the people in that country feel about Jesus? (Verse 15) _____

#5. What did the people ask Jesus to do? (Verse 17) _____

#6. The man wanted to go where? (Verse 18) _____

#7. Jesus told the man to go where? (Verse 19) _____

#8. Jesus told the man to do what? _____

#9. Where did the man go to tell people about Jesus? (Verse 20) _____

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

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

Read Mark 7:24

#10. Jesus went where? _____

NOTE: This city was not in Israel. See the map for lesson 5.

Meet the deaf man...

Read Mark 7:31-37

#11. Then Jesus went where? (verse 31) _____

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

#13. Who did the people bring to Jesus? (Verse 32) _____

#14. Where did Jesus take the man? (Verse 33) _____

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

#16. What did Jesus say to the man? (Verse 34) _____

#17. What does that word mean? _____

#18. What happened to the man? (Verse 35) _____

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

Discussion Questions

Who first brought you to Jesus?

Whom can we bring to Jesus?

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Lesson 6
Luke

The Bible says: "Look! This man [Jesus] welcomes sinners and even eats with them!"
(Luke 15:2 NIRV)

Luke met and talked with eye witnesses.
Luke wrote to give an accurate history about Jesus' life and teaching.
Luke wrote to show that Jesus is the Savior and friend of sinning, broken hearted people.

WHO was Luke?

Read Colossians 4:14

#1. What was Luke's work? _____

Read Acts 21:17

#2. Luke traveled with Paul to what city? _____

WHAT did Luke write?

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

The first five books of the New Testament are:
"Matthew" ..Life of Jesus, by Matthew
"Mark"Life of Jesus, by Mark
"LUKE"Life of Jesus, by Luke
"John"Life of Jesus, by John
"ACTS"History of the Church, by Luke

Read Luke 1:1-3

#3. Luke wrote the history for whom? _____

Read Luke 1:4

#4. Why did Luke write the history? _____

LUKE'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:

Luke has a lot of information about *Jesus' life*, that we don't find in the other three Gospels. Here are a few of those stories.

Read Luke 1:26-38

#5. This story is about what? _____

Read Luke 1:57-66

#6. This story is about what? _____

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Read Luke 2:1-7

#7. This story is about what? _____

Read Luke 2:41-52

#8. This story is about what? _____

Read Luke 24:13-35

#9. This story is about what? _____

Luke tells about most of the *healing miracles* that Matthew reports, plus...:

Read Luke 7:11-15

#10. How did Jesus help the widow woman in this story? _____

Read Luke 13:10-17

#11. Why did synagogue ruler criticize Jesus? _____

Read Luke 17:11-19

#12. How many people did Jesus heal in this story? _____

#13. How many of those people thanked Jesus? _____

These parables are found only in Luke:

Read Luke 15:8-10

#14. What makes God happy? _____

Read Luke 15:11-32

#15. How did the father feel about his younger son? _____

Read Luke 16:19-31

#16. Which man went to heaven? _____

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Read Luke 18:9-14

#17. Which man was saved? _____

All these special stories in Luke show:

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

Discussion Question

What has Jesus done to help you?

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Lesson 7
John

The Bible says: "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIRV)

WHO was John?

Read **Matthew 4:21-22**

#1. Who was John's brother? _____

#2. Who was John's father? _____

#3. What was their work? _____

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

Read John 13:23 (or John 19:26)

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

WHAT Bible books did John write?

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

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

John also wrote the last book of the Bible.

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

WHY did John write the history about Jesus?

Read John 20:31

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

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

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JOHN'S SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS:

John has a lot of special information about Jesus, not found in the other Gospel books. Here are a few of those stories:

Read John 2:1-11

#10. How did Jesus help the wedding couple? _____

Read John 3:1-16

#11. What happens to people that Jesus saves? _____

Read John 4:1-42

#12. Where did woman meet Jesus? _____

Read John 5:1-15

#13. What was the name of the pool? _____

Read John 9:1-12

#14. What was the name of the pool? _____

Read John 11:1-44

#15. Whom did Jesus raise from the dead? _____

Read John 13:1-17

#16. What did Jesus do for His Disciples? _____

Read John 20:24-29

#17. Why did Thomas change his mind? _____

JOHN'S MESSAGE: Who is Jesus?

Jesus uses many special names for Himself:

Read John 1:1

#18. "The Word" (Jesus) is Who? _____

Read John 4:10

#19. Jesus said, "I give you _____"

Read John 6:35

#20. Jesus said, "I AM _____"

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Read John 8:12
#21. Jesus said, "I AM _____"

Read John 8:58
#22. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was born, _____"

Read John 10:9
#23. Jesus said, "I AM _____"

Read John 10:11
#24. Jesus said, "I AM _____"

Read John 14:6
#25. Jesus answered, "I AM _____"

#26. Who is the only true way to God, our Father? _____

Discussion Questions

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote their Gospel stories about Jesus to answer two important questions: (1) Who is Jesus? (2) What did He do to save us?

What are your answers to those questions:

Who is Jesus?

What did He do to save us?

**UNIT 2 - THE BOOK OF ACTS
HISTORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH**

**Lesson 8
The Birth of the Church**

Jesus said: *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8 NIRV)*

Luke wrote ACTS as a history of the beginning of the Christian Church. The story of ACTS begins with the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost.

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Read Acts 1:1

#1. Luke wrote the history for whom? _____

#2. Luke wrote his first book about whom? _____

ASCENSION

Read Acts 1:6-11

#3. Jesus promised to give the Apostles what? (verse 8) _____

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

#5. Jesus went where? (verse 9) _____

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

PENTECOST

Read Acts 2:1-4

#7. What filled the Apostles? (verse 4) _____

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

Read Acts 2:14

#9. Who talked to the people? _____

Read Acts 2:22-24

#10. He told the people about whom? _____

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Read Acts 2:37-41

#11. How many people believed in Jesus? _____

Read Acts 2:42-47

#12. How did the new Christian believers live?

Read Acts 6:1-7

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

#14. The Apostles wanted to do what kind of work?

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

Discussion Question

Why is it important to tell people about Jesus?

Lesson 9
Persecution Spreads the Good News

The Bible says: *“The believers who had been scattered preached the word everywhere they went.” (Acts 8:4 NIRV)*

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

Read Acts 3:1-8

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

Read Acts 3:11-17

#2. Peter spoke to whom? _____

#3. Peter spoke about what? _____

Read Acts 4:1-4

#4. How many men were Christian believers? _____

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

Read Acts 4:18-20

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

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

Read Acts 4:23-24, 29-31

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

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Read Acts 5:17-42

#9. How did the Apostles feel whipping that they received? (verse 41)

#10. What did the Apostles do? (verse 42)_____

Read Acts 7:54-60

#11. What did the Jewish leaders do to Stephen? _____

#12. What did Stephen pray? (verses 59-60)_____

Read Acts 8:1-5

#13. What happened to the Christians in Jerusalem? (verses 1 & 3)_____

#14. Where did Philip go? (verse 5)_____

#15. What did he do there?_____

Read Acts 11:1-4

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

Read Acts 11:18

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

Read Acts 11:19

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

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

Discussion Question

What ways do Christians suffer persecution today?

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Lesson 10
Paul: The Missionary

The Bible says: "...The man who used to attack us has changed. He is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." (Galatians 1:23 NIRV)

For this lesson you will need to have a Bible with maps -- usually the last pages. If your Bible does not have maps, you can find some good Bible maps on this website:

www.biblestudy.org/maps

Look for the section of maps that show Paul's missionary journeys.

Read Acts 9:1-2

#1. Why did Saul go to the city of Damascus?

- *Find the city of Damascus in a Bible map.*

Read Acts 9:3-10

#2. Who spoke to Saul? _____

Read Acts 9:11-19

#3. What happened to Saul after Ananias prayed for him? _____

Read Acts 9:20-22

#4. What did Saul do in Damascus? _____

Read Acts 9:23-25

#5. Why did Saul leave the city? _____

#6. How did Saul leave the city? _____

Read Acts 9:26-28

#7. Why were the Jerusalem Christians afraid of Saul? _____

#8. Who accepted Saul and brought him to the Apostles? _____

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Read Acts 11:22-26

#9. Who was the first pastor of the church in Antioch? _____

#10. Who was his helper? _____

Read Acts 13:9

#11. What was Saul's other name? _____

- *This began Paul's three mission trips. Luke tells about these trips in Acts 13-21.*
- *Find a Bible with maps in the back. Find the map that shows Paul's travels.*

Read Acts 16:6-10

#12. Why did Paul go to Macedonia? _____

Read Acts 16:12

#13. Paul went to what city? _____

- *Find that city on a Bible map.*

Read Acts 16:16-34

#14. Why did people arrest Paul, beat him, and put him in prison? _____

#15. Who became a Christian? _____

#16. Look at a Bible map Paul's mission journeys. Name five cities where Paul visited and told people about Jesus:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Discussion Questions

Barnabas helped Paul become a worker for Jesus.

Who has helped you grow in faith and service for Jesus?

Whom can you help grow in faith and service?

UNIT 3 - NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Lesson 11

New Testament Letters -- Introduction

The Bible says: *"Dear children, I'm writing to you because your sins have been forgiven. They have been forgiven because of what Jesus has done." (1 John 2:12 NIRV)*

The first half the of the New Testament is history. The last half is mostly letters.

#1. Here is a list of all letters in the New Testament. Read the first verses in every letter. Find the name of the person (or people) who wrote the letter, and to whom they wrote it. ("v.1" means "verse 1" -- where you will find the answer.)

If the letter names a city where the people live, find that city on a Bible map.

Read chapter 1:	This letter is FROM whom?	This letter is TO where or whom?
Romans	v.1	v.7
1 Corinthians	v.1	v.2
2 Corinthians	v.1	v.1
Galatians	v.1	v.2
Ephesians	v.1	v.1
Philippians	v.1	v.1
Colossians	v.1	v.2
1 Thessalonians	v.1	v.1
2 Thessalonians	v.1	v.1
1 Timothy	v.1	v.2
2 Timothy	v.1	v.2
Titus	v.1	v.4
Philemon	v.1	v.1-2
Hebrews	(unknown)	(To Jewish Christians in Rome)
James	v.1	v.1
1 Peter	v.2	v.1

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Read chapter 1:	This letter is FROM whom?	This letter is TO where or whom?
2 Peter	v.1	v.1
1 John	John the Apostle	(not identified)
2 John	v.1	v.1
3 John	v.1	v.1
Jude	v.1	v.1

#2. Which letters are the longest (that has the most chapters)?

#3. Which letter is the shortest (that has the fewest verses)? _____

#4. Who wrote most letters in the New Testament? _____

Discussion Question

The Apostles of Christ wrote letters to other Christian people to teach them God's Word and to encourage them to trust God and to serve Him. What are some ways you can encourage other Christians?

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Lesson 12
Paul's Letters to Churches
(Part 1)

The Bible says: "Here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIRV)

Romans

- Find the city of **Rome** on a Bible map.

Read Romans 1:8-13

#1. Why did Paul write this letter to the Romans? _____

Read Romans 1:17

#2. What is the theme of Paul's letter to the Romans? _____

Read Romans 15:24

#3. Where did Paul plan to go after he visited Rome? _____

Read Romans 16:21

#4. Who was with Paul as he wrote this letter to the Romans? _____

Read Romans 16:22

#5. Who wrote the letter for Paul? _____

1 Corinthians

- Find the city of **Corinth** on a Bible map.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:11

#6. Why did Paul write this letter to the Corinthians? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 4:17

#7. Whom did Paul send to Corinth? _____

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Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-2

#7. *What serious problem* happened in the Corinthian church? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-14

#9. *What wrong teaching* was in the Corinthian church? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 16:14

#10. How should Christians act to each other? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 16:8

#11. *Where* was Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 16:19

#12. *Who* was with Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

2 Corinthians

Read 2 Corinthians 1:1

#13. *Who* was with Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

#14. *Why* did Paul write this letter? _____

Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-10

#15. *What* should the Christians in Corinth do to the man that sinned and now is sorry?
(see question #7 above)

Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-18

#16. *Whom* did Paul send to Corinth? _____

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Galatians

- Find the city of **Galatia** on a Bible map.

Read Galatians 1:6-7

#17. Why did Paul write this letter? _____

Read Galatians 2:16

#18. What is the theme of Paul's letter to the Galatians? _____

Read Galatians 3:1

#19. What was Paul's feeling about the Christians in Galatia? _____

Read Galatians 6:12

#20. What did the false teachers in Galatia want the non-Jewish Christians to do?

Discussion Question

Paul often wrote letters to answer questions or correct problems. What were some of those problems?

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Lesson 13
Paul's Letters to Churches
(Part 2)

The Bible says: "God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it." (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIRV)

Ephesians

- Find the city of **Ephesus** on a Bible map.

Read Ephesians 4:1

#1. Where was Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

Read Ephesians 2:4-7

#2. What is the theme of Paul's letter to the Ephesians? _____

Read Ephesians 6:21

#3. Who carried Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus? _____

Philippians

- Find the city of **Philippi** on a Bible map.

Read Philippians 1:1

#4. Who was with Paul as he wrote his letter to the Philippians? _____

Read Philippians 1:12-14

#5. Where was Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

Read Philippians 4:14-19

#6. Why did Paul write to the Christians in Philippi? _____

Colossians

- Find the city of **Colosse** on a Bible map.

Read Colossians 1:1

#7. Who was with Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

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Read Colossians 2:8

#8. *What problem* did the church have in Colosse? _____

Read Colossians 4:7

#9. *Who* carried Paul's letter the to the Christians in Colosse? _____

Read Colossians 4:14

#10. *Who else* was with Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

Read Colossians 4:18

#11. *Where* was Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

1 Thessalonians

- *Find the city of **Thessalonica** on a Bible map.*

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1

#12. *Who* was with Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

#13. *How should Christians live* differently than unbelievers in the world?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11

#14. *What important teaching* did Paul give the Christians in Thessalonica?

2 Thessalonians

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1

#15. *Who* was with Paul as he wrote this letter? _____

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

#16. *What problem* did the church in Thessalonica have? _____

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

#17. *What other problem* did the Christians in Thessalonica have? _____

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Discussion Question

Paul did not work alone. He had many helpers who traveled with him. What were their names?

Lesson 14
Paul's Letters to Individual People

The Bible says: *"God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, a man of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing."* (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIRV)

1 Timothy

Read 1 Timothy 1:3-4

#1. Where did Paul go? _____

#2. Where was Timothy? _____

#3. What work did Paul want Timothy to do? _____

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13

#4. Paul gave Timothy rules about whom? _____

Read 1 Timothy 4:13-14

#5. What special gift did the Holy Spirit give to Timothy? _____

2 Timothy

Read 2 Timothy 1:4

#6. Who were Timothy's first teachers? _____

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-16

#7. What did they teach Timothy? _____

Read 2 Timothy 4:9 and 4:21

#8. Paul asked Timothy to go where? _____

#9. When? _____

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Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and 4:18

#10. What did Paul expect that will happen to him soon? _____

Read 2 Timothy 4:11

#11. Who was with Paul? _____

#12. Who did Paul want to be his helper? _____

Read 2 Timothy 4:19

#13. Who was with Timothy? _____

Titus

Read Titus 1:5

#14. Where was Titus? _____

- *Find this place on a Bible map.*

#15. Why was Titus there? _____

Read Titus 3:13

#16. Who carried Paul's letter to Titus? _____

Philemon

#17. How many chapters does this letter have? _____

Read Philemon 1

#18. Who was with Paul while he wrote this letter? _____

Read Philemon 2

#19. What group met at Philemon's house? _____

- *If you compare Philemon 1:1 and 1:23-24 with Colossians 4:12-17, you can get a hint about where Philemon lived.*

Read Philemon 9

#20. Where was Paul while he wrote this letter? _____

Read Philemon 10

#21. In this letter, Paul wrote about *whom*? _____

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Read Philemon 15-16

#22. At first was Onesimus was what? _____

#23. After Onesimus visited Paul, Onesimus became what? _____

Read Philemon 23-24

#24. Who was with Paul? _____

Discussion Question

If you lived in Paul's time and he wrote you a letter, what would he say to you?

Lesson 15
The Letter to the Hebrews

The Bible says: *"We have a great high priest. He has gone up into the heavens. He is Jesus the Son of God.... So let us boldly approach the throne of grace. Then we will receive mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it." (Hebrews 4:14-16 NIRV)*

WHO wrote Hebrews?... We don't know!

The writer of "Hebrews" does not identify himself. We can only guess who wrote Hebrews. Names some experts guess: Paul, or one of his friends: Barnabas, Luke, or Apollos (see Acts 18:24-28). Or the writer might be none of these men.

To whom is Hebrews written?

The people who were suppose to read "Hebrews" were Jews (Hebrew people). The book is full of Old Testament quotes, and many things about Jewish religion and history. There are strong hints in the letter that the people who received this letter lived in Rome.

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE in Hebrews?

Read Hebrews 1:2

#1. The Letter to the Hebrews is about who? _____

Read Hebrews 1:4

#2. Jesus is greater (better) than who? _____

Read Hebrews 2:14-15

#3. Why did Jesus become human? _____

Read Hebrews 3:3

#4. Jesus should have more praise and honor than who? _____

Read Hebrews 4:14

#5. Jesus the Son of God is what? _____

Read Hebrews 7:23-24

#6. Jewish priests served for how long? _____

#7. Jesus serves as priest how long? _____

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Read Hebrews 7:27

#8. Jewish offered sacrifices how often? _____

#9. Jesus offers sacrifice how often? _____

Read Hebrews 8:13 (and Hebrews 10:9)

#10. After Jesus finished his work, what happened to the work of the Old Testament priests?

Read Hebrews 10:4 (and Hebrews 10:11)

#11. Did the Old Testament sacrifices take away sins? _____

Read Hebrews 10:10

#12. Jesus sacrificed what? _____

#13. Did Jesus' sacrifice take away our sin? _____

Read Hebrews 10:21-22

#14. Jesus' sacrifice makes us able to go where? _____

Discussion Question

How do Old Testament sacrifices point to Christ?

Lesson 16
The Letter from James

The Bible says: *"The royal law is found in Scripture. It says, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself' If you really keep that law, you are doing what is right. (James 2:8 NIRV)*

WHO is James?

Three different men in the Bible are named James. Which one wrote the Letter of James?

Read Matthew 10:1-4 and 13:55

James #1 (Matthew 10:2) Who was his father? _____

Who was his brother? _____
[Both brothers belonged to Jesus' 12 Disciples.]

James #2 (Matthew 10:3) Who was his father? _____
[This James was another one of the 12 Disciples.]

James #3 (Matthew 13:55) Who were his parents? _____

Who were his brothers?

WHAT HAPPENED TO JAMES #1?

Read Acts 12:1-2

#4. What happened to James the brother of John? _____

WHAT HAPPENED TO JAMES #2?

- *The Bible tells us nothing more about James the son of Alphaeus.*

WHAT HAPPENED TO JAMES #3?

Read John 7:5

#5. Did James and his brothers believe in Jesus? _____

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Read Mark 3:20-21

#6. What did James and his brothers think about Jesus? _____

Read Acts 1:12 & 14

#7. Jesus died, came to life again, and went up to heaven. James and his brothers did what?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

#8. Why did James and his brothers change their mind about Jesus? _____

Read Acts 12:17, or Acts 15:13, or Acts 21:18

Read Galatians 1:19

#9. The leader of the Christian Church in Jerusalem was who? _____

- *The person who wrote the Letter of James in the Bible was the brother of Jesus.*

TO WHOM did James write?

Read James 1:1

#10. James wrote his letter to whom? _____

WHAT is James' message?

Read James 1:2-4

#11. How do troubles help us? _____

Read James 2:1-5

#12. Whom should we help? _____

Read James 2:26

#13. Finish this sentence: "*Faith without _____ is dead.*"

Read James 4:7

#14. Finish this sentence: " _____ God. _____ the devil, and he will _____ from you."

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Read James 4:13-17

#15. When we make plans for the future, we should say,

"If _____, we will live and do this..."

Discussion question

Why don't Christians often act like true followers of Christ?

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Lesson 17
Letters from Peter

The Bible says: *"Grow in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Get to know him better. Give him glory both now and forever. Amen."* (2 Peter 3:18 NIRV)

Peter's story

Read Mark 3:13-16

#1. Who was Peter? _____

#2. Was Peter's real name? _____

#3. Who changed his name? _____

Read John 1:40-42

#4. What does "Peter" mean? (Hint: Look at the Bible footnote.) _____

Read Matthew 4:18-20

#5. What was Peter's job? _____

Read Matthew 8:14-15

#6. Jesus healed a person in Peter's family. Who? _____

Read Matthew 16:16

#7. Peter said Jesus is who? _____

Read Matthew 26:69-75

#8. Before Jesus died, three times Peter said what about Jesus? _____

Read John 21:15-17

#9. After Jesus became alive again, three times Peter said what about Jesus? _____

Read John 21:19

#10. Jesus said what will happen to Peter? _____

Read Acts chapter 10

#11. What important lesson did Peter learn in Acts 10? _____

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Two Letters From Peter:

1 PETER

Read 1 Peter 1:3

#12. To whom did Peter write this letter? _____

Read 1 Peter 1:3

#13. Why can Christians be happy? _____

Read 1 Peter 1:6-7

#14. Problems help us, how? _____

Read 1 Peter 2:13

#15. What is a Christian's responsibility toward people in authority? _____

Read 1 Peter 2:19-21

#16. If we suffer, what should be the reason we suffer? _____

#17. If we suffer, what should *not* be the reason we suffer? _____

2 PETER

Read 2 Peter 1:16-18

#18. What did Peter see and hear? _____

Read 2 Peter 2:1-3

#19. Peter tells us to be careful and watch out for who? _____

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#20. What will happen to false teachers? _____

Read 2 Peter 3:10-13

#21. What will happen to the world? _____

#22. How should we live? _____

#23. How should we feel about Judgment Day? _____

Discussion Question

Where and how do Christians suffer persecution today?

Lesson 18
Letters from John

The Bible says: *"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born again because of what God has done. That person knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love "*
(1 John 4:7-8 NIRV)

The author of the three letters from John is John the son of Zebedee. John was one of the Twelve Disciples. He also wrote the fourth Gospel. You learned about John's life in Lesson 7.

The Letter of 1st John

Read the first verse of the Gospel of John.

Then the first verse of the letter of 1 John

#1. What words in both verses are the same? _____

Read 1 John 1:9

#2. If we confess our sins, what will God do? _____

Read 1 John 2:15-17

#3. This verse names two things that are opposites:

(a) Love for the _____

(b) Love for the _____

Note: John says that we can't have both.

#4. What will happen to the world? _____

Read 1 John 3:1

#5. God calls us what? _____

Read 1 John 3:23

#6. God commands us to do two things:

(a) _____

(b) _____

Read 1 John 4:19-21

#7. If we love God, we will also love whom? _____

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The Letter of 2nd John

Read verse 1

#8. How does John identify himself? (What title does he name himself?)

#9. John wrote this letter to whom? (Note: This may be picture language meaning a group of church members.)

Read verse 7

#10. John warned the church about whom? _____

The Letter of 3rd John

Read verse 1

#11. John wrote this letter to whom? _____

Read verses 3 & 4.

#12. What made John happy? _____

Discussion Questions

What are some ways that God show His love to us?

What are some ways that we show God's love to other people?

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Lesson 19
The Letter from Jude

The Bible says: *"Dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith. Let the Holy Spirit guide and help you when you pray. The mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ will bring you eternal life. As you wait for his mercy, remain in God's love." (Jude 20-21)*

#1. How many chapters are in Jude's letter? _____

WHO IS JUDE?

- *The English name "Jude" is really "Judas" in the Greek language. English Bible translators use the name "Jude" here, so we don't confuse him with the Disciple named Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus.*

Read Jude 1

#2. Who is Jude's brother? _____

- *You learned about Jude & his brothers in lesson 16.*

Read Jude 1 and James 1:1

#3. How did Jude and James describe their relationship with Jesus? _____

WHAT IS JUDE'S MESSAGE?

Read Jude 3

4. Why did Jude write this letter? _____

Read Jude 4

#5. Jude wrote to warn us about whom? _____

Read Jude 5 - 7

#6. What happens to angels and people who don't obey God? _____

Read Jude 7

#7. Jude warns against what kinds of sins? _____

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Read Jude 9

#8. How does Michael, God's highest angel, fight against the devil? _____

Read Jude 20

#9. We should do what with our faith? _____
#10. We should pray how? _____

Read Jude 21

#11. We wait for Jesus Christ to give us what? _____

Read Jude 22-23

#12. What should we do to people that don't believe Jesus? _____

Read Jude 24

#13. God helps us do what? _____

Discussion Question

Some people teach that the angel Michael is really Jesus. How does Jude 9 prove that teaching is false?

UNIT 4 -- "PAH!"

Lesson 20
REVELATION

The Bible says: "He who gives witness to these things says, 'Yes. I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20 NIRV)

#1. The word "revelation" means what? (If you are not sure, you may look in dictionary.)

Read Revelation 1:1

#2. This revelation is from whom? _____

#3. Who received this revelation? _____

Read Revelation 1:9

#4. Where was he? _____

- This place was a prison island. Find it on a Bible map.

#5. Why was he there? _____

Read Revelation 1:10-11

#6. Jesus told John to write this revelation and send it to whom? _____

Read Revelation 1:12-16

#7. What did Jesus look like? _____

Read Revelation 1:8 and Revelation 1:18

#8. How did Jesus describe Himself?

(a) "I am _____"

(b) "I am _____"

(c) "I am _____"

(d) "I was _____ but now I am _____"

(e) "I hold _____"

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Read Revelation 1:20

#9. The seven stars mean what? _____

#10. The seven lampstands mean what? _____

Read Revelation 2:1-3

#11. The church in Ephesus did two things well. What?

(verse 2) _____

(verse 3) _____

Read Revelation 2:4

#12. What did the church in Ephesus do wrong? _____

Read Revelation 2:10

#13. What will soon happen to the Christians in Smyrna? _____

#14. What did Jesus promise to them? _____

Read Revelation 1:18-19

#15. What did the church in Thyatira do well? _____

Read Revelation 1:20

#16. What did the church in Thyatira do wrong? _____

- *You may read what Jesus said to ALL seven church in chapters 2 and 3. Think about how we today are like those seven churches, and what we should do about that.*

Read Revelation 4:2

#17. What did John see in heaven? _____

Read Revelation 4:8-9

#18. The angels were praising whom? _____

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Read Revelation 20:11-15

#19. What happened to Death and Hell? _____

Read Revelation 21:1-4

#20. John saw three new things:

(a) A new _____

(b) A new _____

(c) A new _____

#21. Where will God live? _____

#22. What will be gone?

(verse 1) _____

(verse 4) _____

Read Revelation 22:20

#23. When will Jesus come? _____

Discussion Question

Jesus said that we should always be ready for His return. (See Matthew 24:44) How do we get ready?