



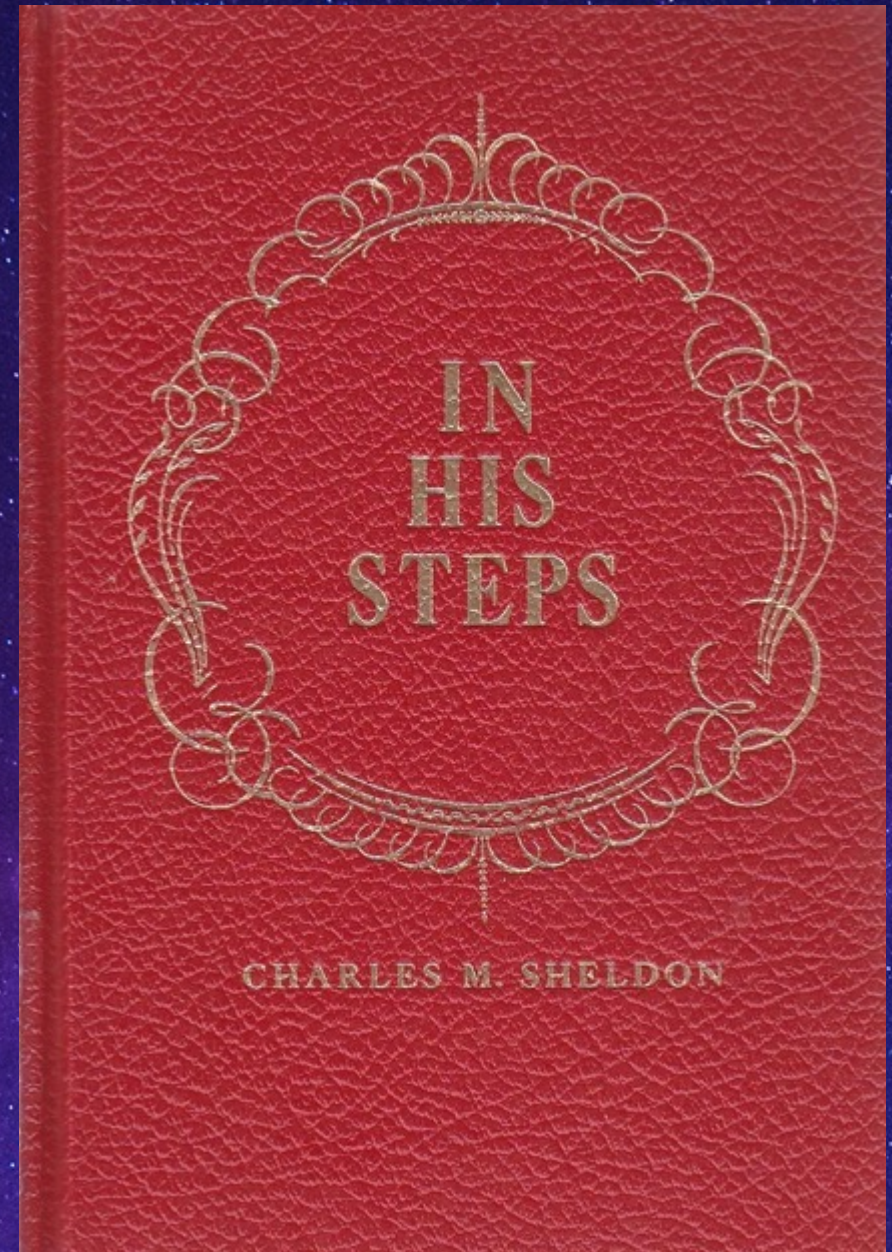
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Lesson One

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THE CHALLENGE:

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**How can you know what Jesus *would* do
if you don't know what Jesus *did* do?**

COURSE OUTLINE



Jesus is THE Story



Jesus Set the Example



Jesus Developed His Team



Jesus Connected with People



Jesus Charted the Course



Jesus Taught the Scriptures



Jesus Accomplished His Mission

Foundational Truths – The Preexistent Christ

- With no beginning –
 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (John 1:1-2)
- Was before the creation of the world –
 - “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:17)
- Was before Abraham –
 - “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” (John 8:58)
- Eternally the same –
 - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

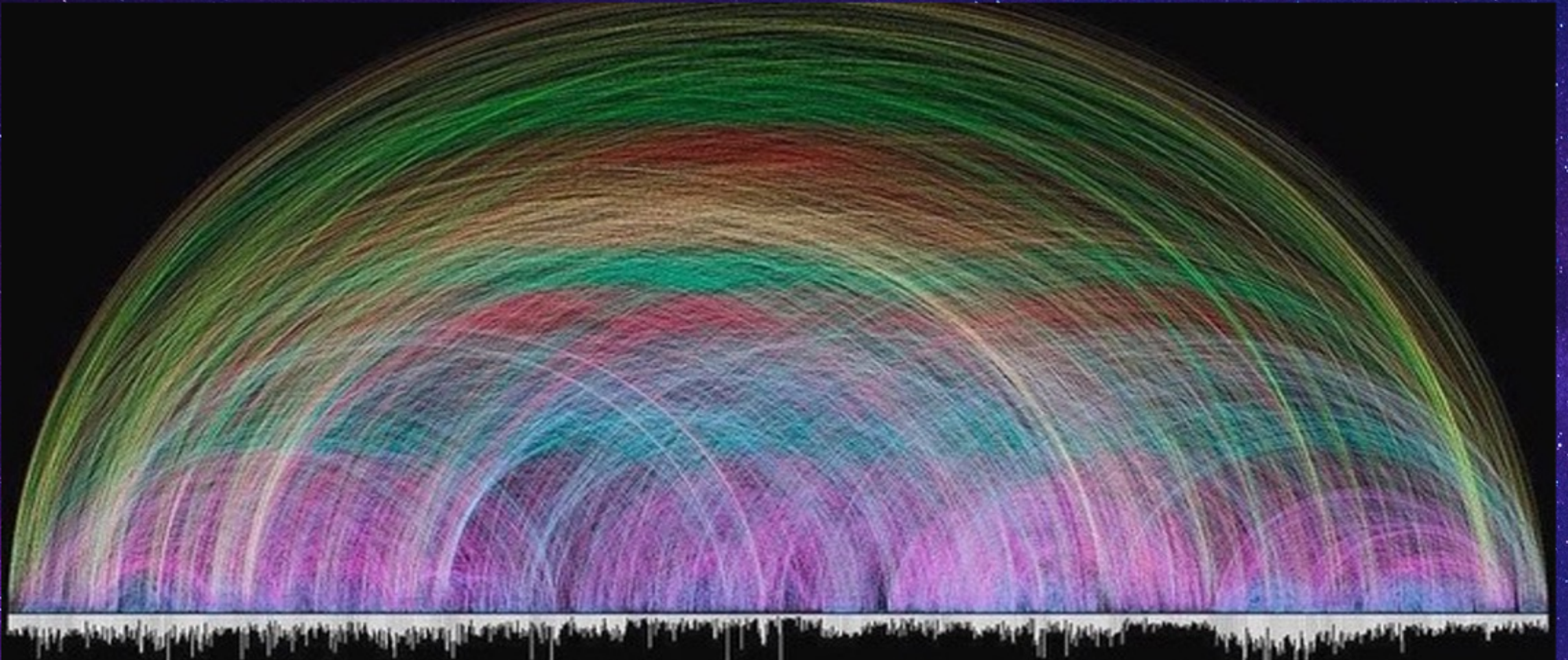
Foundational Truths – The Hypostatic Union

- Jesus is fully God and fully human
- “... he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (Philippians 2:7)
 - Jesus **voluntarily** accepted the limitations that living in a human body would bring
 - He experienced the **physical** limitations of being in a human body: He got tired, hungry, thirsty, etc.

Foundational Truths – Jesus is THE Story

- Jesus is the main theme of the entire Bible
 - “We believe that all Scriptures center about the Lord Jesus Christ and that no portion, even of the Old Testament, is properly read, or understood, until it leads to Him.” (From the MBC Constitution)

One Book. One Message. 63,779 Cross References!



<https://chrisharrison.net/index.php/Visualizations/BibleViz>

The Four Gospels

- Matthew (written by the Apostle Matthew, an eyewitness)
 - Jesus as Messiah
- Mark (written by John Mark, a companion of the Apostle Peter)
 - Jesus as Servant
- Luke (written by the Luke, a companion of the Apostle Paul)
 - Jesus, Son of Man
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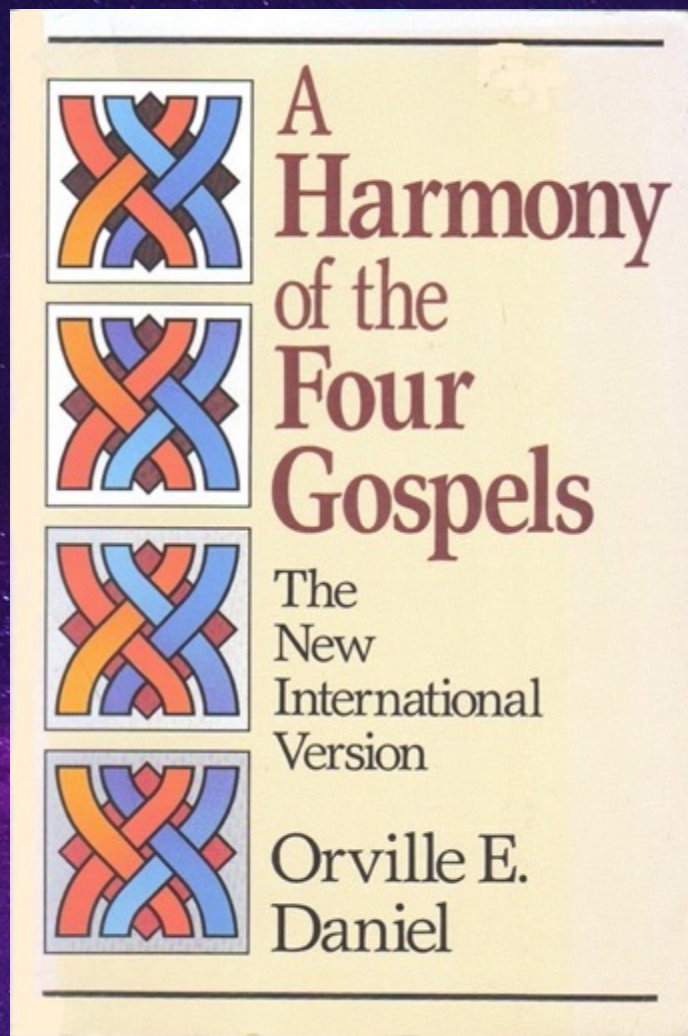
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chronologically
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My Primary Source



The wilderness of Judea

Matt. 4:1-11

Mark 1:12-13

Luke 4:1-13

John

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals,

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and

was led by the Spirit in the desert, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"^a

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."^b

⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"^c

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Mark He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

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b. ⁶ Ps. 91:11, 12
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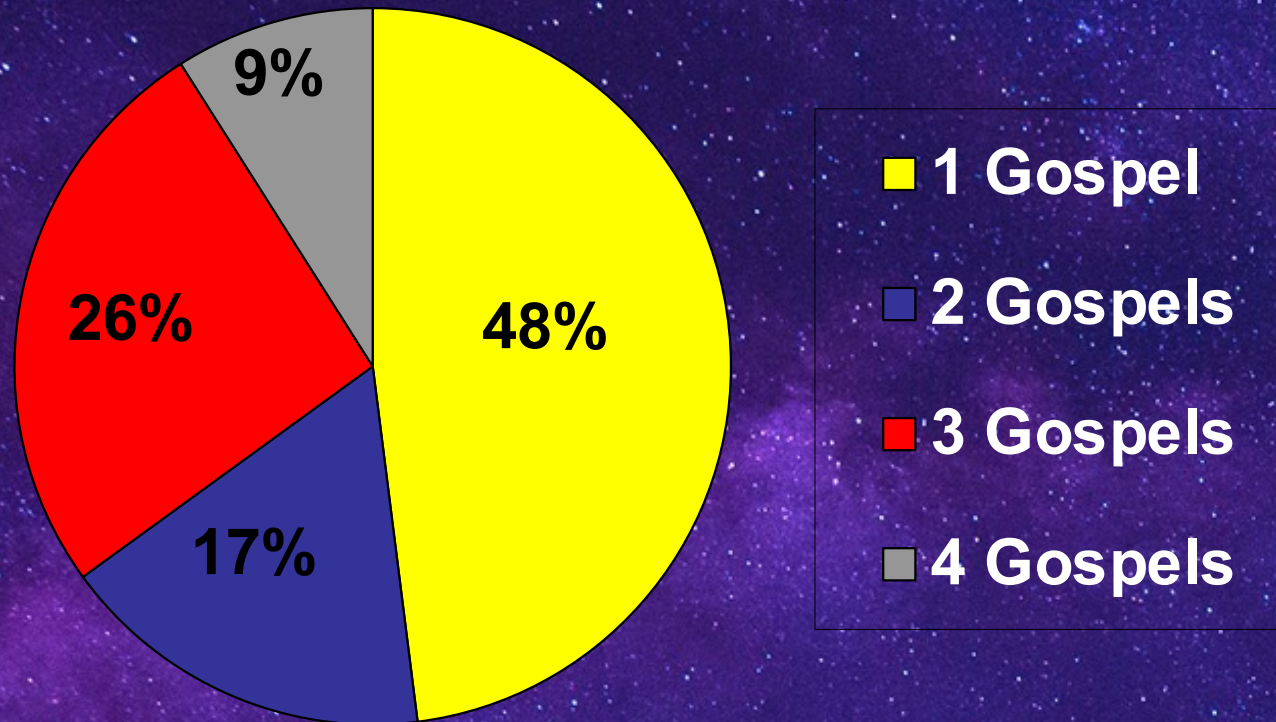
The *In His Steps* Chronological Harmony

In His Steps - A Chronology of the Life of Jesus

Item	Description	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Notes
1	The dedication to Luke's gospel			1:1-4		
2	Jesus' preincarnate existence				1:1-5,9-13	
3	Jesus' human ancestry / the genealogies	1:1-17		3:23-38		
4	Gabriel's announcement to Zechariah			1:5-25		
5	The annunciation to Mary			1:26-38		
The Lord Jesus becomes an embryo. Nazareth \cong April, 5 BC						
6	Mary visits Elizabeth			1:39-40		
7	The confirmation by Elizabeth			1:41-45		
8	Mary's song - the <u>magnificat</u>			1:46-55		
9	The birth of John the Baptist			1:57-80		
10	Mary returns home			1:56		
11	The angel Gabriel appears to Joseph	1:18-25				
Joseph and Mary (and Jesus, still in the womb) go to Bethlehem for the Census \cong December, 5 BC						
12	The birth of Jesus			2:1-7	1:14	

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Percent of Events Recorded in 1, 2, 3, or all 4 Gospels

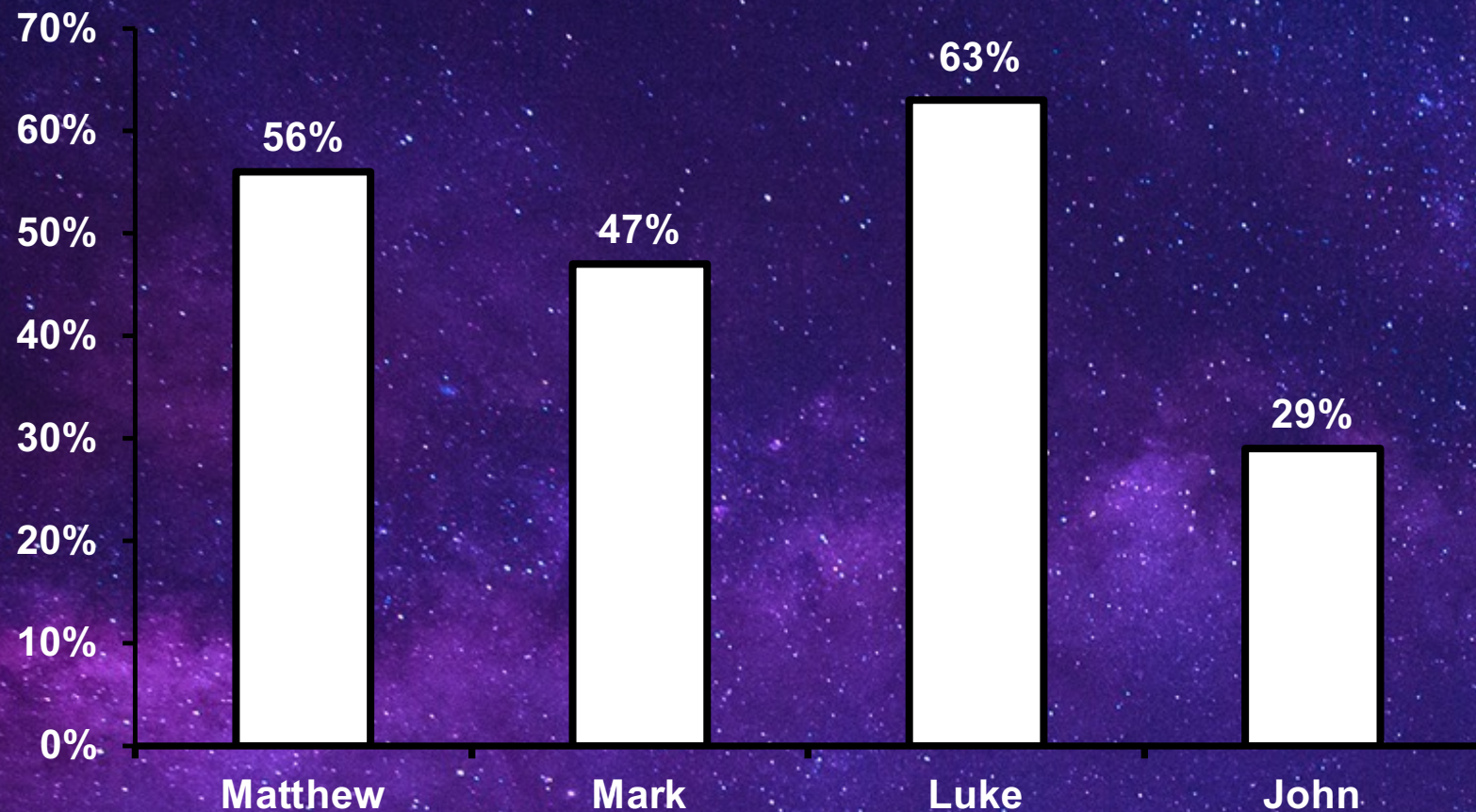


Half of events are recorded in only ONE Gospel

The Life of Jesus – At a Glance

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Percentage of Events Recorded in Each Gospel



Even Luke, the “most complete” Gospel only records 63%

Distribution of Events

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Things that Happened Twice

- Two announcements by Gabriel (Zechariah and Mary)
- Two temple cleansings (#33 + #155)
- Two rebukes of Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum (#65 + #115)
- Two calming of the storms (#73 + #85)
- Two mission trips (#80 + #115)
- Two women anointing Jesus with oil (#67 + #175)
- Two miraculous catches of fish (#45 + #215)
- Two miraculous feedings of multitudes (#83 + #92)
- Two teachings on The Lord's Prayer (#61 + #119)
- Two rejections in Nazareth (#43 + #78)
- Two debates about who will be the greatest (#147 + #178)
- Two bribes (#176 = Judas + #210 = The guards)
- Two warnings about "the yeast of the Pharisees" (#94 + #123)
- Two stones were rolled away (#137 = Lazarus + #203 = Jesus)
- Two warnings about "the woes" (#122 + #166)
- Two earthquakes (#199 + #203)

How Little We Know ...

- Jesus lived approximately 12,150 days ...

We have a record of approximately 100 of them!!!

- During His three-year public ministry, Jesus spoke approximately 2.2 million words ...

We have a record of only 31,426 of them!!!

Our “Disclaimer”

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

John 21:25

So What?

- Considering how little we know, we must assume that these events and words were chosen by God for a very specific reason!
 - There is a spiritual lesson ... not just a historical record of the event
 - There may be a reference/commentary/fulfillment of an OT passage or prophecy. We must work hard to “connect the dots.”
- Consider: What happened? Where did it happen? Who was involved? Why was it included? What is the key lesson? How can we apply that lesson?

The Most Important Question (Matthew 16:13-17)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Our 40-Day Challenge

- Option 1: Read the Four Gospels
 - 89 chapters = roughly 2-3 per day
- Option 2: Listen to the Four Gospels
 - Roughly 9 hours = roughly 15 minutes per day
- Option 3: Read a “Blended Harmony”
 - *The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth* (Free)
 - *The Chosen presents A Blended Harmony* (\$18)
- Option 4: Watch The Chosen
 - One episode per night

**See
page 8
of the
handout**

Summary – Jesus is THE Story

- Foundational truths
 - Jesus has ALWAYS existed
 - Jesus is fully God and fully Human
 - Jesus is the theme of the entire Bible
- Four Gospels
 - Each tells a unique story for a unique audience
 - The chronological harmony provides insights



HE'S
IMPERIALLY
POWERFUL
IMMORTALLY
GRACEFUL

THANK YOU!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which of the four Gospels is your favorite? Why?
- How has your understanding of the Gospels changed today?
- If someone asked you, “Who is Jesus?”, how would you answer?
- Will you accept the 40-Day Challenge? If so, which option is best for you?



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Lesson Two

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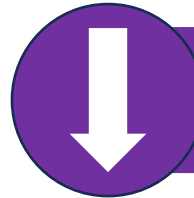
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Introduction – Jesus Set the Example

- ***Why*** Should We Imitate Jesus?
- ***How*** Can We Imitate Jesus?
- ***Which*** Aspects of Jesus' Life Should We Imitate?

Commands to Imitate Christ

- "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.'" (Matthew 16:24)
- "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you." (John 13:15)

How Can We Imitate Jesus?

- To imitate Jesus, ask two questions:

1. What Did Jesus Do? (WDJD?)

2. What Did Jesus Teach? (DWJT?)

Which Aspects of Jesus Life Should We Imitate?

- How literally should we take these commands? Should we:
 - Dress like Jesus?
 - Live like Jesus?
 - Travel like Jesus?
 - Eat like Jesus?
 - Vacation like Jesus?
 - Invest like Jesus?
 - Die like Jesus?

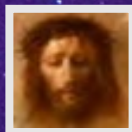
How Did Jesus Live?

- Seven spiritual habits that we *should* imitate:
 1. Follow Like Jesus
 2. Fight Like Jesus
 3. Pray Like Jesus
 4. Study Like Jesus
 5. Work Like Jesus
 6. Celebrate Like Jesus
 7. Rest Like Jesus

1. Follow Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?

Jesus' first recorded words:

“Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?”



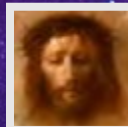
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Follow Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Teach?

- John 4:34: "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."
- John 5:19: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."
- John 5:30: "By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me."
- John 6:38: "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me."
- John 8:28-29: "So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.'"
- John 14:10: "Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work."
- John 12:49: "For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken."
- John 14:31: "but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me."
- John 15:10: "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love."

2. Fight Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?

- Matthew
 - 4:1 – 10
- Mark
 - 1:12 – 13a
- Luke
 - 4:1 – 13
- John
 - N/A
- Jesus was “full of the Holy Spirit” and was “led by the Spirit” into the Wilderness
- Jesus becomes the personification of Israel, re-living their wilderness experience
- After 40 days, Jesus is physically empty but spiritually full



Spiritual Warrior

Fight Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Teach?

- Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”
(Luke 22:31-32)

3. Pray Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?

- Matthew 14:23: "After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone."
- Mark 1:35: "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."
- Luke 5:16: "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."
- Luke 6:12: "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God."
- Luke 22:41-42: "He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.'"

3. Pray Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Teach?

- The Lord's Prayer
 - Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4
- Prayer should be conversational
 - "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:6)
- Prayer should be sincere
 - "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matthew 6:7-8)
- Prayer requires persistence
 - The parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8)
 - The parable of friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-13)

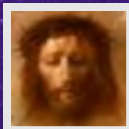
4. Study Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?

- How did Jesus learn the scriptures?
 - Did He “intuitively” know them because He was God?
 - Or, did He have to learn them because He was a man?
- We don't know ... but we DO know that Jesus quoted the OT scriptures all the time!

4. Study Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Teach?

- “You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me.” (John 5:39)
- We should study the scriptures diligently
- We should study the scriptures reverently
- We should study the scriptures relationally

5. Work Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?



Carpenter

5. Work Like Jesus ... as an Itinerant Rabbi

- During Jesus' three-year ministry:
 - He walked over 2,500 miles!
 - He preached sermons
 - He healed people
 - He cast out demons
 - He raised the dead
 - He confronted hypocrisy and error
- To Jesus, work was a sacred offering ... He did **EVERYTHING** to the glory of His Father

Work Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Teach?

- We should work to serve God
 - "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)
- We should work to serve others
 - "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)
- We should work diligently
 - The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

6. Celebrate Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?

- Jesus' first miracle = 750 bottles of wine! (Event #31)
- Jesus celebrated the Jewish festivals
 - Tabernacles/Weeks/Sukkot in the fall
 - The Festival of Dedication/Hanukah in winter
 - Passover in the spring

Celebrate Like Jesus (Continued)

- Jesus loved a good dinner party!
 - At Peter's house (Event #48)
 - At Matthew's house (Event #53)
 - With Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (Event #118)
 - With skeptical and confrontational Pharisees (Events #67, #122, #130)
 - With Cleopas and his companion (Event #211)

Celebrate Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Teach?

“... do this in remembrance of me.”

(Luke 22:19)

7. Rest Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?

- Jesus kept the Sabbath
 - The fifth commandment – Exodus 20:9-10
 - Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.
 - From sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday
- However, Jesus rejected the Pharisee's oral traditions about the Sabbath

Rest Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?

- After the miracle in Cana, Jesus, His family, and His first disciples retreated to Capernaum (Event #32)
- After dinner (and healings) at Peter's house (Event #49)
- After the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus slept on the boat (Event #73)
- After healing the multitudes Jesus retreated by Himself (Event #59)
- After feeding the 5,000, Jesus retreated to the mountaintop by Himself (Event #84)
- During Passion Week, Jesus retreated to Bethany every night

Rest Like Jesus – What Did Jesus Teach?

- “Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Jesus is the “lord of the sabbath” (Matt 12:8)

Summary – Jesus Set the Example

- Even though Jesus was fully God, He practiced seven spiritual disciplines in His life:
 1. Follow Like Jesus
 2. Fight Like Jesus
 3. Pray Like Jesus
 4. Study Like Jesus
 5. Work Like Jesus
 6. Celebrate Like Jesus
 7. Rest Like Jesus
- As we strive to walk *In His Steps*, we should practice them as well

THANK YOU!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever intentionally made Jesus your “role model?”
- Which of the seven spiritual disciplines comes most naturally to you?
- Which of the seven spiritual disciplines do you struggle with the most?
- Please share one specific action that you will take to apply the WWJD model this week.



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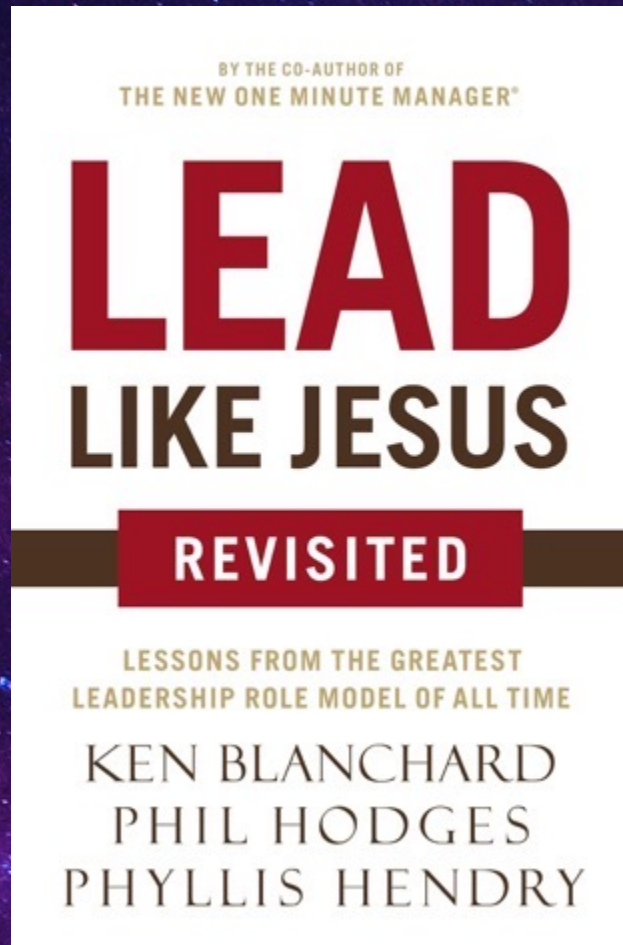
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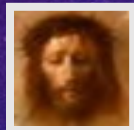
- Jesus called His first followers on Day One of His ministry
- Jesus chose a very unusual group of men
 - Their defining characteristic was their “ordinariness”
- Jesus’ primary focus was on developing them:
 - As individuals
 - As a team
- They changed the world!!!

Introduction – Jesus Developed His Team

- ***Who*** Did Jesus Choose?
- ***Why*** Did Jesus Choose Them?
- ***How*** Did Jesus Develop Them?
- ***How*** Can We Develop Like Jesus?

30. Jesus' First Followers

- Matthew
 - N/A
- Mark
 - N/A
- Luke
 - N/A
- John
 - 1:35 – 51
- Andrew
- Simon → Peter
- Phillip
- Nathanael
 - “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”
- John – the “other disciple”



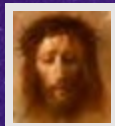
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46. Four Disciples Called

- Matthew
 - 4:18 – 22
- Mark
 - 1:16 – 20
- Luke
 - 5:10 – 11
- John
 - N/A
- Approximately nine months later ...
- Fishing business partners, two pairs of brothers:
 - Simon Peter & Andrew
 - James & John
- “Come, follow me ...”
- Their miraculous catch of fish is an abundant reward for 9 months of faithfully following Jesus

52. The Call of Matthew Levi

- Matthew
 - 9:9
- Mark
 - 2:13 – 14
- Luke
 - 5:27 – 28
- John
 - N/A
- The tax collectors were considered the worst traitors
- The Jews
 - Hated the high tax rate
 - Hated the high number of taxes (over 10)
 - Hated how their money was spent
 - Hated Roman domination



Radical Includer

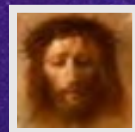


Jesus Goes Up on a Mountainside Alone

The Mount of Beatitudes

60. Jesus Appoints the Twelve

- Matthew
 - 10:2 – 4
- Mark
 - 3:13 – 19
- Luke
 - 6:12 – 16
- John
 - N/A
- PLUS: Acts 1:13
- When morning came, He called to Him those He wanted and designated them to be “apostles”
 - That they might be with Him
 - That He might send them out
 - That they would have authority to drive out demons
- Follower → Disciple → Apostle



Leader

The Original Twelve

Simon → Peter	Son of Jonah	Fisherman	Bethsaida
James the Elder	Son of Zebedee	Fisherman	Capernaum
John the Beloved, brother of James	Son of Zebedee	Fisherman	Capernaum
Andrew, brother of Peter	Son of Jonah	Fisherman	Bethsaida
Philip			Bethsaida
Nathanael, also called Bartholomew			Cana
Thomas, also called Didymus			Galilee
Matthew Levi	Son of Alphaeus	Tax Collector	Capernaum
James the Younger	Son of Alphaeus		
Jude/Judas, also called Thaddaeus	Son of James		
Simon		Zealot	Cana
Judas Iscariot, the traitor			Kerioth

The Original Twelve (continued)

- Two guys named Simon
- Two guys named James
- Two guys named Jude/Judas
 - NOTE: Jesus had a brother named Judas (Matthew 13:55-56)
 - One of the guys named Jude had three names (Jude/Lebbaeus/Thaddaeus)
- Three guys had two names (Simon/Peter + Nathanael/Bartholomew + Thomas/Didymus, which means "the twin")
- There were two pairs of brothers:
 - Peter and Andrew
 - James and John
 - ... or were there three pairs of brothers? Both James the Younger and Matthew were "sons of Alphaeus" ... were they also brothers?

RAMAH

SIMON
THE
ZEALOT

MATTHEW

MARY

"BIG"
JAMES

MARY

"LITTLE"
JAMES

EDEN

TAMAR

THE CHOSEN



THOMAS

JOHN

JUDAS

SIMON
PETER

JESUS

ANDREW

PHILLIP

THADEOS

NATHANIEL

Interestingly, there were ...

- No boyhood friends
- No family members
- No Pharisees
- No Sadducees
- No Scribes
- No Rabbis
- No scholars
- No executives / CEOs
- No sports heroes
- No generals
- No judges
- No celebrities
- No politicians
- No rich people
- No famous people
- No Romans
- No Greeks
- No Gentiles
- No women
- **No Harvard MBAs!**



Why Did Jesus Choose These Guys?

Their Faithfulness and Their Potential

How Did Jesus Develop His Team?

SHIFTPOINTS

Studying high-performance
executive teams

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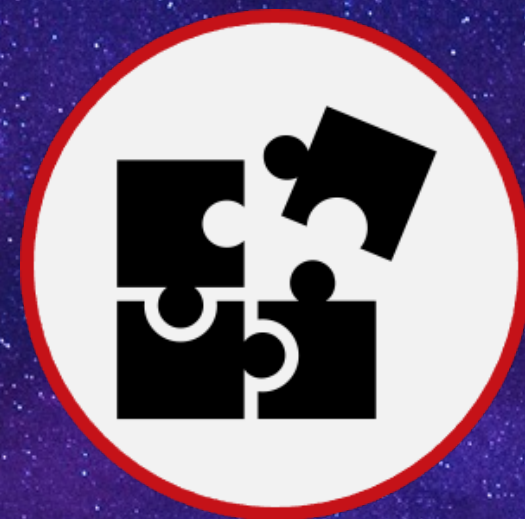
Studying how Jesus
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Develop One Team

How Jesus developed the world's greatest team.

#1: THE RIGHT DESIGN

- Jesus optimized the DESIGN of His team:
 - Twelve men ... symbolic of the Twelve Tribes
 - Diversity of strengths
 - Diversity of personalities
 - A clear leader
 - The Inner Three
- Three groups of four
 - Peter always first
 - Phillip always fifth
 - James the younger always ninth
 - (Judas is always listed last!)



#2: THE RIGHT DEVELOPMENT

- Jesus optimized the DEVELOPMENT of His team:
 - A three-year leadership development program
 - Jesus trained, coached, disciplined, challenged, and corrected them
 - They lived together, ate together, traveled together
 - Many “out of the comfort zone” experiences
 - Walking on water
 - Missions trips
 - Interactions with the unclean and the outcasts



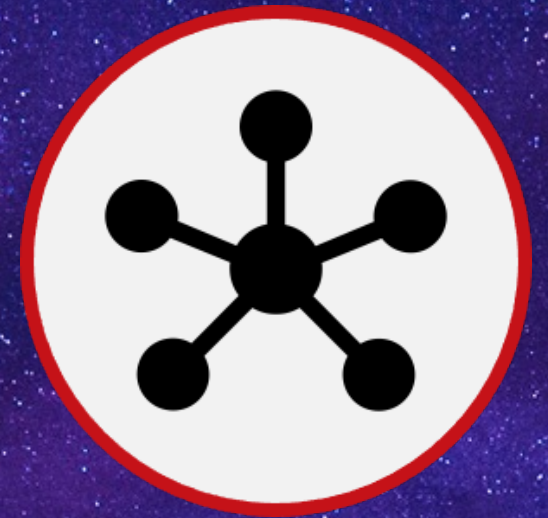
Peter, James, and John – The “Inner Three”

The “Inner Three” had special developmental experiences:

- #75 – Raising Jairus’ daughter from the dead
- #100 – The Transfiguration
- #184 – Praying with Jesus in the garden

#3: THE RIGHT DYNAMICS

- Jesus optimized the DYNAMICS of His team:
 - Love
 - Followership
 - Trust
 - Teamwork
 - Collaboration (2x2 mission trip)
 - Courage
- Jesus also squashed dysfunctional behavior, especially selfish ambition



#4: THE RIGHT DECISIONS

- Jesus optimized the DECISIONS of His team:
 - Jesus taught them to SUBMIT to the Father
 - Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide them
- “Not my will, but thy will be done.”



#5: THE RIGHT DELIVERABLES

- Jesus optimized the DELIVERABLES of His team:
 - A clear vision – The Kingdom of Heaven
 - A clear mission – The Great Commission
 - Clear values – The Great Commandment
 - A clear strategy:
 - First to the Jews
 - Then to the Gentiles
 - A radically different way of life



#6: THE RIGHT DIRECTION

- Jesus optimized the DIRECTION of His team:
 - He gave them a clear example to follow
 - Jesus showed them “The Way”
 - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide them



#7: THE RIGHT RESULTS

- Jesus' team delivered world-changing RESULTS:
 - Christianity has outlived the Roman empire!
 - Christianity has changed the world
 - Christianity has changed millions of lives



Summary – Jesus Developed His Team



DESIGN



DEVELOPMENT



DYNAMICS



DECISIONS



DELIVERABLES



DIRECTION



RESULTS

1. Jesus recruited disciples, promoted twelve to apostles, and favored the inner three.
2. Jesus trained, coached, mentored, disciplined, challenged, and corrected them.
3. Jesus created positive dynamics, including love, inclusion, trust, teamwork, etc.
4. Jesus taught them to submit their decision rights to God the Father.
5. Jesus gave them a clear vision, an inspiring mission, and foundational values.
6. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower, guide, and align them.
7. The team changed the world.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which of the disciples do you relate to the most? Why?
- Would you consider yourself to be a follower, a disciple, or an apostle?
- Who is on your team?
- How will you apply the WWJD model to develop people like Jesus this week?



IN HIS STEPS

Lesson Four

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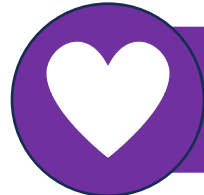
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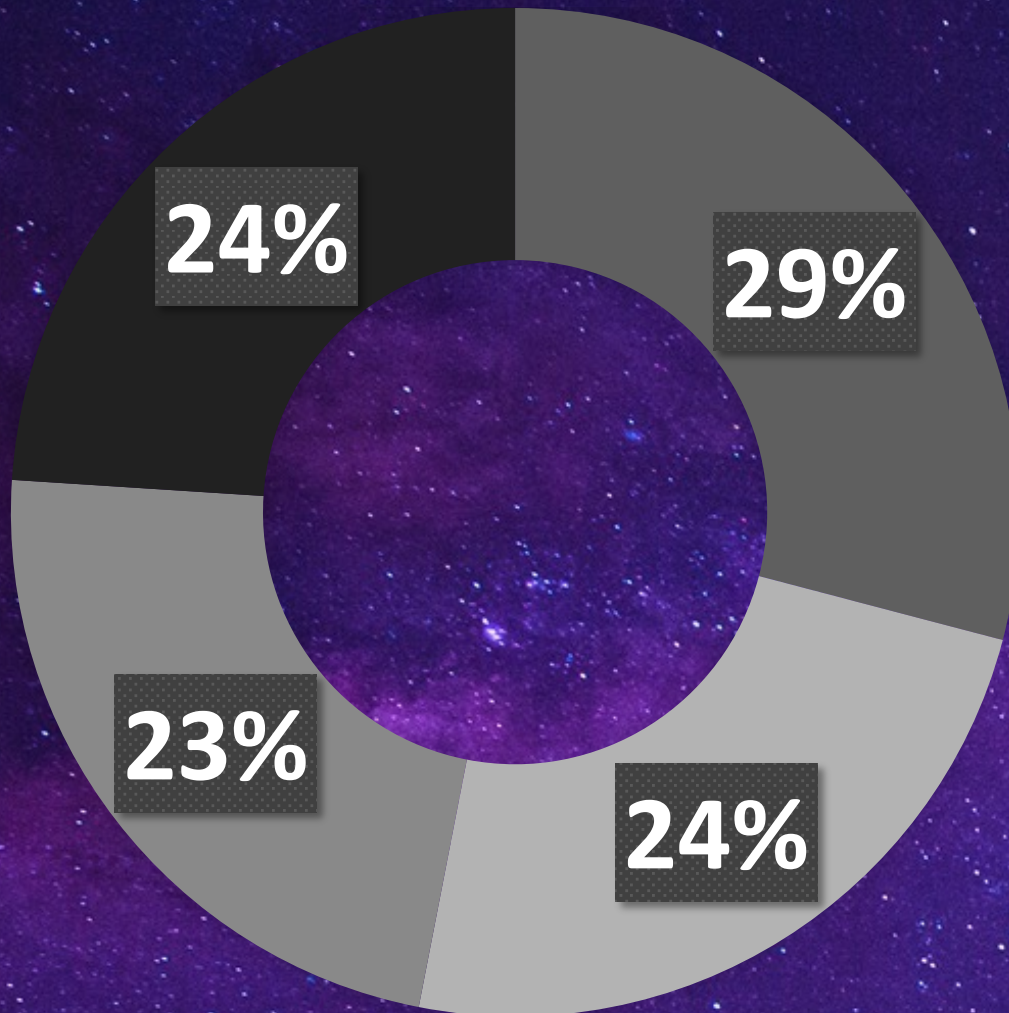
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John 21:25

Introduction – Jesus Connected with People

- **Who** did Jesus Connect With?
- **How** Did Jesus Connect with People?
- **Why** did Jesus Connect with Them?
- **How** Can We Connect Like Jesus?

Who Did Jesus Connect With?



■ Just the Disciples

■ Religious Leaders*

■ Large Crowds*

■ Small Groups or Individuals*

*Often, the disciples were there as well

1. The Disciples

- Jesus spent most of His time with His disciples.
 - 57 of the events recorded were *exclusively* with them
 - Plus, they were included in virtually everything that Jesus did
 - Often, they were given exclusive “after action briefings”

2. Religious Leaders

- Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Teachers of the law
 - They were threatened by Jesus
 - In many cases, they tried to test, trap, or undermine Jesus
- Jesus regularly chastised them
- Jesus regularly warned His followers about them
 - The yeast of the Pharisees (2X)
 - The six woes
 - The seven woes

3. Large Crowds

- Jesus attracted HUGE crowds
 - Feeding the 5,000 → roughly 15,000 people
 - Feeding the 4,000 → roughly 12,000 people
- They came from all over ... as far as 120 miles away
- Often, Jesus (and the Twelve) would have to retreat / escape from the crowds

4. Small Groups or Individuals

- Jesus was “proactively inclusive.” He went out of His way to connect with people Jewish society ignored or devalued:
 - Gentiles
 - Pagans
 - Women
 - The Samaritan Woman
 - The Syrophoenician Woman
- In addition, many of the people He interacted with were considered to be “unclean”:
 - Gentiles
 - Lepers
 - The bleeding woman

How Did Jesus Connect with People

- Jesus connected with people through His teaching (Lesson 6)
- Jesus also connected with people by healing:
 - The Blind
 - The Demon Possessed
 - The Lepers
 - The Deaf
 - The Lame
 - Others
 - The Dead!
 - The (Spiritually) Dead!!!

Jesus Healed the Blind

- The blind, mute demoniac (Event #70)
- Two blind men (Event 77#)
- The blind man (Event 95#)
- The man born blind (Event 113#)
- Blind Bartimaeus (Event 148#)

Jesus Healed the Demon Possessed

- The first demoniac in the Synagogue (Event #47)
- Demons cast out at dinner (Event #48)
- The blind, mute demoniac (Event #70)
- Legion (Event 74#)
- An unnamed demoniac (Event #77)
- The Syrophoenician woman's daughter (Event #90)
- The Demoniac boy (Event #102)
- The woman crippled by a spirit (Event #126)
- Plus: Mary Magdalene (Not specifically recorded in event #68)
- Plus: Many others not specifically recorded

Jesus Healed the Sick

- Leprosy:
 - One leper (Event #50)
 - Ten lepers (Event #139)
- Deafness:
 - The “naturally” deaf man (Event #91)
 - The boy, who was possessed by a “deaf and mute spirit” (Event #102)

Jesus Healed the Sick (Continued)

- Lameness:
 - The paralytic who was lowered through the roof (Event #51)
 - The paralytic on the Sabbath at the pool of Bethesda (Event #54)
 - The man with the shriveled hand (Event #57)
 - The crippled woman (Event #126)
- Other Ailments:
 - The man with dropsy (Event #130)
 - The bleeding woman (Event #76)
- Malchus' ear

Jesus Healed the (Physically) Dead

- The widow's son (Event #63)
- Jairus' daughter (Event #75)
- Lazarus (Event #137)
- PLUS: The "righteous" that were raised immediately after Jesus' death (Event #199)

Jesus Healed the (Spiritually) Dead

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

John 11:25-26

Why These Specific People?

Mamzer

(Hebrew: ממזר lit.), an "estranged person"; a person who is born as the result of certain forbidden relationships or incest, or is the descendant of such a person.

No one born of a forbidden marriage nor any of their descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, not even in the tenth generation.
(Deuteronomy 23:2)

WDJI? (Who Did Jesus Ignore?)

- There is no record of Jesus meeting with world leaders:
 - Augustus Caesar (Ruled 31 B.C.- 14 A.D.)
 - Tiberius Caesar (Ruled 14 A.D – 37 A.D.)
- Aside from his trial, there is not record of Jesus meeting with any local Roman Rulers
- The rich, the powerful, the elite

Summary – Jesus Connected with People

- Jesus divided His time equally between:
 - Just the disciples
 - Religious leaders
 - Large groups
 - Individuals and small groups
- Jesus was “proactively inclusive” ... He went out of His way to connect with people that Jewish society ignored, devalued, or were considered “unclean.”
- Many of his interactions involved healings

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What made Jesus so compelling to people?
- What types of people do you connect with most easily?
- Is there someone that you are, perhaps unintentionally, ignoring or devaluing?
- How will you apply the WWJD model this week to connect with people more effectively?



IN HIS STEPS

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Introduction – Jesus Charted the Course

- ***Where*** Did Jesus Go?
- ***What*** Happened There?
- ***Why*** Did He Go There?
- How Can We Chart Our Course?



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- Numbered Countries:**
- 1. Cottii Kingdom
 - 2. Olbia (Greek Colony)
 - 3. Rhodes (Greek City-State)
 - 4. Jewish States
 - 5. Commagene
 - 6. Characene
 - 7. Elymais
 - 8. Panchalas?
 - 9. Kausambi?
 - 10. Dasama?
 - 11. Kongu
 - 12. Manipur
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 - 7 = Unknown Inhabitants or incomplete info.

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Where Did Jesus Go?



For Your Reference, We Have Included a Map on p.9 of the Handout

From Heaven to Nazareth



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Nazareth



Bethlehem



Jerusalem



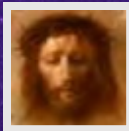
Bethlehem



Egypt



Jesus Grows Up in Nazareth



Carpenter

The Jordan River



The Wilderness



Bethany



The Jordan River



Cana



Capernaum



The Sea of Galilee



NOTES

- Much of Jesus' ministry was around the Sea of Galilee
- However, in the next FOUR slides, we will see that He went OUT OF HIS WAY to travel to "the other side of the tracks."

Samaria



The Decapolis



Tyre and Sidon



Caesarea Philippi



Mount Hermon (?)



Pilate and Herod's Palaces



Golgotha



The Empty Tomb



Resurrection to Ascension

- Only ELEVEN documented appearances:
 1. Mary Magdalene ... at the tomb
 2. The other women ... at the tomb
 3. Cleopas and his companion ... on the road to Emmaus
 4. Peter ... unknown location
 5. The ten disciples ... in Jerusalem
 6. The eleven disciples ... in Jerusalem
 7. The eleven? disciples ... fishing in Galilee
 8. The eleven disciples ... in Galilee
 9. Five hundred followers ... unknown location
 10. Jesus' brother James ... unknown location
 11. The eleven disciples ... on the Mount of Olives

From the Mount of Olives to Heaven



And from Heaven to the Mount of Olives!!!

- Time unknown
 - Matthew 24:27
 - Luke 12:40
 - Revelation 22:20
- Coming unmistakably
 - Matthew 26:64
 - Luke 21:27
- Will judge the world
 - Matthew 25:32
 - Matthew 16:27

Summary – Jesus Charted the Course

- Jesus made 77 specific trips
- He walked over 2,500 miles
- He traveled to places that Jews were forbidden to go
- He did not travel to any of the major power centers in His day
- Each place that Jesus visited had spiritual significance ... and has a spiritual lesson for each of us



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which of these locations would Jesus have found you in?
- Which location had the biggest spiritual lesson for you personally? Why?
- Is Jesus calling you to travel to “unclean” or “pagan” lands?
- How will you apply the WWJD model this week to make more your trips more “missional?”



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During His three-year public
ministry, Jesus spoke
approximately 2.2 million words ...

**We have a record of only
31,426 of them.**

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Jesus Taught the Scriptures



Jesus Accomplished His Mission

Introduction – Jesus Taught the Scriptures

- ***How*** Did Jesus Learn the Scriptures?
- ***How*** Did Jesus Teach?
- ***What*** Did Jesus Teach?
- ***How*** Can We “Teach Like Jesus?”

How did Jesus Learn the Scriptures?

- We don't know ...
 - Did He “intuitively” know them because He was God?
 - Or, did He have to learn them because He was a man?
- But we DO know that Jesus knew The Torah ... cold!

How Did Jesus Teach? Like a Rabbi!

- #30 – John the Baptist's disciples (John 1:38)
- #35 – Nicodemus, during his conversation with Jesus (John 3:2)
- #39 – His disciples, after Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman (John 4:31)
- #87 – The crowd in Capernaum (John 6:25)
- #100 – Peter, in his response to the transfiguration (Mark 9:5)
- #102 – The man with the demon-possessed son (Mark 9:17)
- #113 – His disciples, RE: the man born blind (John 9 -1)
- #137 – His disciples, expressing fear about going to Jerusalem (John 11:8)
- #140 – The ten lepers (Luke 17:13)
- #157 – Peter, after Jesus cursed the fig tree (Mark 11:21)
- #179 – Judas, during the Last Supper (Matthew 26:25)
- #185 – Judas, in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:49)
- #207 – Mary, at the tomb, to the risen Lord Jesus (John 20:16)



Rabbi

How Did Jesus Teach? (Continued)

"The people were amazed at his teaching because he taught them *as one who had authority,* not as the teachers of the law."

Mark 1:22

HDJT? He Used Seven Different Styles

1. Sermons
2. Discourses
3. Parables
4. Conversations
5. Corrections
6. Condemnations
7. Confrontations

1. Sermons

- The Sermon on the Mount (Event #61)
 - Matthew 5-7 plus excerpts in Luke 6

2. Discourses

- The Discourse in His Home Synagogue (Event #42)
- The Discourse on the Kingdom of God (Event #72) ... Ten Parables!
- The Discourse on the Bread of Life (Event #87)
- The Discourse on Humility and Forgiveness (Event #106)
- The Discourse at the Feast of Tabernacles (Events #109 + #110)
- The Discourse on His Second Coming (Event #140)
- The Discourse on His Impending Death (Event #156)
- The Discourse on the End Times (Events #168 + #169 + #170)
- The Discourse on Judgement Day (Event #173)
- The Upper Room Discourse (Event #181)
- The Olivet Discourse (Event #182)

3. Parables

- Jesus told \cong 40 parables:
 - In 24 of the 40 cases, the Bible specifically calls it a parable. Other times, we include it as a parable because of the literary form and context.
 - 27 of the Parables are only recorded in ONE Gospel!
 - 5 of the Parables were told on multiple occasions
 - John only records ONE parable!
 - NONE of the parables are recorded in all four Gospels
- Some parables were told only to His disciples
- Some parables were meant to be understood only by believers

4. Conversations

- MANY conversations with His Disciples!
- Nicodemus (Events #35+36)
- The Samaritan Woman (Event #39)
- The Syrophoenician Woman (Event #90)
- The Rich Young Ruler (Event #144)
- The Expert RE: the Greatest Commandment (Event #164)
- Plus: many of Jesus' healings also involved conversations
- Often, He would answer a question with a question

5. Corrections

- Satan during His temptation (Event #27)
- The woman caught in adultery (Event #111)
- The "expert in the law" (Event #117)
 - Jesus responded with the Parable of the Good Samaritan
- The Pharisees at the Feast of Dedication (Event #127)
- The Pharisees question about divorce (Event #142)

5. Corrections (Continued)

- James, John, and their mother (Event #147 + 178)
- The Pharisees question Jesus' authority (Event #158)
 - Jesus responds with a question about John's baptism
- The spies RE: paying taxes to Caesar (Event #162)
- The Sadducees RE: the resurrection (Event # 163)
 - Jesus responded, "You are in error, because you do not know the Scriptures ."

6. Condemnations

- After reading the scroll in His home Synagogue, Jesus condemned their unbelief (Event #42)
- Twice, Jesus condemned religious hypocrisy:
 - The six woes (Event #122)
 - The seven woes (Event #166)
- Twice, Jesus condemned the unbelieving/unrepentant cities Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum (Events #65 + #115)

7. Confrontations

- Twice, Jesus confronted the moneychangers! (Events #33 + #155)
- Jesus confronted the Pharisees with a question about the Messiah (Event #165)

WDJT? (What Did Jesus Teach?)



What Did Jesus Teach? (Key Themes)

- Salvation by Faith for All (Not by “keeping the law” and not just the Jews)
 - “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved ...” Mark 16:16
- The Kingdom of God/Kingdom of Heaven
 - “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is near.” Matthew 4:17
- The Power of Love
 - “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35
- The “Inverse Economy”
 - “The first shall be last.” Matthew 20:16
- The Demands of Discipleship
 - “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24

Summary – Jesus Taught the Scriptures

- Jesus used seven different methods:
 - Sermons
 - Discourses
 - Parables
 - Conversations
 - Corrections
 - Condemnations
 - Confrontations
- Jesus' key themes were:
 - Salvation by Faith for All (Not just the Jews)
 - The Kingdom of God
 - The Power of Love
 - The “Inverse Economy”
 - The Demands of Discipleship

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is your favorite parable?
- Which of Jesus' teaching methods are you most comfortable with?
- Which of Jesus' key themes are you most comfortable with teaching?
- How will you apply the WWJD model this week to improve your teaching effectiveness?



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Introduction – Jesus Accomplished His Mission



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

Jerusalem



Jesus and the Eleven True
Disciples Travel from the Upper
Room in Jerusalem to the
Garden of Gethsemane

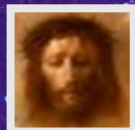
Thursday April 6, 30 AD
Around Midnight

184. Jesus Prays for Himself While Peter, James, and John Sleep

- Matthew
 - 26:36 – 46
- Mark
 - 14:32 – 52
- Luke
 - 22:40 – 46
- John
 - 18:1
- The inner three are invited to pray with Him
- Jesus prays three times for the cup to be passed ... “yet not what I will but what you will.”
- An angel appeared from heaven and strengthen Him
- Three times the disciples fall asleep

185. Jesus is Betrayed, Arrested, and Abandoned

- Matthew
 - 26:47 – 56
- Mark
 - 14:43 – 52
- Luke
 - 22:47 – 53
- John
 - 18:2 – 12a
- Judas arrives with the soldiers and a large crowd
- “Who is it that you want?”
 - Jesus of Nazareth
- The first time Jesus declares, “I am he,” they fell to the ground
- The second time, a fight breaks out
- Jesus’ last healing miracle



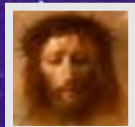
Prisoner

Jesus is Taken to the House of
Annas, the Former High Priest

Friday, April 7
Around 1:00 AM

186. Jesus is Examined by Annas

- Matthew
 - N/A
- Mark
 - N/A
- Luke
 - N/A
- John
 - 18:19 – 23
- Annas was the father-in-law of the current high priest (Caiaphas)
- He held the position from 7 – 14 AD, but still wielded considerable power
- “The bazaar of Annas”
- Annas questions Jesus about His disciples and teaching



The Accused

187. Peter and One Other Disciple in the Courtyard

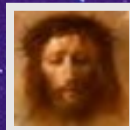
- Matthew
 - 26:58
- Mark
 - 14:54
- Luke
 - 22:54b – 55
- John
 - 18:15 – 18
- Peter and John follow Jesus
- John (who was known to the high priest) also knew the girl guarding the door, and gained entrance into the courtyard
- Peter denies being one of Jesus' disciples ... see event 189

Jesus is Taken to Caiaphas' Council Chamber

Friday, April 7
Around 3:00 AM

188. Jesus is Interrogated by Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin

- Matthew
 - 26:57 – 68
- Mark
 - 14:53 – 65
- Luke
 - 22:63 – 65
- John
 - 18:24
- They looked for evidence ... many testified falsely, but their testimony did not agree
- Finally, two false witnesses testify about Jesus destroying the temple in three days
- They declare Jesus to be guilty of blasphemy
- The priest tears his clothes



“Blasphemer”

189. Peter's Three Denials

- Matthew
 - 26:69 – 75
- Mark
 - 14:66 – 72
- Luke
 - 22:56 – 62
- John
 - 18:26 – 27
- This was predicted in event #181
- In the courtyard of the high priest
- Three servants of the high priest accuse Peter
- Jesus saw Peter's third denial

190. Jesus is Formally Condemned by the Sanhedrin

- Matthew
 - 27:1 – 2
- Mark
 - 15:1
- Luke
 - 22:66 – 23:1
- John
 - 18:28
- At daybreak
- An emergency meeting is convened
- The Sanhedrin consisted of 71 members
 - The high priest
 - 24 chief priests
 - 46 elders
- After Jesus proclaims His divinity, they declare Him guilty

191. Judas Commits Suicide

- Matthew
 - 27:3 – 10

- Mark
 - N/A

- Luke
 - N/A

- John
 - N/A

- Judas expresses remorse and returns the money
- “I have sinned, for I have betrayed innocent blood.”
- Judas leaves and hangs himself



Jesus is Led to Pilate's Palace

Friday, April 7
Around 5:00 AM

192. Jesus' First Appearance Before Pilate

- Matthew
 - 27:11 – 14
- Mark
 - 15:2 – 5
- Luke
 - 23:2 – 7
- John
 - 18:28b – 38
- Jews would not enter the palace, so Pilate comes out to them
- They falsify a charge about Jesus refusing to pay taxes to Caesar
- Jesus refuses to answer their charges, but does answer Pilate
- Upon hearing that Jesus was a Galilean, Pilate sends Jesus to Herod



Jesus is Sent to Herod

193. Jesus' Appearance Before Herod Antipas

- Matthew

- N/A

- Mark

- N/A

- Luke

- 23:8 – 12

- John

- N/A

- Herod was greatly pleased to finally meet Jesus, hoping to see a miracle

- The chief priests are there, “vehemently accusing Him”

- Jesus refuses to answer the charges

- They send Jesus back to Pilate

- Pilate and Herod become friends ... before this, they had been enemies



Jesus is Sent Back to Pilate

Friday, April 7
About 6:00 AM

194. Pilate Declares Jesus' Innocence

- Matthew
 - 27:19
- Mark
 - N/A
- Luke
 - 23:13 – 16
- John
 - N/A
- Pilate tells the crowd, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have found not basis, neither has Herod.”
- “He has done nothing to deserve death.”
- Pilate’s wife also warns him

195. The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

- Matthew
 - 27:15 – 26
- Mark
 - 15:6 – 14
- Luke
 - N/A
- John
 - 18:39 – 40
- It was the custom to release one prisoner
- Pilate asks, “Do you want me to release the ‘King of the Jews’?”
- The crowd, led by the chief priest, chooses Barabbas
- “Then, what shall I do with Jesus?” ... Crucify!
- Pilate washes his hands

196. Jesus is Mocked and Flogged

- Matthew
 - 27:15 – 26
- Mark
 - 15:6 – 14
- Luke
 - N/A
- John
 - 18:39 – 40
- Jesus is:
 - Stripped
 - Given a scarlet robe
 - Crown of thorns
 - Staff in His right hand
 - Mocked
 - Spit on
 - Hit in the face & head
- Flogging involved 40 strikes
 - Six of ten people did not survive flogging

196b. Pilate's Third Interrogation

- Matthew
 - N/A
 - Mark
 - N/A
 - Luke
 - N/A
 - John
 - 19:4-16
- Pilate interrogates Jesus again after learning that He claimed to be the Son of God
 - “You would have no power over me if it was not given to you from above.”
 - Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting
 - Pilate finally concedes and hands Jesus over to be crucified

Jesus' Final Journey to Calvary

Friday, April 7
Around 8:00 AM

197. Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

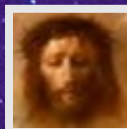
- Matthew
 - 27:32
- Mark
 - 15:21
- Luke
 - 23:26 – 32
- John
 - 19:16b – 17a
- The Via Dolorosa (the way of suffering)
- Simon, the Cyrene is enlisted to help carry the 200-pound cross
- Roughly ½ mile

198. Jesus' Crucifixion and Death

- Matthew
 - 27:33 – 50
- Mark
 - 15:22 – 37
- Luke
 - 23:33 – 46
- John
 - 19:18 – 30
- From 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Jesus declines the wine with myrrh
- “Father forgive them”
- Soldiers divide clothes & cast lots
- Those passing buy insult Him
- Chief priest mocks Him
- Soldiers mock Him
- One of the criminals mocks Him
- The other criminal repents & Jesus promises him salvation

198. Jesus' Crucifixion and Death – continued

- Jesus commands John to take care of His mother
- At the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land
- “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me.”
- “I am thirsty.”
- “It is finished.”
- “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”



Sacrificial Lamb

Jesus dies

Friday, April 7 30 AD

\cong 3:00 PM \cong

Critical Theological Points

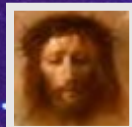
- The crucifixion was done in full accord with, “the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God.” (Acts 2:23)
- Everything in Jesus’ life was preparation for the hour of His death
- No one takes my life, but I lay it down myself. (John 10:18)
- Jesus was the divine fulfillment of what Passover had always foreshadowed.

Fulfilled Prophecy

- The betrayal by a familiar friend (Psalm 41:9) ✓
- The false accusation (Psalm 35:11) ✓
- The silence before His judges (Isaiah 53:7) ✓
- Being included with sinners (Isaiah 53:12) ✓
- Being crucified (Psalm 22:16) ✓
- The gambling for His garments (Psalm 22:18) ✓
- The prayer for His enemies (Isaiah 53:12) ✓
- The yielding of His spirit (Psalm 31:5) ✓
- Bones not broken (Psalm 34:20) ✓

Jesus Predicted Every Detail (Event #146)

- Matthew
 - 20:17 – 19
- Mark
 - 10:32 – 34
- Luke
 - 18:31 – 34
- John
 - N/A
- By harmonizing the three accounts, you compile the exact details:
 - Betrayed
 - Handed over
 - Condemned
 - Mocked
 - Flogged
 - Insulted
 - Spit on
 - Crucified
 - Raised again



Prophet

Importance of Harmonizing

- 17 events, many important details are recorded in only one Gospel:
 - The angel from heaven to strengthen Him in the Garden
 - The arresting soldiers falling to the ground when Jesus says, "I am he."
 - The interrogation by Annas
 - Peter *and John* followed Jesus
 - A servant of the high priest recognized Peter
 - Judas' suicide
 - Pilate's third interrogation of Jesus inside his Palace
 - The interrogation by Herod

Importance of Harmonizing (continued)

- Details recorded in only one Gospel:
 - The warning by Pilate's wife
 - Pilate's hand washing (Matthew)
 - Pilate's showing of Jesus to the crowd after His flogging
 - Jesus' warning to the women of Jerusalem (along the path)
 - The repentance of one criminal
 - "I am thirsty."
 - "It is finished."
 - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
 - The decision not to tear up His robe
 - The pronouncements to Mary His mom and John
 - The piercing of His side



SUMMARY



Jesus is THE Story



Jesus Set the Example



Jesus Developed His Team



Jesus Connected with People



Jesus Charted the Course



Jesus Taught the Scriptures



Jesus Accomplished His Mission



HE'S
IMPERIALLY
POWERFUL
IMMORTALLY
GRACEFUL

THANK YOU!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Jesus faced tremendous persecution. What were His “keys to success?”
- How has your understanding of Jesus changed over the past seven weeks?
- What is your assessment of the WWJD model? Do you plan to incorporate it into your daily life?



Our Next Challenge

- Celebrate Easter! (3/31/24)
- Study Jesus' eleven appearances during the 40 days between Easter and Ascension Day (5/9/24)
- Do a Messianic Seder on Passover (April 22, 2024)
- Study the Holy Spirit during the 10 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost
- Celebrate Pentecost! (5/19/24)