

Leader's Guide for 2-Hour Class

Lesson #3: Jesus, Lamb of God

Welcome Prayer & Review of previous week: <u>Jesus, God-Sent</u> (15 minutes)

- Prophetic messages from the OT foretold of the coming Messiah.
- OT points to the NT what was concealed is now being revealed.
- Do we delight in God?
- Abrahamic covenant had 3 promises: what were they? (land, descendants, and blessing)
 How many generations until David was born? (14)
- Davidic covenant was that a king would remain from his line
 O How many generations until Jesus was born? (14)
- At the fullness of time the Messiah would come (Galatians 4:4-7).
 - What does the fullness of time mean? (The timing was right, both political and geographical. The Greek language was a one-world language for all. The Roman road system made communication easier).
 - Optional: How is the world being prepared for the fullness of time for Jesus' return?
- The angels announce the pregnancies of Elizabeth and Mary.
 - What is Zachariah's response?
 - What was Mary's response?
- Mary visits Elizabeth and is filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - Elizabeth worships; Mary worships
 - o Joy, joy, joy
- The angels announce the birth of Jesus.
 - Where is the announcement?
- The magi visit and learn of Herod's plot to kill baby Jesus.
- Jesus matured and at 12 years old, he lingered behind at the temple. He was articulating His mission!
- We don't know anything directly from Scripture about His life, but we do know that He was raised in the Jewish traditions of apprenticing with Joseph, learning the Scriptures, and active in family and community.

Class Review:

- 1. Why did Jesus come to earth?
 - a. God sent Him.
- 2. Name three men in the genealogy of Jesus?
 - a. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Ram, Amminadab, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David
- 3. There were several women in the line of Jesus that were also mentioned. Which woman hid the spies?
 - a. Rahab
- 4. What Moabite woman was devoted to her mother-in-law?
 - a. Ruth

- 5. Who got pregnant by her father-in-law? a. Tamar
- 6. Who was in the temple of the Lord burning incense when an angel of the Lord appeared? a. Zacharias
- 7. What is Mary's song called?
 - a. The Magnificat
- 8. Who was Elizabeth and Zachariah's child?
 - a. John the Baptist
- 9. What was his role?
 - a. Forerunner to Jesus
- 10. Who was Anna?

a. Prophetess. Widowed, 84 years old, tribe of Asher, advanced in age, never left the temple, serving night and day with fasting and prayers

Homework Discussion – In small groups (30 minutes)

Choose a few questions ahead of time from each of the five daily studies to discuss in small groups, or you can use the sample questions below.

Study 1 - The Genealogy of Jesus

• Page 25 - Question 2, 4

Study 2 – Prophesies and Promises

- Page 27 Question 1, 6
- Page 30 Question 2, 3

Study 3 – Zacharias and Joseph

• Page 33 - Question 4, 5

Study 4 – Birth and Dedication of Jesus

- Page 35 Question 1, 4
- Page 37 Question 2, 5

Study 5 – Childhood of Jesus

• Page 40 - Question 1, 2, 7

Lesson Intro for video (brief Introduction): Jesus, Lamb of God (5 minutes)

- John the Baptist came preaching a message of repentance and baptism, to make way for the coming Messiah. When he saw Jesus coming to him, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."
- After Jesus is baptized in righteousness, the Spirit of God descends as a dove and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in who I am well-pleased."
- Jesus now begins his ministry both public and God-approved.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What did you learn about John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus?
- How do you relate to the temptation of Christ?
- What did you learn about the first miracle at the wedding feast?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)