



The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ

Leader's Guide for Two-Hour Class

Lesson #13: Jesus, Light of the World

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of Part 1: (30-45 minutes)
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In Part 1 of The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ, we saw Jesus as the Joy-giver. In His first two-and-a-half years of ministry, Jesus ministered to the people, taught them, healed them, and ate with them. As we begin Part 2, we will study Jesus as He goes through the last six months of His ministry on earth, leading up to the Passion week - His crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus becomes more intentional in His ministry and in His words to the Pharisees.

Review the Attributes of Jesus quiz from Part 1 as a class. You may also review the attribute cards in the back of the Part 1 workbook.

Lesson Intro for video: <u>Jesus, Light of the World</u> (5 minutes)

- What does light do? – Dispels the darkness
- When is light needed the most? – When it is the darkness
- A single birthday candle can be seen in a completely dark football stadium
- A light in darkness can be seen for three (unhindered or blocked) miles.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)
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- What was the significance of Jesus being the Light of the World?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)



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Lesson #14: Jesus, Provider

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Light of the World (15 minutes)

Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

- Jesus calls us to the light, which is a call to holiness.
- Light exposes sin in order to bring salvation.
- To follow Jesus is true discipleship; this shows the difference between a false faith that doesn't truly believe and an eternal faith that saves.

Uniqueness of light:

- On a dark night, you can see a candle flame flickering up to three miles away.
- The light we see from the nearest star, outside of our sun, is 4.3 light years away, which is about 25 trillion miles from earth. It takes more than 100 years to travel at the speed of light.
- Light is warmth and comfort. We need light to live.
- Light is the first thing God created.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:2-4

- The Light of the world (Jesus) is our greatest weapon against fear and darkness. It exposes evil and those that love the darkness will run from the light.
- Light has no mass or weight, and can travel through an empty space unlike sound, which requires a medium to travel. Light by itself is enough, just like Jesus.

The Light of Jesus within us is enough. It doesn't require us to always be loud or showy. Like light, even small or quiet things done in Christ's name are big things. And our light can be shared with others as a guiding light.

Class Question: *What things did you learn or see this past week about Jesus being the Light of the world?*

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 use the suggestions below.

Jesus, Light of the World

Study 1 – Jesus at the Feast of Booths	Pg 10: #2, 8, 9
Study 2 - Division	Pg 13: #1, 5, 13
Study 3 – Adulterous Woman	Pg 16: #4, 8, 11
Study 4 – Light of the World	Pg 20: #4, 6, 8, 10
Study 5 – Truth will make you free	Pg 22: #1, 2, 7, 12

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, Provider (5 minutes)

- Jesus is generous in His gifts to us, but it requires a daily dependence on him.
- Jesus' purpose and timetable go far beyond just meeting our needs or making us happy, but also to help us conform to His image and grow our trust and faith in Him.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What insights did you learn about Jesus being our provider?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)



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Lesson #15: Jesus, Good Shepherd

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Provider (15 minutes)

- The 70 disciples were sent to minister without provision.
- The Good Samaritan story was given as a response to the lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbor?" We are to provide when we can for others.
- The story of Mary and Martha shows Martha trying to provide instead of relying on Jesus, the Provider. Martha was also not being a good neighbor.
- They learned to ask for what we need in prayer:
 - Lord's Prayer
 - Persistence
 - Suffering
 - Best gift provided is the Spirit within us.
 - Do not worry about anything but bring your petitions to Christ.
- Jesus provided condemnation for Pharisees for hypocrisy and blasphemy.
- Jesus delights in us. Confess Him and He will confess us.

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 use the suggestions below.

Jesus, Provider

Study 1: 70 Sent Out	Pg 30: #9, 10, 11
Study 2: The Samaritan and the Sisters	Pg 33-34: #6, 8, 9, 18
Study 3: Pharisee's Blasphemy	Pg 37-38: #5, 8
Study 4: Woes Upon the Pharisees	Pg 40: #4, 5, 7
Study 5: Beware of Hypocrisy	Pg 42-43: #4, 6, 8

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, Good Shepherd (5 minutes)

- Dumb sheep illustration
 - Wander away
 - Stumble and fall
 - Downcast
 - Must be righted by the Shepherd with rod and staff
 - Injury and anointing with oil
- Sheep need a shepherd

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What was the significance of Jesus being the Good Shepherd?
- What did Jesus teach about being the Good Shepherd through being ready?
- What was the significance of Jesus healing the man born blind?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)



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Lesson #16: Jesus, Narrow Door

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Good Shepherd (15 minutes)

Jesus is teaching and making His way to Jerusalem.

- Jesus says He is the *Good Shepherd*:
 - Gentle
 - Cares for us
 - Knows us
 - Hears us and we recognize His voice
 - Give up His life to save us
- Jesus tells us to *Be Ready*:
 - All must repent or will perish in our sins
 - There will be division. We must oppose the bad to have true peace.
- Jesus shows *His Deity* by saying "I and the Father are One"
 - Also shown through His works
 - Pleads with the Pharisees, "If you do not believe Me, then believe in my works so you will know and understand."

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 use the suggestions below.

Jesus, Good Shepherd

Study 1: Be Ready	Pg 49-50: #1, 9
Study 2: Repentance and Healing	Pg 52-53: #1, 4, 12
Study 3: Blind Man	Pg 56-57: #8, 9, 17-18
Study 4: Good Shepherd	Pg 59-60: #2, 6, 9
Study 5: Deity	Pg 63: #7, 9, 11

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, Narrow Door (5 minutes)

- Narrow Door means there is one way to God. You can't go around.
- It is open to everyone.
- There is a decision and a deadline.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What does Jesus being the Narrow Door mean to you?
- What are your takeaways?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)

Lesson #17: Jesus, Resurrection and Life

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Narrow Door (15 minutes)

- Jesus the Narrow Door is probably the most popular objection to Christianity – people want all ways to lead to heaven. They think God would not be that inclusive.
 - “Wisdom” of our day says anyone, anywhere can enter heaven.
 - The central element that prevents people from going through the Narrow Door is PRIDE
- Luke 13:24-14:1 (Day 1)
 - Being religious is not entering the doorway into the kingdom
 - There are people in our churches who have not entered the narrow door but hold the door open for others to enter. Always preach the gospel!
 - Jesus dined at the house of the Pharisees, even though Jesus called them a brood of vipers (Mt 12:36).
 - Jesus still held the door open for them, still trying to help them walk through the door themselves.
 - We have no idea when the door is going to close.
 - Jesus heals the man with dropsy on the Sabbath. He questioned the religious leaders about their willingness to save their own son or animal, but pointed out they were angry at the healing of some of the ‘flock’ they were supposed to be caring for.
 - Their pride got in the way of seeing truth and entering the narrow door.
 - Consequently, those invited through the door first would be last to enter.
- Luke 14:7 – 35 (Day 2)
 - Jesus used the dinner party to teach the point of humility. Exalting oneself vs. letting Christ through others exalt you.
 - Jesus teaches about discipleship. He uses the word “hate” to depict choosing one person over another. It is about choosing Christ over even family.
 - Jesus taught you must count the cost to follow Him.
- Luke 15:1-32 (Day 3)
 - Jesus taught the importance of finding something that had been lost.
 - Jesus’ point in using the lost sheep, coin, and son is that they had value to the owner or parent, they were missed, and they were meaningful. They were worth finding and celebrating when they were found.
- Luke 16:1-18) (Day 4)
 - Jesus taught about the unrighteous steward who was called to give an accounting. He lowered the amount owed by each debtor so perhaps one of them would take them into their home when he was out of work.
 - He was not lowering the amount legitimately owed to the master, but what he was charging as his own profit.
 - He was told he was shrewd – he knew he had a problem and took corrective action. An astute judgement.
- Luke 16:9 – 17:10 (Day 5)
 - Jesus told the story of the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, both dying.
 - Lazarus was in Abraham’s bosom (the name of the place of death for the OT believer). The rich man was in Hades (the name of the place of death for the OT non-believer).

- There was a divide and awareness. The rich man suffered greatly in Hades, still wanted Lazarus to serve him, and did not ask to go over to the other side. He wanted someone to tell his family, but he was told the message had been given very clearly.

The lesson ends with Jesus making quick statements on:

- Being a stumbling block
- Having the faith of a mustard seed.
- Serving is not for gratitude but what should be done by believers.

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 use the suggestions below.

Jesus, Narrow Door

Study 1: First will be Last	Pg 69-71: #7, 12, 14, 19
Study 2: Dinner Guests & Discipleship	Pg 73-75: #4, 9, 10
Study 3: Lost and Found	Pg 78-79: #8, 9, 10, 15
Study 4: Unrighteous Steward	Pg 81-82: #4, 5, 7, 9
Study 5: Rich man and Lazarus	Pg 85-86: #6, 11, 12, 13

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, Resurrection and Life (5 minutes)

- Jesus brings Lazarus back to life after having been dead for four days.
- Jesus said to Lazarus' sister, Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What do you think is meant by Jesus being the Resurrection and Life?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)

Lesson #18: Jesus, Son of David

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Resurrection and Life (15 minutes)

- John 11: 1-46 (Day 1)
 - Jesus declares He is the Resurrection and Life
 - Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, is raised from the dead
 - Several things resulted:
 - Solidified the disciples' faith
 - More Jews put their faith in Jesus
 - Sanhedrin moved to kill Jesus and Lazarus
 - Demonstrated that Jesus increasingly had power and the religious leaders feared the Romans.
- Luke 17:11-21 (Day 2)
 - 10 Lepers were healed
 - Nine Jews and one Samaritan – only the Samaritan came back to thank Jesus
- Matthew 19:1-30 (Day 3)
 - When asked about divorce, Jesus doesn't take sides; He goes back to the Genesis definition of marriage.
 - Children are welcome to come to Jesus.
 - Rich young ruler does not see the value of laying down his possessions for Jesus.
 - The first shall be last, the last shall be first.
- Matthew 20:1-34 (Day 4)
 - The vineyard workers were all paid the same wage regardless of when they started to work.
 - Jesus was called the Son of David by a blind man, in contrast to His disciples who still weren't sure.
- Luke 19:1-28 (Day 5)
 - Jesus calls Zaccheus to follow Him
 - Jesus told Zaccheus He wanted to have dinner at his house.
 - Without being told, Zaccheus pledged to make it right what he had taken from the people.
- 10 Talents to each servant – God wants us using what we are entrusted with for his good.

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 use the suggestions below.

Jesus, Resurrection and Life

Study 1: Death and Resurrection of Lazarus	Pg 91-93: #4, 13, 17
Study 2: Ten Lepers Cleansed	Pg 95-96: #3, 8, 11
Study 3: Rich Young Ruler	Pg 99-100: #7, 8, 9, 10, 12
Study 4: Laborers in the Vineyard	Pg 102-103: #9, 11, 12, 17, 18
Study 5: Zaccheus Converted	Pg 105-106: #6,7, 10

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, Son of David (5 minutes)

- What do you remember about King David?
- Are there kings ruling during Jesus' life? (no, no more Kings after the exile)

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- Discuss the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)