



The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ

Leader's Guide for Two-Hour Class

Lesson #19: Jesus, Judge

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

Jesus is now entering **Jerusalem at the time of Passover**. It will be the final week of His ministry. Jesus has no more tender words to the Pharisees, only sharp criticism. But even as they are plotting to kill Him, Jesus continues to reveal who He is. The crowds are wondering, "Will Jesus show up?"

Jesus first stops in **Bethany** at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, whom He recently raised from the dead. Mary pours expensive perfume on His feet. Because of this sacrificial act of honor, Jesus says her story will be told all over the world wherever the gospel is preached and will not be forgotten.

When we honor Jesus today, it too will not be forgotten.

Next Jesus goes to the **Temple** for a second and final cleansing of the money-changers, as the Temple had reverted back to a marketplace.

The **crowd** begins to sing and shout, "**Hosanna to the Son of David!**" as Jesus triumphantly enters the city. This is fulfillment of a promise and prophecy. It is the promise of the Davidic covenant, which says the Messiah will come from the line of David and His kingdom will endure forever, and the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9.

The next morning when Jesus is hungry, He sees a fig tree and curses it. Immediately the tree dies because it had no fruit. This is symbolic of **false believers**, who may look beautiful on the outside but are dead on the inside.

The crowds surround Jesus, and His soul becomes troubled as His hour is near, and He says, "**Father, glorify your name.**" Then a voice comes out of heaven saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowds are wondering what has happened, and Jesus says this voice came not for His sake but for theirs. Then Jesus gives a final invitation to become **sons of light**.

To the Pharisees, Jesus gives a series of "**woes**" – strong language rebuking the religious leaders for hindering others from entering heaven and leading them astray.

We must make sure we do not become a hindrance or a stumbling block to others.

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, Son of David

Study 1: The Triumphal Entry	Pg 112: #9, 10, 11
Study 2: The Hour Has Come	Pg 114: #6, 7
Study 3: Jesus Foretells His Death	Pg 116: #2, 3, 4, 7
Study 4: Pharisaism Exposed	Pg 119-120: #5, 6, 7, 8, 15
Study 5: Jesus Laments over Jerusalem	Pg 122-123: #1, 2, 5, 6

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus as Judge (5 minutes)

- When will Jesus come as Judge?
(when He comes again – second coming)
- What is the Olivet Discourse?
(Jesus' speech about the end times, located in Matthew 24-25)

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What is Jesus' message as Judge? Why is it important to us?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)

Lesson #20: Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Jesus as Judge (15 minutes)

What do you imagine when you think of God judging mankind? What about believers?

1. Study 1 – Matt 24:1-4 Olivet discourse – orderly teaching about the end times.
 - a. Disciples wanted to know what would happen at the end of age.
 - b. Found in all synoptic gospels. John 14:1-4 Rapture of church.
 - c. Many will come saying they are the Christ
 - d. Famines and earthquakes are merely birth pangs
 - e. Tribulation is for Israel – this follows the series of “woe” statements

2. Study 2 – Matt 24:15-31 Teaching on the great Tribulation
 - a. The 12 were persecuted and martyred but the Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18 is yet to come.
 - b. Jesus warns how destructive and widespread it will be.
 - c. But good news is about the coming of the Son of Man again.

3. Study 3 – Matt 24:32-51 Be ready for Christ's return
 - a. Live your life as if He was returning today.
 - b. The early signs are an encouragement that what Jesus said was true and a warning to be on guard.

4. Study 4 – Matt 25: 1-30 Jesus gives a visual picture of what being ready looks like and what it does not look like using the story of 10 virgins and talents.
 - a. Have what you need in order to be ready?
 - b. * Confirm Christ is Lord
 - c. The talents given to the servants were to be used on behalf of the manager. Why was the servant who buried the talent called lazy?
 - d. * He buried and did not use.

5. Study 5 – Matt 25:31-44
 - a. Jesus taught who would inherit the kingdom and that He would separate the sheep from the goats.

This was His last night before Passover – an event that changed everything.

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, Judge

Study 1: Olivet Discourse	Pg 127: #4, 6, 8
Study 2: Peril and Glory	Pg 129: #4, 8, 9
Study 3: Be Ready	Pg 131: #1, 3
Study 4: Ten Virgins and Talents	Pg 134: #3, 4, 9
Study 5: The Judgement	Pg 138: #7, 9, 10, 11

Lesson Intro for video: Son of Man (5 minutes)

- Jesus says, “I AM The Way, the Truth, and the Life”
- He is very clear in His teaching.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)**Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)**

- What significant thing did you learn from Jesus’ teaching on The Way, Truth and Life?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)



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Lesson #21: Jesus, Son of Man

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

Passover Meal ("The Lord's Supper")

It is now the night before Jesus is to die.

Jesus asked Peter and John to find a place for them to eat the Passover meal. All the while, Judas is negotiating a price for betrayal.

In this last meal, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. This was unheard of at that time, as this was a task associated with servants. Jesus is serving to the very end, and gives us a lasting example.

Jesus tells His disciples at this last meal that one of them will betray Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times.

- Jesus never mentions that Judas is the betrayer. He is giving him a warning, and one last chance to stop. But Jesus does not stop him.
- Jesus tells Peter, "I have prayed for you." Jesus prays for us, even before we need it!

Jesus promises the disciples two things by saying: "I am going away to..."

1. prepare a place for you (Heaven is a real place)
2. so that a Helper (of the same kind) can come. (We are never alone)

The disciples ask How? Jesus replies:

"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

John 14:6

On the way to the Garden of Gethsemane (where Jesus prayed before His arrest)

Jesus is still teaching His disciples. His last "I AM" statement is "I am the true vine."

The vine (Jesus) and fruit (evidence of faith) is an example of our relationship with Jesus and also with our Heavenly Father, who is the caretaker of the vineyard.

Jesus tells them there will be weeping but the world will also rejoice and have joy.

Jesus prays in front of the disciples for three things:

1. To **glorify God** and for the **Holy Spirit to come**
2. For the **disciples and their future ministry**
3. For the **Church to come (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, The Way, the Truth and the Life

Study 1: Lord's Supper	Pg 145: #4, 5, 10
Study 2: Jesus Comforts His Disciples	Pg 149: #1, 3, 4
Study 3: True Vine	Pg 152: #3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13
Study 4: Holy Spirit Promised	Pg 155: #1, 2, 6
Study 5: High Priestly Prayer	Pg 158: #2, 4, 6, 12

Lesson Intro for video: Son of Man (5 minutes)

- Jesus calls Himself “Son of Man.” It is mentioned 80 times. This title emphasizes Jesus’ humanity in His suffering. Jesus is a “man of sorrows” and “full of joy.”
- There are a total of five trials that Jesus will endure, from the arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane to Pilot: three illegal trials, and two unofficial trials with Pilot and Herod Antipas.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- Were Jesus’ trials fair? What do you think about Jesus’ response to them?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)



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Lesson #22: Jesus, Suffering Servant

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

- Jesus referred to himself as Son of Man 80 times.
- Why did He use the title Son of Man for himself?
 - Christ was emphasizing He was fully man.
 - Christ was also tempted with sin.
 - Christ also understood suffering.
- Disciples were trying to understand who He was.
- In the upper room, Jesus gave two prophecies to the disciples:
 - They would scatter
 - Peter would deny Him
- Jesus also gave two promises:
 - He would rise from the grave
 - He would meet them in Galilee
- In the Garden of Gethsemane
 - Jesus takes only James, John, and Peter
 - Tells the disciples to pray, not to be tempted
 - Jesus pleads for Himself three times but submits to the Father's will
- Judas betrayed Jesus for the cost of purchasing a slave.
- All the disciples would desert Jesus in His time of need.
- Between 300-600 strong soldiers came to arrest Jesus, along with the religious leaders.
- Peter responded in impulse and anger and chopped off the ear of a soldier.
- Jesus then goes through illegal trials. What was the order?
 - Ananias
 - Caiaphas
 - Sanhedrin
 - Pilot
 - Herod Antipas
 - Pilot

The Romans released one prisoner as a Passover tradition – crowd wanted Barabbas

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, Son of Man

Study 1: Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest	Pg 165-166: #1, 8
Study 2: Jesus Before the Priests	Pg 168: #4
Study 3: Jesus Before Caiaphas and Peter's Denial	Pg 170-171: # 3, 4, 5
Study 4: Jesus Before Pilate	Pg 173: #3, 5, 6
Study 5: Crucify Him!	Pg 176-177: #4, 10, 11

Lesson Intro for video: Suffering Servant (5 minutes)
How has Jesus already demonstrated He is a servant?
Video Lesson (45 minutes)
Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What emotions do you experience in your study and meditation on Jesus' crucifixion?• Share prayer requests with your group.
Ending Prayer (5 minutes)

Lesson #23: Jesus, Redeemer and Savior

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

The time has finally come. The trials are over. Barrabas has been set free. Jesus is brutally beaten and mocked, and though completely innocent, He is nailed to a cross along with two criminals.

Good Friday is known as the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death. This is the Gospel. Everything we have studied about Jesus up to this point shows Jesus is a good Teacher, a Prophet, a Healer, a Miracle Worker, a wise Person and a Friend to sinners. But this last act shows that Jesus came to set us free from our sinful nature by paying the ransom, which is death. Sin brings about death. Jesus paid the price of death so we might have eternal life.

As Jesus hung dying on the cross, the people continued to mock Him.

Jesus spoke seven times while on the cross, continuing to teach until the very end. His last words show what transpired while He was on the cross:

1. *"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."* (to those mocking Him)
2. *"Today, you will be with Me in paradise."* (to the criminal who recognized who Jesus was)
3. *"Mother, behold your son, and John, behold your mother."* (to Jesus' mother and beloved disciple)
4. *"My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"* (God turned His back as His Son took on the sin of the world)

Then darkness fell over all the land as the final words were spoken by Jesus before He died.

5. *"I am thirsty."*
6. *"It is finished."*
7. *"Father, into Your hands, I commit My Spirit."*

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (both were secret followers) took Jesus' body and placed it in a tomb they had bought. The tomb was sealed and guarded.

The disciples fled in fear and disbelief over what transpired since just the evening before.

From the prophecy of Isaiah 53:

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of suffering who knew what sickness was.
He was like someone people turned away from;
He was despised, and we didn't value Him.
Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses,
and He carried our pains;
but we in turn regarded Him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced because of our transgressions,
crushed because of our iniquities;
punishment for our peace was on Him,
and we are healed by His wounds. (v. 3-5)

They made His grave with the wicked
and with a rich man at His death,
although He had done no violence
and had not spoken deceitfully. (v. 9)

He submitted Himself to death,
and was counted among the rebels;
yet He bore the sin of many
and interceded for the rebels. (v. 12b)

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, Suffering Servant

Study 1: Jesus is Mocked	Pg 182-183: #1, 4, 7
Study 2: The Crucifixion	Pg 184-185: #1, 5, 6
Study 3: Remember Me	Pg 186-187: #1-2, 3, 5, 6(overall, not each verse)
Study 4: It is Finished	Pg 189: #1, 2, 4, 5, 7
Study 5: Jesus is Buried	Pg 192: #1, 2, 3, 5

Lesson Intro for video: Redeemer and Savior (5 minutes)

First there was confusion and fear from seeing the stone that had been moved away.
But soon came faith and understanding.

Jesus continues to reveal Himself and turn mourning into joy.

We will now hear about the evidence of Jesus' risen body on the third day.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What is the most amazing thing you learned about Jesus' resurrection?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)



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Lesson #24: Jesus, King of Kings

Welcome, Prayer & Class Review of previous weeks: (30-45 minutes)

For the last class, review the "Attributes of Jesus Quiz for Part 2." This can be done together as a class or print the questions for each table to review. Ask each person share what Jesus means to them personally, or share something they have learned about Jesus from the class.

Class Review on Attributes of Jesus – Part 2:

1. Jesus is gentle, cares for us, knows us, hears us and we recognize His voice, and He gave up His life to save us. – **Good Shepherd**
2. This attribute of Christ exposes evil in the darkness, it brings warmth and comfort, and Jesus calls us into it as a call to holiness. – **Light of the World**
3. The disciples learned to ask for what they needed through Jesus' example of the Lord's Prayer.– **Provider**
4. There is one way to God. You cannot go around it. It is open to everyone, but there is a decision and a deadline. – **Narrow Door**
5. Jesus brings Lazarus back to life after he had been dead for four days. – **Resurrection and Life**
6. During the last week of Jesus' life, He triumphantly enters the city of Jerusalem. The people sing and shout this about Jesus, pointing to His royal lineage. – **Son of David**
7. Jesus spoke about the end times at the Olivet Discourse. When Jesus comes again, it will be to do this. – **Judge**
8. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells the disciples He is going away to prepare a place for them and that a Helper will come. They ask Jesus how this is possible. Jesus answers with this "I AM" statement about Himself. – **The Way, the Truth, and the Life**
9. Jesus calls Himself this, and is mentioned over 80 times. It emphasizes Jesus' humanity in His suffering. – **Son of Man**
10. Jesus demonstrated this attribute on the cross. – **Suffering Servant**
11. The stone had been moved away. Jesus is risen! And He continued to reveal Himself to the disciples and others, turning mourning into joy! – **Redeemer and Savior**
12. When Jesus returns to rule and reign and claim His own. – **The King of Kings**

Review of Redeemer and Savior:

Evidence of resurrection:

- Women were the first witnesses. Women were not considered credible, so if the disciples were making up the story, they would not have used women as witnesses.
- A false story was being told that the guards were sleeping and the disciples stole the body. It was not the character of Roman guards to fall asleep. The penalty was to be burned. Everyone was on high alert. All 16 guards would not have fallen asleep. And if they did fall asleep, how did they know the disciples took the body?
- A broken Roman seal would have meant death. None of the disciples were ever charged with the crime.
- The stone would have had to be rolled up the hill and away from the tomb.
- The tomb was empty and a dead body was never found.
- All 11 disciples told the same story. None ever recanted, even at the hands of death. It is unlikely that 11 people would all agree to the same crime.
- The burial linens from Jesus were still in the tomb. When Lazarus was raised from the dead, he was still wrapped in his linens.

John was the first disciple to understand that Jesus had risen.

Jesus first says to the women, "My God and *Your God.*" God is now their Father.

The heart must be opened before the ears can hear. The religious leaders knew what was said about Jesus rising again, and they knew about Lazarus being raised from the dead. But they still did not want to believe.

Jesus continues to reveal Himself to the disciples: on the road to Emmaus, the Upper Room, and breakfast by the sea.

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, King of Kings (5 minutes)

- In the last video, we will see Jesus as the victorious judge and ruler, The King of Kings!

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- Discuss the Ascension and coming of the Holy Spirit in this final video. What does that mean to you? Who do you say Jesus is?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)