

# WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

May 3, 2020

March-May 2020: JESUS THE MESSIAH

## Unit 20: JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

04/05 – Jesus is Baptized (Matthew 3:1-17)

04/12 – Easter: Alive with Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-22)

04/19 – Jesus is Tempted (Luke 4:1-13)

04/26 – John Points to Jesus (John 1:29-34;3:25-36)

**05/03 – Jesus Calls His Disciples (Luke 5:3-32)**

***HIGHLIGHTS FROM  
LAST WEEK...***

## ***SESSION AT A GLANCE***

John the Baptist's role was to prepare the way for the Messiah. Once Jesus was identified as the Messiah at His baptism, John rejoiced at the growing prominence of Jesus' ministry, declaring that Jesus was **the Lamb of God** who would take away the sin of the world; that He was **the bridegroom** of His bride, the church; and that ultimately He was **the Son of God** who could give eternal life to all who would believe on Him. John exemplified how true worship leads us to lift up Christ and how great joy can be found as we point others to new life in Him.

## JOHN POINTS TO JESUS (John 1:29-34;3:25-36)

John 1:29-34 – "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

John 3:25-30 – "The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:31-36 – Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

***TODAY...***

# UNIT 20

## JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

### Session 4 – Jesus Calls His Disciples

1. Jesus Calls His Disciples to *Trust His Leading*  
(Luke 5:3-7)
2. Jesus Calls His Disciples to *Fish for People*  
(Luke 5:8-11)
3. Jesus Calls His Disciples to *Invite Sinners to Repent* (Luke 5:27-32)

## ***SESSION AT A GLANCE***

When He called His first disciples in Luke 5, Jesus made it clear that the call to follow Him involves the call to seek out others to follow Him. Jesus' call of His disciples invites us to trust His leading and extends to our responsibility to make disciples. Because Jesus gave up His life for us and we have committed to following Him, we intentionally invest in others so that they might become His disciples as well.

## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

**What are some reasons we have to take God at His Word and by faith take the next step to which He calls us?**

**Why should the holiness and power of Jesus cause us to reckon with our own sense of sinfulness and insufficiency?**

**How should we as Christians approach our relationships with non-Christian friends, family members, and acquaintances?**

# 1. JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO TRUST HIS LEADING (Luke 5:3-7)

Luke 5:3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Luke 5:4 And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

Luke 5:5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

# 1. JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO TRUST HIS LEADING (Luke 5:3-7 cont'd)

Luke 5:6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.

Luke 5:7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

Jesus' instructions didn't make sense in light of the fishermen's experience. Yet Simon Peter trusted Jesus and obeyed in an act of faith.

God's wisdom is not the world's wisdom (Is. 55:8-9). What seems to be conventional wisdom cannot be assumed to be the wisdom of God. This doesn't mean that the call to trust Christ is a blind leap of senseless, foolish faith, but it does mean that we place our trust in God, not the wisdom of the world.

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-20, 23-24

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart*, and  
do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He  
will make straight your paths.

- *Proverbs 3:5-6*

For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, *because we trust in the living God*, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.

- *1 Timothy 4:10*

## 2. JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO FISH FOR PEOPLE (Luke 5:8-11)

Luke 5:8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

Luke 5:9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,

Luke 5:10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Luke 5:11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

***GOD CALLS THOSE WITH A SINCERE  
HEART - THOSE WHO CAN ONLY BOW  
IN HUMBLE RECOGNITION OF THEIR  
SINFUL STATE IN THE PRESENCE OF A  
HOLY GOD...***

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone;  
because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell  
in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine  
eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.  
Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having  
a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with  
the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon  
my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy  
lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy  
sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord,  
saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for  
us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

- Isaiah 6:5-8  
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## FILL IN THE BLANKS (P. 90):

### ISAIAH BEFORE THE LORD

Recognized his sin (Is. 6:5)

Atoned with a hot coal  
(Is. 6:6-7)

Mission of judgment  
(Is. 6:9-13)

### SIMON PETER BEFORE JESUS

Recognized his sin (Lk. 5:8)

Atonement on Jesus' cross

Mission of evangelism (Lk.5:10)

### 3. JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO INVITE SINNERS TO REPENT (Luke 5:27-32)

Luke 5:27 After this He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And He said to him, "Follow me."

Luke 5:28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed Him.

Luke 5:29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.

Luke 5:30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

### 3. JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO INVITE SINNERS TO REPENT (Luke 5:27-32 cont'd)

Luke 5:31 And Jesus answered them, "*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*

Luke 5:32 *I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.*"

It was a wonder of His grace that He would not only admit a converted publican into His family, but would keep company with unconverted publicans, that He might have an opportunity of doing their souls good;

He justified himself in it, as agreeing with the great design of His coming into the world. Here is a wonder

of grace indeed, that Christ undertakes to be the Physician of souls *distempered by sin, and ready to die of the distemper* (He is a Healer by office, Lk. 5:31) - that He

has a particular regard to the sick, to sinners as His patients...that see their need of the Physician - that He came to call...the worst of sinners, to repentance, and to assure them of pardon, upon repentance, Lk. 5:32.

These are glad tidings of great joy indeed.

- Matthew Henry

“For the Son of man is come to seek and  
to save that which was lost.”

- *Luke 19:10*

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

**P. 91 - Evangelism:** It is the duty and privilege of every Christian and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations, to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle.

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and *entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us.* We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

*- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

***In Conclusion...***

And He said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

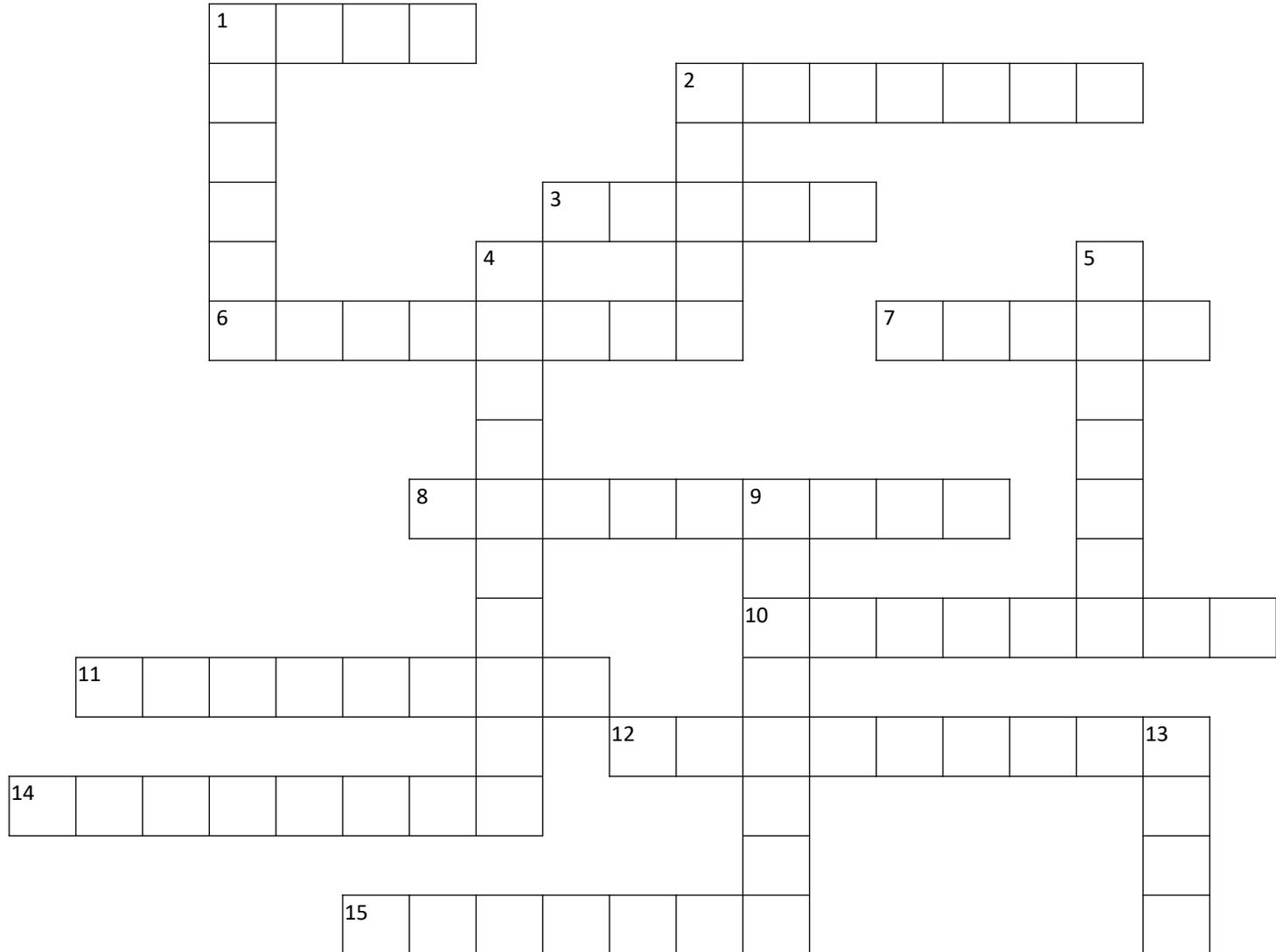
- *Luke 9:23*

# ***Bonus Activity...***

Print the next two screens (#28 and #29) from the PDF version

# JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

### ACROSS:

1. "Lord, teach us to \_\_\_\_"
2. Jesus came to call these to repentance
3. Herod had this disciple killed
6. Levi's occupation (KJV)
7. The number of Christ's "inner circle"
8. The city of Andrew and Peter
10. Judas wanted to sell this for the poor
11. Occasion for the last supper
12. Jesus first saw him under a fig tree
14. Jesus spake to the disciples in this
15. Thomas was also called this

### DOWN:

1. Asked Jesus to "shew us the father"
2. Jesus also named him Peter
4. Jesus withdrew and prayed there
5. The father of James and John
9. Another name for the 12 disciples
13. "Ye call me Master and \_\_\_\_"

# NEXT WEEK

May 10, 2020

## Unit 21: JESUS AMONG THE PEOPLE

04/10 – Jesus Reveals His Power (Mark 1)

04/17 – Jesus Reveals His Mission (Luke 4)

04/24 – Jesus Teaches About New Birth (John 3)

04/31 – Jesus Teaches About Living Water (John 4)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– *2 Corinthians 13:14*