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SYNOPTIC GOSPELS I

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are collectively called the synoptic gospels, which means to "see or view together". Therefore, these first three gospels are very similar, both in content and also in the emphasis they place on certain subjects. All three emphasize the Galilean ministry of Christ, His public life, and His humanity. They also contain His teachings in parable form. These similarities contrast with the Gospel of John which harmonizes in content with the other gospels, yet takes a very different approach in narration.

Together, Matthew and Luke contain almost all of the information in the Gospel of Mark. However, Matthew and Luke also have additional material which is common to them but not contained in Mark.

Each gospel was written from the author's own point of view and with a different purpose in mind. Matthew presents Christ as the King and was written mainly for the Jews. Mark was written for the Romans in particular, and its theme is Christ the Servant. Luke is the longest and most complete gospel. Luke was a Gentile and wrote principally for the Greeks. He emphasizes the perfect humanity of Christ, presenting Him as the Son of Man. Luke is also the most historical and biographical of the three gospels.

Remember, two or more people seeing the same thing report it according to the detail that most impressed them. This is why Matthew, Mark and Luke may give different pictures of the same incident.

Before answering the questions in each section, please read and compare all scripture references carefully.

I. INTRODUCTION

Read Luke 1:1-4, 3:23b-38; Mark 1:1; Matthew 1:1-17.

Luke introduces his gospel by stating his reason for writing it.

1. Many had written about the deeds that had been accomplished during Christ's earthly ministry. Who told them of these things in the first place? Luke 1:2
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. Why did Luke write to Theophilus? v. 4 _____

3. Mark's introduction is brief and to the point. He tells us that this is "the beginning of _____". v. 1

Matthew opens his gospel with a genealogy of Jesus, which descends from Abraham forward through Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. The genealogy in Luke 3:23b-38 traces His line backward through His mother Mary to Adam. Both of these accounts are very important, each one showing that Jesus was the Son of David and was the fulfillment of prophecy. In Matthew the royal and legal line is shown, and in Luke the biological or human line is shown.

II. CIRCUMSTANCES OF BIRTH & EARLY YEARS OF JESUS & JOHN THE BAPTIST

A. Announcements

Read Luke 1:5-56 and Matthew 1:18-25.

4. Zacharias, who ministered at the time of King Herod, and his wife Elisabeth were _____ and _____ before God. Luke 1:6

5. As Zacharias went to burn incense in the temple, an angel appeared to him with the answer to his prayer for a child. What was he told to name this child? Luke 1:13 _____
6. Verse 15 indicates that this child would be completely separated unto God as a Nazarite. (Read Numbers 6:1-5.) How old would he be when he was filled with the Holy Ghost? Luke 1:15

7. John was to go in the power of _____
to prepare _____. Luke 1:17
8. When Zacharias failed to believe the angel Gabriel, what punishment did he suffer? Luke 1:20

9. Six months after the announcement to Zacharias, to whom was the angel sent? Luke 1:27

10. In announcing the birth of Jesus, what five things that indicated His kingly nature did the angel say concerning Him? vv. 32,33
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
11. How was Jesus to be conceived? Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:18b _____
12. After the angel explained to Mary how it was possible for her to have a child and told her cousin Elisabeth, what was her response? Luke 1:38

13. What two things happened to Elisabeth when Mary came to greet her? Luke 1:41 _____

14. What did Elisabeth call Mary in verse 43? _____
15. What was Mary assured of because she believed God? v. 45 _____

In verses 46-55 Mary magnifies God and rejoices in His blessing to her. Verse 56 tells that Mary returned home after about a three month stay with Elisabeth.

16. When Mary was found to be with child, Joseph intended to put her away. What stopped him? Matthew 1:20 _____
Joseph was obedient and espoused Mary but did not consummate the marriage at this time.
17. What did the angel say Jesus would do? Matthew 1:21 _____

The virgin birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of a prophecy given by Isaiah. Read Isaiah 7:14.

B. Births

Read Luke 1:57 - 2:40.

When Elisabeth's son was born, she and Zacharias were faithful to name him John as commanded by the angel. They also had him circumcised the eighth day fulfilling the Abrahamic covenant. (Read Genesis 17:6-14.)

18. What happened immediately after this? v.64 _____
19. In verses 67-79, Zacharias prophesied by the Holy Ghost. What two things did he say about John in verse 76? a. _____
b. _____
20. Until John's appearance to Israel, where did he live? v. 80 _____
21. Luke 2:1-7 states that Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem even though their child was soon to be born. Why did they go? _____
22. Where was Jesus born? v. 7 _____
23. What did the angels tell the shepherds concerning this child that had been born? v. 11 _____

24. After eight days the child was circumcised and called Jesus. When was He actually named? v. 21 _____

25. When Joseph and Mary went to the temple to present Jesus unto the Lord, they met a very devout man named Simeon. What had been revealed to him? v. 26 _____

26. What did Simeon say to the Lord after blessing Jesus? v. 30 _____

27. What did Simeon say would happen to Mary so that hearts might be revealed? v. 35 _____

28. Who else gave thanks and spoke concerning Jesus? vv. 36-38 _____

C. Infancy and Boyhood of Jesus

Read Matthew 2:1-23 and Luke 2:41-52.

29. When the wise men came to seek Jesus, what did they call Him? Matthew 2:1-2 _____
30. Herod commanded the wise men to come back to him after they had found Jesus. Why didn't they return to Herod? Matthew 2:12 _____
31. An angel warned Joseph to take his family to Egypt at this time. What prophecy was fulfilled through this move? Matthew 2:15 Also read Hosea 11:1. _____
32. What happened when the wise men did not return to Herod? Matthew 2:16 _____

33. When did Joseph and his family return to Nazareth? Matthew 2:19 _____

Very little is known of the boyhood and youth of Jesus, but Luke 2:41-52 records a small portion. Answer the next four questions from this account.

34. Joseph and Mary usually went to Jerusalem once a year. How old was Jesus at this particular feast of the Passover? Luke 2:42 _____
35. On the return trip to Nazareth Joseph and Mary discovered that Jesus was missing. When they went back, where did they find Him? Luke 2:46 _____
36. He was listening to the teachers and asking questions. What was so astonishing to everyone that heard him? Luke 2:47 _____
37. In what three ways did Jesus increase? Luke 2:52
 a. _____ b. _____
 c. _____

III. THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST AND THE PREPARATION OF JESUS

A. John's Wilderness Preaching

Read Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:2-8; Luke 3:1-18.

John the Baptist was raised up in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies which were confirmed by Zacharias, his father. Read Isaiah 40:3-5. The ministry of John the Baptist was to prepare the people for the ministry of Jesus.

38. What message did John preach? Mark 1:4 _____

39. How was he dressed? Mark 1:6 and Matthew 3:4 _____

John was not concerned with pleasing people or being socially acceptable.

40. What did John eat? Mark 1:6 _____
 As people came to confess their sins and be baptized, John exhorted them and told them to show proof of their repentance. (Matthew 3:8 and Luke 3:8) True repentance is always evidenced by a changed life.

41. What happens to the tree that does not bring forth good fruit? Luke 3:9 _____

42. John baptized with water, but the one coming after him would baptize with the _____
 and with _____ Luke 3:16

B. The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

Read Matthew 3:13 - 4:11; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 3:21-4:13.

Jesus was sinless with no need for repentance or baptism, but His baptism by John accomplished several things: all righteousness was fulfilled; it was an example for others; it showed His approval of John's ministry; and through it Jesus identified with those He came to save.

43. In what form did the Holy Spirit light upon Jesus after he was baptized by John? Matthew 3:16

44. What did the voice from heaven say? Matthew 3:17 _____

In this scene is the first clear manifestation of the Trinity: The **Father** speaks while the **Spirit** descends upon the **Son**.

45. After His baptism Jesus was led into the wilderness to suffer temptation. How many days and nights did He fast? Matthew 4:2 _____

If Jesus, who is perfect and who is our example, fasted, then fasting should be a part of every Christian life.

Satan's threefold approach to Jesus in the wilderness is parallel to the temptation of Eve in the Garden of Eden. Read Genesis 3:6. The appeal was to the lust of the flesh (good for food), the lust of the eyes (pleasant to behold), and the pride of life (make one wise). This same principle was involved in the wilderness temptation. Satan tried to get Jesus to use His power to feed Himself (lust of the flesh), to question God (pride of life), and to accept worldly kingdoms in disobedience to God (lust of the eyes). He even tried to use the Word against Jesus (unsuccessfully) as he had done against Eve (successfully). In short, Jesus suffered every form of temptation that comes against man and so is equipped to be our sympathetic and understanding High Priest.

The final outcome for Jesus was complete victory, achieved when He was in His weakest condition and in the worst possible circumstances. This outcome is in contrast to Adam and Eve who suffered total defeat while in perfect physical condition and in the best possible environment. Through Adam all men were lost; Through Jesus all are given an opportunity to be saved.

46. Satan was defeated through perfect obedience to the will of God. What "weapon" did Jesus use against him? Matthew 4:1-11 _____

IV. CHRIST'S MINISTRY IN GALILEE

A. The Initial Ministry of Jesus and the First Disciples Called

Read Matthew 4:13-25, 8:2-4, 8:14-17, 9:1-17, 12:1-21; Mark 1:14-3:12; Luke 4:14 - 6:11.

47. After John was put into prison, where did Jesus go? Matthew 4:12 _____

48. What message did Jesus preach? Matthew 4:17 _____

49. What book did Jesus read from in the synagogue at Nazareth? Luke 4:17 _____

50. What did Jesus say about the scriptures that He had read from Isaiah? Luke 4:21 Also read Isaiah 61:1-2. _____

51. Even though the people bore witness, they immediately began to doubt and question, "Is this not Joseph's son?" What did He say to them in verse 24? _____

52. In order to illustrate His point that "a prophet is without honor in his own country," Jesus used two Old Testament illustrations about Elijah and Elisha. His Jewish listeners were provoked. As He escaped from their anger, where did He go? Luke 4:31 _____

53. Name the first four disciples that followed Jesus. Mark 1:16-20

a. _____ c. _____

b. _____ d. _____

54. As Jesus taught in Capernaum, why were the people so amazed at His teaching? Mark 1:21-22

55. Even demons recognize Jesus. What did the man with the unclean spirit call Him? Mark 1:24

Jesus not only taught with authority but **acted** with authority, and the man was set free.

56. Who did Jesus heal at Peter's home? Matthew 8:14-15 _____

57. How many of the ones that were brought to Jesus on this occasion did He heal? Matthew 8:16

These healings were a fulfillment of prophecy. Read Isaiah 53:4-5.

In the next portion of scripture, Luke 5:1-11, the results of obedience and faith are manifested.

58. After Jesus finished teaching from the ship, what did He tell Peter to do? Luke 5:4 _____

59. How long had they been fishing before this? Luke 5:5 _____

60. What happened when they obeyed the word of the Lord? Luke 5:6 _____

61. All were amazed at the catch. What did Jesus tell them? Luke 5:10 _____

62. What did the disciples do after they landed? Luke 5:11 _____

63. The leper showed faith in the ability of Jesus to heal--"if thou wilt, thou canst." How soon after Jesus expressed His will and spoke was the leper cleansed? Luke 5:13 _____

As Jesus preached to the people in Capernaum, the crowd was so great that no one could enter the house where He was. However, when there is great need, great determination and great faith, a way can be found.

64. How did the man with the palsy get into the house? Luke 5:19 _____

65. What did Jesus first say to this man? Luke 5:20 _____

66. Why did He then say take up thy bed and go thy way? Luke 5:24 _____

67. After this who did He call to follow Him? Matthew 9:9 _____

68. When the Pharisees questioned Jesus' practice of eating with the publicans, who did Jesus say needed the physician? Matthew 9:12

69. When did Jesus say that His disciples would fast? Matthew 9:15 _____

In the parables of the cloths and the wineskins Jesus illustrates the ending of the old and the beginning of the new. The old and the new will not mix. The law was good and had its place, but now "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." That the Pharisees did not have the eyes to see or the hearts to receive is proven by what happened on the sabbath.

70. What did the disciples do on the sabbath? Luke 6:1 _____

71. When questioned by the Pharisees, what did Jesus answer? Luke 6:5 _____

72. The Pharisees were consistent in demanding commitment to the letter of the law rather than to the Spirit. Why were they waiting to see if Jesus healed on the sabbath? Matthew 12:10

73. What did they do after Jesus healed the man? Matthew 12:14 _____

Although Jesus withdrew after this conspiracy and charged the people that they should not make Him known, the crowds continued to follow Him and spread His fame abroad.

B. The Appointment of the Twelve Apostles and the Sermon on the Mount

Read Matthew 5:1-7:27; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-49.

74. Jesus ordained men to preach the gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons. From Mark 3:13-19 name the twelve apostles.

- a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
d. _____ e. _____ f. _____
g. _____ h. _____ i. _____
j. _____ k. _____ l. _____

As Jesus began to preach and teach to the multitude, His main theme concerned the Kingdom of God. He began the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. (The Beatitudes literally means "the blessed"; blessed is defined as "made happy".) Jesus' concept of being blessed is entirely different from the world's concept of happiness.

75. List eight qualities that result in blessing. Matthew 5:1-12 Also compare Luke 6:20-26.

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____ d. _____
e. _____ f. _____
g. _____ h. _____

76. We have a responsibility to others in this life. To what things did Jesus compare us? Matthew 5:13-14

- a. _____ b. _____

77. Why should our light shine? Matthew 5:16 _____

78. What did Christ come to fulfill? Matthew 5:17 _____

Matthew 5:18-20 shows that although the law was good and not to be broken, even the Pharisees (the strictest law keepers) could not adequately keep it. Only Jesus was able to do so, and therefore because we have "Christ in us" **we can** exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees.

In the next verses Jesus reveals that the new kingdom of grace would go **beyond** the law. He now deals with intent and motive rather than with outward constraint imposed by the law.

79. The law says not to kill, but Jesus says not even to be angry without cause. If there needs to be a reconciliation, who should take the first step? Matthew 5:23-24

80. If the heart and mind are pure, then the law that says _____ will not be broken. Matthew 5:27-28

81. Instead of swearing by anything, what should your communication be? Matthew 5:37 _____

82. Rather than demanding an eye for an eye, what does verse 41 tell us to do? _____

83. We should not only love our neighbors but also our _____ Matthew 5:44
In the next chapter of Matthew, Jesus warns against certain practices, and again He is concerned with the motive.

84. Our giving, praying and fasting should be done _____ and not to be seen of men. Matthew 6:1-18

85. Learn the prayer in verses 9-13. Check here when you have done so. []

86. Why should we lay up treasures in heaven rather than on earth? Matthew 6:21 _____

It is not wrong to lay up treasure for ourselves; we just need to be careful **where** we lay it up.

87. In verses 22-34 Jesus teaches single-mindedness in serving God, for it is not possible to serve two masters. He then tells us not to be concerned for the material things nor anxious for tomorrow, for needs will be supplied if we _____
_____. v. 33

In Matthew 7:1-6 and Luke 6:37-42, Jesus states that we can expect to receive as we give and warns against trying to judge others when we ourselves are in need of judgment.

88. What will happen when we ask? when we seek? when we knock? Matthew 7:7 a. _____
_____ b. _____ c. _____

89. Describe the gate that leads to destruction. Matthew 7:13 _____

90. Describe the gate that leads to life. v. 14 _____

91. How can we know the false prophets? Matthew 7:16 _____

92. Not everyone can enter into the kingdom of heaven. Who can? Matthew 7:21 _____

In conclusion to His discussion on righteousness, Jesus compares those who hear and act upon His word to building on stone and all others to building on sand.

C. The Miracles and the Accusations

Read Matthew 8:5-13, 11:2-12:50; Mark 3:20-35; Luke 7:1-50, 8:19-21.

As Jesus entered Capernaum He was asked to heal the servant of a centurion (Matthew 8:1-13 and Luke 7:1-10). Jesus was amazed at the centurion's faith because he believed that if Jesus only spoke the word it would be done.

93. Was his faith justified? _____
94. How soon? Matthew 8:13 _____
95. What did Jesus do in the city of Nain? Luke 7:11-17 _____
96. What six things did Jesus tell the disciples to report to John the Baptist in prison? Matthew 11:5
- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____

In Matthew 11:7-19 and Luke 7:18-35, Jesus speaks of John and confirms his ministry as recorded in Malachi 3:1. John is great because he prepared the way for Jesus and opened the door for the kingdom of God. However, John was not able to enter into the fullness of the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, for he was the bridge between the end of the old and the beginning of the new.

Jesus shows the contrast between His ministry and John's and says that neither had been accepted by the world.

97. What did they say about John? Matthew 11:18 _____
98. What was said about Jesus? v. 19 _____
99. Jesus reprov'd three cities for not repenting after all they had seen. He said even the cities of _____, _____, and _____ would fare better in the day of judgment than they. Matthew 11:20-24
100. Many times God reveals things to _____ and hides them from the _____ and _____. Matt. 11:25
- 2:14. We receive the things of God by the Spirit and not through our own intellect. Read I Corinthians
101. The yoke of Jesus is _____ and His burden is _____. Matthew 11:30
102. What did the sinful woman do when she came to Jesus at the Pharisee's house? Luke 7:38 _____

Because Jesus knew the thoughts of Simon, He illustrated the situation with a story of two debtors and then applied it to the case at hand.

103. Who will love the most? Luke 7:43 _____
104. How did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of casting a demon out? Matt. 12:24 _____
105. Jesus replied by saying that a kingdom, a house, or Satan divided cannot _____ (vv. 25,26)
106. What has come when demons are cast out by the Spirit of God? Matt. 12:28 _____
- forth. Jesus warns us not to speak against the Holy Spirit and to be careful of the kind of fruit we bring
107. After rebuking the Pharisees for asking for a sign, what incident did Jesus mention in referring to His death and resurrection? Matthew 12:39-40 _____
108. Why is being filled with God's Spirit and Word so important after an unclean spirit has been cast out? Matthew 12:43-45 _____

109. Who does Jesus say His mother, brother and sister are? Matthew 12:50 _____

D. **Parables of the Kingdom**

Read Matthew 13:1-52; Mark 4:1-34; Luke 8:4-18.

110. As Jesus is sitting in a boat, He begins to teach by parables. The first concerns a sower sowing seed. What four things happened to this seed? Mark 4:4-8

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____ d. _____

By teaching with parables, Jesus was hiding the **mysteries** of the kingdom, but not the **fact** of it. Those with hardened hearts and eyes would be sifted out from the true seekers. To His disciples, who were in the kingdom, He revealed the truths behind the story.

The parable of the sower is explained as the seed (word) of the kingdom being sown in the earth with the results that follow.

111. What three degrees of fruitfulness are found in those who bear good fruit? Mark 4:20

- a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

If anything is hidden (mysteries of the kingdom) it will be revealed to those who have the spiritual eyes and ears to see and hear. Read Proverbs 25:2. It is to our "glory" that we diligently "search out a matter". This principle makes the attitude of the heart of utmost importance in receiving from God.

112. As the seed falls into good soil, in what three stages does it come forth? Mark 4:28

- a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Just as man does not know how the earth brings forth fruit from a seed, neither do we know **how** the Spirit brings forth life from the Word. It is enough to know that He **does** it.

113. What did the enemy sow among the wheat? Matthew 13:25 _____

114. At the time of harvest where was the wheat put? v. 30 _____

115. What happened to the tares? v. 30 _____

116. The meaning of the parable of the tares is given in Matthew 13:36-40. Explain who or what the following are:

Sower _____ field _____

good seed _____ tares _____

bad sower _____ harvest _____

reapers _____

117. What tiny seed is likened to the kingdom of God? Matthew 13:31 _____

118. What happens after it grows so large? Matthew 13:32 _____

119. Where was the leaven put and what did it do? Matthew 13:33 _____

No explanation is given for the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, but many applications can be made.

In connection with verse 35, read Psalms 78:2.

120. Jesus compares the kingdom to a hidden treasure and also to a pearl of great value. What will the man who finds either do? Matthew 13:44-46 _____
 Read Matthew 13:47-50 and note its similarity to the lesson of the wheat and tares.
121. In likening the kingdom of heaven to a householder, what things did Jesus say He would bring forth? From where? Matthew 13:52 _____
 Jesus is the great "Householder", but His disciples are also householders who bring forth from their knowledge of the kingdom, old principles with new applications and understanding.
- E. Healings and Further Opposition**
 Read Matthew 8:18, 23-24, 9:18-38, 13:54-58; Mark 4:35 - 6:6; Luke 8:22-56.
122. Jesus and his disciples had departed for the other side of Lake Galilee when a great storm arose. What was Jesus doing in the midst of the storm? Mark 4:38 _____
123. When the frightened disciples awakened Him, what did Jesus say to the sea? Mark 4:39 _____

124. What question did He ask the disciples? Mark 4:40 _____

125. Why did they then become exceeding fearful? Mark 4:41 _____

126. When they got to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, who met them? Mark 5:2 _____

127. Where did this man live? Mark 5:3 _____
128. Once again, the demons recognized Jesus. How did this man address Him? Mark 5:7 _____

129. When Jesus asked the name of the unclean spirit, what was the answer? Mark 5:9 _____

130. Where did Jesus give the demons permission to go after they had left the man? Mark 5:12-13

131. What happened to the swine? Mark 5:13 _____
132. As a result of the demons leaving, what happened to the man? Mark 5:15 _____

133. Instead of being filled with faith and gratitude, the people were fearful and begged Jesus to leave. The man who was delivered wanted to go with Him, but what did Jesus tell him to do? Mark 5:19

134. Jesus returned to the other side of the lake where many people had gathered unto Him. Who asked Jesus to heal his daughter? Mark 5:22-23 _____
135. As Jesus was following Jairus, who touched His garment? Mark 5:25 _____
136. How long had she had this affliction? Mark 5:25 _____

137. With all the crowd pressing Him, how did Jesus know that she had touched His garment?
Mark 5:30 _____
Jesus immediately knows the touch or demand of faith, as opposed to all other demands pressed upon Him.
138. What took place before the assembly reached the house of Jairus? Mark 5:35 _____

139. What did Jesus say to Jairus? Mark 5:36 _____
140. As Jesus continued on, which three disciples did He allow to accompany Him? Mark 5:37
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
141. When Jesus took the girl by the hand and spoke to her, what happened? Mark 5:42 _____

Jesus then returned to His hometown and taught once again in the synagogue. There He found much the same reaction as was studied in Luke 4:22--the people were amazed at His wisdom and the miracles He had performed. However, instead of being filled with awe and reverence, they were offended because He was the "carpenter's son". Jesus could do very little there because of their hard hearts.

142. What did Jesus marvel at? Mark 6:6 _____
143. Jesus continued to minister, and after looking at the multitudes with compassion what did He say to His disciples? Matthew 9:37 _____

This same charge holds true today. Few are willing to **labor**.

F. **The Twelve Commissioned and Sent Out**

Read Matthew 10:1-11:1, 14:1-12; Mark 6:7-30; Luke 9:1-10.

144. When Jesus called the disciples to Him, what authority did He give them? Matthew 10:1

145. To whom were the disciples sent? Matthew 10:6 _____

The twelve were not to go to the Gentiles until the Jews had first received their opportunity to accept the King.

146. The disciples were to give in the same manner in which they had received, which was _____
_____. Matthew 10:8
147. What were they to take with them? Matthew 10:9-10 _____
148. What determined whether or not they stayed in a particular house? Matthew 10:11-13 _____

149. What were they to do if they were not accepted in a house or a city? Matthew 10:14 _____

A time of judgment was pronounced upon those who rejected God's messengers.

Verses 16-39 are an excellent discourse on the cost of discipleship. Jesus left us no room to ever be "surprised" by the difficulties and trials of true discipleship.

150. Disciples are as _____ among _____. v. 16

151. When delivered up for the sake of the Lord, who will speak through God's disciples? Matthew 10:17-20 _____
152. Who shall be saved? Matthew 10:22 _____
 Verses 24-27 tell us that even though the followers of Christ cannot expect better treatment than Jesus received, we are still to proclaim that which we have learned.
153. We should not fear the one who can kill the body, but who should we fear? Matthew 10:28 _____
154. Each person is so important to God that _____ Matthew 10:30
155. What does the confession of Jesus before the Father depend upon? Matthew 10:32-33 _____

The next few verses clearly reveal that the first and foremost love of every Christian must be for God. Putting anyone or anything else above Him makes us unworthy.

156. How can we find our life? Matthew 10:39 _____
 At this point in Christ's ministry, the full story of the imprisonment and death of John the Baptist is given. The story is told now because upon seeing power demonstrated through Christ and His disciples, King Herod was troubled by his conscience. Turn to Mark 6:16-29.
157. When Herod heard of Jesus, who did he think He was? Mark 6:16 _____
158. Why did Herod put John in prison? Mark 6:17-18 _____
159. What did Herod promise to the daughter of Herodias? Mark 6:23 _____
160. What did she ask for? Mark 6:25 _____
161. Was it given to her? Mark 6:28 _____

V. **The Multitude Fed and the Sea Conquered**

Read Matthew 14:13-36; Mark 6:31-56; Luke 9:10-17.

162. As Jesus ministered to the multitudes that followed Him it became very late, and the disciples wanted to send the people away. What did Jesus tell them to do? Matthew 14:16

163. How much food did they have? Matthew 14:17 _____
164. What three things did Jesus do with the food? Matthew 14:19 a. _____
 b. _____ c. _____
165. How much food was left after everyone had eaten? v. 20 _____
166. How many were fed? Matthew 14:21 _____
167. Jesus sent the crowds away, and the disciples left for the other side of the lake. What did they see at about the fourth watch (3:00 a.m.) as they were being tossed by strong winds? Matthew 14:25

168. Which disciple asked Jesus to let him walk on the water? v. 28 _____
169. When Peter became frightened and began to sink, what did Jesus say? Matthew 14:31 _____
170. At end of the journey what did the disciples say to Jesus? Matthew 14:33 _____

B. Further Teachings and Miracles

Read Matthew 15:1 - 16:12; Mark 7:1 - 8:26.

171. The Pharisees questioned Jesus about not keeping the traditions of the elders. How did He respond? Mark 7:9 _____

Jesus illustrates the ungodly practice of putting traditions above the Word of God in verses 9-13. The Pharisees say that by dedicating various things to God, a person is no longer under the obligation to use these things to profit or aid their parents. But God says, "Honor your father and mother".

172. Can we be defiled from without? Mark 7:18 _____
173. Where do the evil things that defile a man come from? Mark 7:21 _____
174. When the Syrophenician woman came for help Jesus told her, in effect, that this "bread" was for the Jews first and not for others. What did she answer? Mark 7:28 _____

175. How do we know that Jesus honored her faith? Mark 7:30 _____

176. Who did Jesus deliver after leaving Tyre and Sidon? Mark 7:31-37 _____

177. Before the feeding of the second multitude, how much food did Jesus begin with? Matthew 15:34 _____

178. How much was left over? Matthew 15:37 _____

179. How many had been fed? Matthew 15:38 _____

180. Once again the Pharisees came asking for a sign and were refused (Matthew 16:1-4). After Jesus departed from them, He warned the disciples against the leaven of the Pharisees. What did He mean? Matthew 16:12 _____

181. At Bethsaida how many times did Jesus lay hands on the blind man before he saw clearly? Mark 8:22-26 _____

Jesus heals using different means and methods according to need and circumstances. Healing may be immediate, or it may cover a period of time.

C. Messiahship Confirmed

Read Matthew 16:16-17:13; Mark 8:27-9:13; Luke 9:18-36.

182. What was the reply when Jesus asked who men said that He was? Luke 9:19 _____

183. What was Peter's response to the same question? Luke 9:20 _____
(Christ means Messiah or Anointed One.)
184. When Jesus began to speak to the disciples of His death and resurrection, what did Peter do? Mark 8:32 _____
185. Jesus rebuked Peter reproaching him for not savoring the things of _____, but rather the things of _____. Mark 8:33
186. What three things must be done in order to serve Christ? Mark 8:34
a. _____ b. _____
c. _____
187. Six days after Jesus' statement that some would not "taste of death", He took three of the disciples up to a mountain. Who were they? Mark 9:2
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
188. What happened to Jesus there? Mark 9:2 _____

In the transfiguration the very essence of what Jesus was inwardly shone forth through His body. His complete purity, holiness and perfection illuminated Him until His garments were shining and whiter than snow.

189. Who appeared and talked with Jesus? Mark 9:4
a. _____ b. _____
190. What did they talk about? Luke 9:31 _____
191. What did Peter want to do? Mark 9:5 _____

Once again, Peter did not have a clear picture of things. Jesus was not looking for a tabernacle, but for a cross.

192. What did the voice from the cloud say? Mark 9:7 _____
193. How long were the three disciples to keep silent about what they had seen? Mark 9:9 _____

The transfiguration was a confirmation and preview of the kingdom that was to come.

194. Who was to come first? Mark 9:11-13 _____

D. **Instructing the Disciples**

Read Matthew 8:19-22, 17:14-18:35; Mark 9:14-50; Luke 9:37-62.

195. What problem was Jesus confronted with when He came down from the mountain? Mark 9:17

196. Why were the disciples unable to bring deliverance to this boy? Matt. 17:20 _____
197. What is required in order to bring forth this type of deliverance? Matthew 17:21 (KJV)
a. _____ b. _____
198. As they came to Capernaum and had to pay tribute, where did Jesus tell them to get the tax money? Matthew 17:27 _____

199. When the disciples argued over who should be the greatest in the kingdom, what did Jesus say was necessary to enter in? Matthew 18:3 _____

The scriptural instruction to be childlike refers to innocence, trust, love, and lack of malice. This condition is entirely different than childishness which denotes selfishness, immaturity, etc.

200. Jesus gives an emphatic warning against being a stumbling block. He illustrates the importance by saying that we should _____ or _____ if they offend us. Matthew 18:8-9

When we realize how valuable or useful a right hand or eye is to us, we will see the severity of this message.

201. What three successive steps should be taken if a brother trespasses? Matthew 18:15-17

- a. _____ b. _____
c. _____

If a brother hears at any one of these points, then he has been gained back (sin separates from God). If he will not hear, then he is put out of fellowship by the church until such a time as he repents.

202. How many times should we forgive our brother? Matthew 18:22 _____

In other words, as many times as forgiveness is asked, it should be granted. Verses 23-35 give an illustration showing the importance of forgiveness. Our part is to be very careful not to offend or to be a stumbling block and yet to be very quick to forgive others.

203. As Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem and the cross, a certain Samaritan village would not receive Him. What did John and James want to do to the people? Luke 9:54

204. Jesus rebuked them and said that He came to _____ men, not to _____ Luke 9:56

Although the disciples were displaying loyalty, it was with the wrong spirit--the spirit of destruction. In contrast, at that very moment Jesus was on His way to give Himself so that all might have life--the spirit of the cross.

205. Luke 9:57-62 gives examples of the complete commitment required from a follower of Jesus.

What makes a person unfit for the kingdom of God? Luke 9:62 _____

VI. CHRIST'S JUDEAN MINISTRY

The Judean and Perea ministries contain many teachings and events similar to ones occurring during the time in and around Galilee. For this reason, the questions in the next two sections will not be so detailed, but please read all the scriptures carefully.

A. Seventy Commissioned and Sent Forth

Read Luke 10:1-24.

206. After appointing seventy others, in what order did Jesus send them out? Luke 10:1 _____

The instructions to the seventy are basically the same as those to the twelve.

207. Why were they joyful when they returned? Luke 10:17 _____

208. What did Jesus tell them to rejoice in? Luke 10:20 _____

209. Why were the disciples so blessed? Luke 10:23 _____

B. Teachings and Warnings

Read Luke 10:25 - 13:21.

210. When a certain lawyer asked, "Who is my neighbor?", what was the ultimate conclusion? Luke 10:37 _____

211. When Jesus visited Mary and Martha which one chose the good part? Luke 10:42 _____
Mary recognized that there is a time for work and there is also a time for "sitting at the feet of Jesus". There will be no fruit unless first we are in His presence.

212. What will the Father give to those who ask? Luke 11:13 _____

213. Who are those that are blessed? Luke 11:28 _____

214. What is the light (lamp) of the body? Luke 11:34 _____

215. What is the result when the eye is single (sound)? Luke 11:34 _____

216. What did Jesus say the Pharisees were filled with inwardly? Luke 11:39 _____

217. Although the Pharisees tithed certain things, what did they neglect? Luke 11:42 _____

218. Jesus rebuked the lawyers for burdening the people down and for their attitude toward the prophets. What was the third thing He said they were guilty of? Luke 11:52b _____

219. A man's life does not consist of _____
_____. Luke 12:15

220. Since riches in this life are not to be coveted, what riches should we seek for? Luke 12:21 _____

221. Jesus gives some supportive illustrations in verses 24-34 and again instructs us to first _____
_____. Luke 12:31

Verses 36-38 further illustrate the Lord's point of seeking God's kingdom first. When the Lord returns He will come for a bride who is waiting and watching for Him.

222. Who are the servants that are blessed? Luke 12:37 _____

223. When will the Son of Man come? Luke 12:40 _____

224. What will happen to the servant who knew his lord's will but failed to do it? Luke 12:47 _____

225. Why will so much be required of some? Luke 12:48 _____

226. When Christ is present, what can He cause in families? Luke 12:51-53 _____
227. What happens to those who will not repent? Luke 13:3-5 _____
228. Why was the fig tree not cut down immediately? Luke 13:6-9 _____

VII. CHRIST'S MINISTRY IN AND AROUND PEREA

A. Traveling Toward Jerusalem and Teaching

Read Luke 13:22 - 17:37.

In response to the question about being saved, Jesus illustrates with a story showing how many will not enter in because they do not have a true heart relationship with God.

229. What happened that made it impossible for anyone else to enter in? Luke 13:25 _____

When God shuts the door, as He did with Noah's Ark, no man can open it. The lesson here is to enter in while the door is still open.

230. Who did the Pharisees accuse of wanting to kill Jesus? v. 31 _____

Jesus knew that no man could touch Him until His work was done and His time had come. This is the meaning of His message to Herod. He then laments over Jerusalem which had turned away from Him and His great love.

231. Jesus shows by His attitude toward the sabbath that it is proper to heal and show mercy _____
 _____ days a week. Luke 14:1-6

232. What happens to the one who humbles himself? Luke 14:11 _____

233. What did the ones do who were invited to the great supper? Luke 14:18 _____

Just as in the conclusion of this story, if we do not answer the invitation someone else will take our place.

234. From the next two stories in verses 28-33, it is evident that when we start something we must be sure to _____

235. What causes joy in heaven? Luke 15:7 _____

236. The story of the prodigal son is a picture of God waiting for lost humanity to "come home". The father **ran** to meet his son and prepared a feast. What did he say about the condition of his son in verse 24? _____

237. What did the father say to the jealous son who had been faithful? Luke 15:31b _____

238. What did the steward do with the goods of the rich man? Luke 16:1 _____

239. Why did the steward call the debtors in and discount their bills? Luke 16:4 _____

The steward was not commended for stealing but for having the wisdom to use the money to insure his earthly future. The children of light need to be as wise as the ungodly to use money (it is only a means to an end) for their spiritual future.

240. Jesus tells about the rich man and the beggar who died. Where did the rich man go after death? Luke 16:23 _____

241. How was the rich man answered when he asked Lazarus to go back and warn his family? Luke 16:31 _____

242. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, how many gave thanks? Luke 17:15 _____

243. As Jesus foretells His second coming, with what times does He compare it? Luke 17:26-28

a. _____ b. _____

B. Final Journey to Jerusalem

Read Matthew 19:1- 20:34; Mark 10:1-52; Luke 18:1-19:28.

244. Jesus tells a story encouraging persistence. How often should we pray? Luke 18:1 _____

245. Which of the two men who prayed was justified before God? Luke 18:9-14 _____

246. In Mark 10:1-12, the Lord teaches about the holiness of marriage. He says that the two become _____

247. Man should not separate what God _____ Mark 10:9

248. Although it is very difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom of God, what did Jesus say? Mark 10:27b _____

249. In the parable of the landowner, why were the ones hired first angry? Matthew 20:1:12 _____

The story of the landowner teaches that our reward is according to our faithfulness to the opportunity presented to us.

250. When Jesus again foretells His death and resurrection, did the twelve understand Him? Luke 18:31-34 _____

251. Who asked to sit on the right and left hands of Jesus? Mark 10:35-37 _____

252. This request was not granted, but what were they promised? Mark 10:39 _____

253. What two things does verse 45 say the Son of Man came for?

a. _____ b. _____

254. How did Zacchaeus manage to see Jesus? Luke 19:4 _____

255. What did Zacchaeus tell Jesus he would do? Luke 19:8 _____

This statement is a manifestation of fruit in the life of someone who has truly received Jesus.

256. The parable of the pounds was given to show that the kingdom would not appear immediately. What are we instructed to do until He comes? Luke 19:13 _____

We should be investing all that we have and all that we are in the kingdom of God in order to reap a harvest.

This concludes part one of the study in Synoptic Gospels. Synoptic Gospels II will cover Christ's entry into Jerusalem, His trial, the crucifixion and the resurrection. Please continue with the second book immediately in order to maintain the flow and unity of this study.

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