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The Life of Jesus

Introduction

The Bible is a history of God's redemptive plan. God's redemptive plan includes not only your salvation by faith in Jesus Christ but also a plan for your life.

In the first five LIFEPACs of this course, you have studied from the Old Testament how man became a sinner and was separated from God. God's first promise of a redeemer was given in Genesis 3:15. That promise was given again to Abraham—that through his seed (descendants) would come a blessing to the world—then to Isaac, to Jacob, and to the descendants of Jacob, the nation Israel. Among the sons of Jacob, the line of the Redeemer (the Messiah) was narrowed to Judah (Genesis 49:10). In the line of Judah was King David and the Redeemer Himself, Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul wrote (Galatians 4:4), "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman ..." As God had promised, He sent His Son into the world. He was called Jesus (Matthew 1:21), and He became the Savior of all who believe on Him (Acts 16:31). In this LIFEPAC® you will study "The Life of Jesus." In Bible LIFEPAC 607 you will study "The Followers of Jesus"; in 608, "The Life of Paul"; and in 609, "The General Epistles and Revelation." LIFEPAC 610 will be a course review.

The apostle John told us in John 20:30–31, why the Gospel according to John was written: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Jesus said (John 10:10), "... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Keep these two thoughts in mind as you study this LIFEPAC and "The Life of Jesus": (1) The words and works of Jesus were written that you might believe on Him and that through believing on Him you would have eternal life. (2) Jesus came into the world not only to save you but also to give you the best life possible: abundant—full and overflowing—life.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC. When you have finished this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. List the major events in the life of Jesus Christ.
2. Name the four books of the New Testament that give the story of Christ's life.
3. Describe the eternal Christ.
4. Tell about the virgin birth of Jesus.
5. Interpret and apply some teachings of Jesus.
6. Show that Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.
7. Explain the purpose of Jesus' death.

1. BIRTH AND CHILDHOOD

All of the Old Testament pointed to a wonderful event. Jesus was coming! The prophets gave many detailed accounts of events in the life of Jesus. Now the New Testament records these wonderful events.

In the Gospels we can read about Jesus' background, family, and events around His birth and early childhood. The books in the Bible that tell us about these wonderful events are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Section Objectives

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

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2. Name the four books in the New Testament that give the story of Christ's life.
3. Describe the eternal Christ.
4. Tell about the virgin birth of Jesus.
6. Show that Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

Vocabulary

Study these words to enhance your learning success in this section.

eternal (i tēr' nul). Timeless, without beginning or end.

gospel (gos' pul). Good news about Jesus; the first four books of the New Testament.

physician (fu zish' un). A doctor.

publican (pub' lu kun). A tax collector of ancient Rome.

virgin (vēr' jun). A girl who has not married and has lived a life of obeying God's commandments as to the right behavior of women.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ōrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /ʃh/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

BOOKS ABOUT JESUS

The New Testament contains twenty-seven books. The first four books of the New Testament are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These four books are called the **Gospels** because they contain the life and teachings of Jesus. They contain *good news* about Jesus.

Matthew was a **publican**. As a publican he collected Roman taxes, which was an unpopular job.

Matthew became a believer in Jesus and traveled with Him during most of His public ministry. Matthew wrote the first book of the New Testament.

Mark wrote the second Gospel. He was a friend of Peter. Peter also wrote books of the New Testament. Mark was also a friend of Paul. Paul was a great preacher in that time. Mark's Gospel is the shortest book of the four Gospels.

Luke wrote the third Gospel. Luke was a **physician**, or a doctor. The special emphasis of his book was that Jesus was completely human as well as completely divine.

John wrote the fourth book of the New Testament. He was Jesus' closest friend on earth. John emphasized the fact that Jesus was the Son of God.



All four Gospels record facts about Jesus but not the same facts. Only Matthew and Luke tell of the birth and childhood of Jesus. One-third of the book of Matthew is about the last week of Jesus' life. One-half of the book of John is about the last week of Jesus' life. Thus, all of the books are about Jesus; yet, each has a different emphasis.



Complete the following activities.

1.9 Name the four Gospels in the order they appear in the New Testament.

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

1.10 The closest friend of Jesus emphasized that He was the _____ of God.

1.11 To find out about the birth and childhood of Jesus, read the books of

- a. _____ and b. _____ .



Write the letter for the correct answer on each line.

- 1.12** The New Testament has _____ books; the first four are called the Gospels.
a. thirty-nine b. twenty-seven c. sixty-six
- 1.13** Mark was a friend of _____ .
a. Paul and Pilate b. Peter and Paul c. Peter and Pharaoh
- 1.14** Another name for physician is _____ .
a. tax collector b. teacher c. doctor

Answer the following questions.

- 1.15** What does the word *gospel* mean? _____

- 1.16** Why are the first four books called the Gospels? _____

- 1.17** What was a publican? _____
- 1.18** Which Gospel writer had been a publican? _____
- 1.19** Which one of the four Gospel writers was a physician? _____
- 1.20** What was the special emphasis of the book by the physician? _____

- 1.21** Who was Jesus' closest friend? _____

Answer true or false.

- 1.22** _____ All four Gospels record the same facts about Jesus.
- 1.23** _____ All of the Gospels are about Jesus, yet each has a different emphasis.

FAMILY OF JESUS

The Bible tells us in Luke 1:5–80 about four people in Jesus' family: Mary, the mother of Jesus; Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus; Elisabeth, the cousin of Mary; and Zacharias, the husband of Elisabeth.

Zacharias and Elisabeth. Zacharias was a priest. He and his wife Elisabeth were old people and did not have any children. Luke 1:6 describes this couple: "And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

While Zacharias was in the Temple, an angel appeared to him. This angel told Zacharias not to be afraid, for they were to have a son whose name would be John. John would be filled with the Holy Spirit and would prepare the way of Jesus. Then the angel said (Luke 1:19), "... I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings."

Because Zacharias did not believe the angel, he was told that he would not be able to speak until all of these events had happened.

Joseph and Mary. Six months later, Gabriel, the angel, was sent by God to the city of Nazareth in Galilee. Gabriel appeared to the young **virgin** Mary, who was planning to marry Joseph.

The angel's words are important and are found in Luke 1:30–33.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Read Luke 1:5–80



| Nazareth in Galilee

When Mary questioned the angel, he said (Luke 1:37), "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Then Mary replied to let it be so and the angel departed.

Mary went to visit Elisabeth and Zacharias. They rejoiced together about what God had done.

John was born, and his father was given back his speech. Zacharias said that John would be the one to prepare the way for Jesus.



Write the correct letter and answer on each blank.

1.24 Why was Zacharias not able to speak until after the birth of John?

_____ .

- a. because he believed the angel
- b. because he did not believe the angel
- c. because he did not want to speak

1.25 The angel appeared to Mary in the city of _____ .

- a. Nazareth
- b. Bethlehem
- c. Jerusalem

1.26 Zacharias was a _____ .

- a. doctor
- b. priest
- c. physician

Answer the following questions.

1.27 Who was Mary planning to marry? _____

1.28 What does *virgin* mean? _____

1.29 What did Zacharias say John would do? _____

Complete the following statements.

1.30 The wife of Zacharias was _____ .

1.31 An angel named _____ appeared to Zacharias.

1.32 The book of Luke says that Zacharias and his wife were both _____ before God.

1.33 When Mary questioned the angel, she was told, "For with God nothing shall be _____ ."

1.34 Mary went to visit a. _____ and b. _____ .

BIRTH OF JESUS

Only the book of Matthew records the visit of the angel to Joseph. When Joseph learned that Mary was expecting a child, he thought about putting her away in privacy. Then an angel appeared to Joseph saying (Matthew 1:20 and 21):

... Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her (the child to be born) is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Caesar Augustus made a decree that all the world should be taxed. Everyone had to return to his city, which meant Joseph must go to Bethlehem since he was of the lineage of David. Mary went with Joseph to Bethlehem. While Joseph and Mary were there, Jesus was born in fulfillment of Micah's prophecy (Micah 5:2):

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Luke 2:7 says, "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

An angel appeared to the shepherds to tell them that Jesus had been born. Then a multitude of angels appeared saying (Luke 2:14), "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The shepherds went to see baby Jesus. They glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen.

Read Luke 2:1-40



| "Glory to God in the highest ..."

Only Matthew records the visit of the wise men. How old Jesus was when the wise men came is not known, but He is thought to have been between forty days and two years old. The wise men were highly educated men, probably from Babylon or near that area. They may have traveled as far as a thousand miles to see Jesus! When they arrived, they stirred the whole city.

Matthew 2:1-3 states, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

The wise men brought precious gifts to Jesus. Matthew 2:12 says, "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."



Answer true or false.

- 1.35 _____ The angel helped Joseph to not be afraid.
- 1.36 _____ The Bible tells how old Jesus was when the wise men came.
- 1.37 _____ The Bible does not tell how many wise men came.

Complete the following statements.

- 1.38 Only the book of _____ records the visit of the angel to Joseph.
- 1.39 Joseph had to return to the city of a. _____ because he was of the lineage of b. _____ .
- 1.40 Luke 2:7 says: "And she brought forth her a. _____ son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a b. _____ because there was no room for them in the c. _____ ."
- 1.41 After seeing Jesus, the shepherds glorified and _____ God for what they had seen.
- 1.42 The wise men brought _____ to Jesus.

Answer the following questions.

- 1.43 Who made a decree that everyone should be taxed? _____
- 1.44 Who told the shepherds about Jesus? _____
- 1.45 Who warned the wise men how to leave? _____

SELF TEST 1

Match the following items (each answer, 2 points).

- | | | |
|-------|-----------------------|--|
| 1.01 | _____ Matthew | a. good news about Jesus |
| 1.02 | _____ publican | b. an angel |
| 1.03 | _____ Gospel | c. the shepherds |
| 1.04 | _____ physician | d. cruel king of Judah |
| 1.05 | _____ John | e. closest friend to Jesus |
| 1.06 | _____ Zacharias | f. was a publican |
| 1.07 | _____ Gabriel | g. city where Jesus grew up |
| 1.08 | _____ Caesar Augustus | h. a priest, the father of John |
| 1.09 | _____ Herod | i. one who collected Roman taxes |
| 1.010 | _____ Nazareth | j. decreed that everyone should be taxed |
| | | k. doctor |

Write the letter for the correct answer on each line (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.011 Jesus was born in Bethlehem, according to a. _____ and b. _____ .
 a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
- 1.012 That Jesus was the Son of God was emphasized by _____.
 a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
- 1.013 The New Testament has _____ books.
 a. twenty-five b. thirty-six c. twenty-seven d. thirty-nine
- 1.014 Zacharias was a _____.
 a. shepherd b. prophet c. physician d. priest
- 1.015 The shepherds were told about Jesus by _____.
 a. wise men b. angels c. God d. Joseph
- 1.016 The wise men were warned how to leave by _____.
 a. shepherds b. angels c. God d. Joseph
- 1.017 An angel named Gabriel appeared to both a. _____ and b. _____.
 a. Joseph b. Zacharias c. Elisabeth d. Mary
- 1.018 Joseph, Mary, and Jesus went to _____ to celebrate the Feast of the Passover.
 a. Jerusalem b. Nazareth c. Bethlehem d. Egypt

Complete the following statements (each answer, 4 points).

1.019 The four Gospels in the order that they appear in the New Testament are these:

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

1.020 Joseph had to return to the city of _____ for taxation and Jesus was born there in fulfillment of Micah's prophecy.

1.021 Luke 2:7 says, "And she brought forth her _____ son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

1.022 The first group of men to come and worship Jesus were _____.

1.023 Sometime later (1.022), another group called the _____ came to worship Jesus.

1.024 Luke records Jesus' visit to Jerusalem when He was twelve years old for the Feast of the _____.

1.025 The wife of Zacharias was _____.

Answer the following questions (each answer, 5 points).

1.026 The Bible tells us that Jesus is eternal. What does *eternal* mean? _____

1.027 What was the emphasis of the book of Luke? _____

1.028 What does *virgin* mean? _____

1.029 What did Zacharias say would be the purpose of his son John? _____

1.030 Why was Joseph warned to go to Egypt? _____

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