

Unit 8, Lesson 33, JESUS: Preparation, Inauguration

Daily Readings:

- Day 1: Book of Hope, 1.1-1.4**
- Day 2: Book of Hope, 1.5-1.8**
- Day 3: Book of Hope, 1.9-1.15**
- Day 4: Book of Hope, 2.1-2.4**
- Day 5: Book of Hope, 2.5-2.9**
- Day 6: Book of Hope, 2.10-2.13**
- Day 7: Book of Hope, 2.14-2.19**

INTRO , “BOOK of HOPE”

After some introductory material, this “harmony” of the 4 Gospels begins on **page 1**. A harmony is an attempt to put the story of Jesus in time order, just as we have been studying the rest of the Bible. This way there will be no repetition. (Read **pages 174-175** for further explanation.)

Following the harmony are some further helps (beginning **page 140**). You should familiarize yourself with these reference items for future use. Especially notice the **QUESTIONS** beginning **page 152**, as you will be doing those questions in addition to the ones I give here.

INTRO , MATTHEW

In each of the first four (of SIX) lessons about JESUS, we will introduce one of the Gospel writers.

MATTHEW’s Gospel is written TO the JEWS ,BY a JEW, ABOUT a JEW. Matthew was one of Jesus’ disciples, a tax collector, the son of Alphaeus. (Mark 2:14) He stresses the “kingdom of heaven”, mentioned by no other New Testament writer (to show Jesus is King). He uses 130 direct or indirect quotes from the Old Testament, and the statement, “that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled,” used by no other Gospel writer (to show Jesus is the promised Messiah).

His genealogy and use of “Son of David” proves Jesus to be, in the flesh, the One awaited.

Probably written in the late 50’s to mid 60’s A.D., as the destruction of Jerusalem (foretold in Matthew 24, occurred in A.D. 70) is still future.

**QUESTIONS, “PREPARATION”(1)
(Book of Hope questions 1-6, p.152)**

1. How long was the “preparation” period for Jesus’ 3-year ministry? (see title,p.1)_____
2. Who was the “man sent from God”?(1.1)_____
3. Who made the Father known to us?(1.1, but in KJV!)_____
4. How does the angel relate the coming prophet (John) to Elijah?(1.2)_____
5. How did Zechariah displease the angel?(1.2)_____
6. Where was Gabriel’s next visit?(1.3)_____
7. In what two provinces did Mary and Elizabeth live?(1.3,1.4)_____
8. How much older was John than Jesus?(1.3)_____
9. What was John’s first reaction to Jesus?(1.4)_____
10. Why will all generations call Mary blessed? (1.5)_____
11. Why did Zechariah get to talk again?(1.6)_____
12. What did the Spirit-filled Zechariah prophesy that his son was going to do?(1.7)_____
13. How did Joseph justify thoughts of divorce? (1.8)_____
14. At what point in the story is it assumed that Joseph and Mary had normal marital relations?(1.8)_____
15. Why did Joseph have to make a sudden trip to Bethlehem?(1.8)_____
16. What had God revealed to old Simeon?(1.10)_____
17. How and how long had Anna spent her widowhood?(1.10)_____

18. How do we know that the “Magi” did not come on the birth night of Jesus?(1.11) _____

19. How does Hosea’s “Out of Egypt have I called My Son” apply in this story?(1.12)_____

20.How is the “Ramah” prophecy of Jeremiah fulfilled?(1.13)_____

21. From her amazement at prophecies, to her reaction at “losing” Jesus, to her “clueless” response to Jesus’ words, what do you notice about Mary?

(1.10,1.15)_____

QUESTIONS, “THE YEAR OF INAUGURATION”, (2)

(Book of Hope questions 7-17, pp 152-153)

1. What did the people do before they were baptized of John? (2 . 1) _____

2. Why was Jesus baptized?(2.2)_____

3. What was Jesus’ consistent method of fighting the Devil? (2 . 3) _____

4. In the Psalm (91) that Satan quotes to Jesus, why does he stop after vs. 11 & 12?(Read Psalm 91:13) (2.3)_____

5. Though he came in the *power and spirit* of Elijah, and though Malachi says “Elijah” will come, and Jesus said John *was* “Elijah”, what did John say of himself? Explain!(2.4) _____

6. How was John able to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God?(2.5)_____

7. Read carefully 2.6 AND 2.7 and identify the FIRST TWO disciples, then the NEXT two.

8. The first four are from what town?(2.7) _____

9. How was Nathanael converted?(2.7)_____

10. Why does Jesus appear to be a little concerned with Mary’s request?(2.8)_____

11. How did this miracle reverse the normal custom at a feast? (2 . 8) _____

12. To what abuse of the temple was Jesus responding?(2.9)_____

note: this is the THIRD temple. Solomon’s was from 970-589 BC; Zerubbabel’s, 520-20 BC; Herod’s, 20 BC -70 AD

13. What does it mean to be “born again?”(2.10) _____

14. In what way is the Son to be “lifted up?”(2.10) _____

15. What does “begotten” mean (2.10, but a missing word of John 3:16 in NIV. Careful!) _____

technically Jesus the only Son conceived by Spirit as human, hence the only BEGOTTEN, “monogenes”

16. Are we “condemning” the world when we preach Jesus? (2 . 1 0) _____

17. What was John’s attitude toward the rise of Jesus’ ministry?(2.11)_____

18. Why (and how!)did Jesus *now* leave Judea? (2 . 1 1 A N D 2 . 1 2) _____

note: the trips from Galilee to Judea were about 60-75 miles.

note: John was in jail 16 months, after only 18 months of public preaching!

19. What province is between Judea and Galilee?(2.13)_____

20. Can you find three reasons that this conversation at the well was “politically incorrect”?(2.13,2.14) _____

21.Show some ways Jesus made her WANT the “ W a t e r ” : (2 . 1 3) _____

22. What “food” was Jesus feasting on at that moment?(2.14)_____

23. What was Jesus’ “own” country?(2.16)_____ The country of honor? _____

24. Why the seemingly harsh words to the “official”?(2.17)_____

25. The result of his first TWO miracles:(2.8,2.17) _____

26. Why did Jesus (a) READ what He read[Isaiah 61:1,2a], and (b) STOP where He STOPPED?(2.18) _____

27. What was Jesus trying to imply with His comments about Elijah and Elisha?(2.18)_____

28. Rejected by His “other” home, what is Jesus’ new “headquarters”?(2.19)_____

29. By moving here, what prophecy did He fulfill? (2 . 1 9) _____