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THE GOSPEL
OF JESUS

STUDY GUIDE



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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

THEME

Contained within the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power to save the sinner, heal the sick, deliver the captives, and undo the works of the devil. We must realize the importance of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Without the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, there can be no converts. Without converts, disciples cannot be made.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The gospel can and must be presented in two parts: the gospel of Jesus Christ and the gospel that Jesus Christ preached.
 - 1. Both parts of the gospel are vital to the Kingdom of God.
 - 2. The gospel of Jesus Christ produces converts.
 - 3. The gospel that Jesus Christ preached produces disciples.
- B. In this study we will focus our attention upon the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- C. The gospel of Jesus Christ begins with His supernatural birth and concludes with His supernatural ascension.

II. THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS

- A. Jesus' birth was supernaturally announced by an angel. (Luke 1:26-38)

1. The angel Gabriel appeared unto a virgin named Mary and declared unto her that she would become pregnant.
 2. Mary did not understand how this pregnancy could be possible because she had never been sexually involved with any man.
 3. The angel told her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and that the power of the Highest would overshadow her. At that time she would conceive and become pregnant. (Luke 1:35)
 4. After hearing the angel's explanation, Mary said, "Be it unto me according to thy word." (Luke 1:38)
- B. Mary did become pregnant and gave birth to a baby boy whom she named Jesus, just as the angel had instructed. (Luke 1:31; Luke 2:1-21)

III. THE SINLESS LIFE OF JESUS

- A. Jesus was born as a baby and grew to be a man. He experienced each stage of physical growth, thereby identifying with all areas of temptations and problems that we experience.
- B. Jesus was tempted with all the temptations that confront us, but He never sinned. (Matthew 4:1-10; Hebrews 2:18; Hebrews 4:15)
- C. Through His sinless life, Jesus qualified to be the substitute for our sins. (Exodus 12:5-6; Luke 23:13-15; John 1:29; John 12:1-13)

IV. THE EARTHLY MINISTRY OF JESUS

- A. Jesus began His powerful ministry as a young man. He did many great and mighty miracles while He was here on earth.
- B. Jesus demonstrated the will of His Father, God, in His earthly ministry by remitting sins, healing sick bodies, casting out devils, and raising the dead. (John 5:19; John 5:30)

- C. Through the ministry of Jesus, blind eyes were opened, deaf ears were opened, the dumb talked, the lame walked, lepers were cleansed, and paralytics were healed.
- D. Jesus always kept the proper focus on ministry because He always focused on God His Father and the Kingdom of God.

V. THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF JESUS

- A. Religious leaders became jealous of Jesus' powerful ministry.
- B. These religious leaders refused to accept Jesus as the Son of God.
- C. The religious leaders did everything in their power to destroy Jesus. Finally, they succeeded; they had Jesus killed, but His life was not taken from Him; He gave it for us. (John 10:15-18)
- D. Jesus was falsely accused and condemned to die because of the jealousy of the religious leaders. (Mark 15:10)
- E. Jesus was physically abused by the religious people. They struck Him with their hands and plucked out His beard. (Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67)
- F. Pilate had Jesus severely beaten with a whip. (John 19:1)
- G. A crown of thorns was placed upon the head of Jesus before He was nailed to a cross to suffer the horrible death of crucifixion. (Mark 15:17-20; John 19:2)

VI. THE BURIAL OF JESUS

- A. Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb which belonged to Joseph of Arimathea. (Matthew 27:57-60)
- B. A stone was rolled over the opening of the tomb, and the tomb was sealed. (Matthew 27:60-66)
- C. Jesus, the Son of God, was now dead and buried.

VII. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

- A. On the third day of Jesus' death, an earthquake occurred as an angel descended and rolled the stone away from the opening of the tomb. (Matthew 28:1-2)
- B. Jesus came forth from the tomb, leaving His grave clothes inside. (John 20:5-7)
- C. Jesus appeared to several of His followers after His resurrection. (Acts 1:1-3)

VIII. THE ASCENSION AND COMMISSION

- A. As his disciples watched, Jesus ascended back into heaven. A cloud received Him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9-11)
- B. Before His ascension, Jesus instructed His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel. (Mark 16:15-19)
- C. As believers, we are Ambassadors for Jesus. We must go forth and proclaim the good news of Jesus so that others can be saved, healed, and delivered. (II Corinthians 5:20)

IX. THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

- A. According to Romans 1:16, the gospel of Jesus Christ has within it the power to save sinners, heal sick bodies, and to set the captives free.
- B. The proclamation of the gospel will do the same powerful things that Jesus did in His earthly ministry.
- C. The followers of Jesus have been commissioned to go forth and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:15)
- D. As we proclaim the gospel of Jesus, we must allow Jesus the opportunity to work with us by confirming the Word with signs following. (Mark 16:20)
- E. We must realize the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we must release this power by proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

X. GATHERING THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL

- A. We must give people the opportunity to accept Jesus as their personal Savior. Our appeal must be simple, not complicated.
- B. We must give people the opportunity to be healed. Again, our appeal must be simple.
- C. We must exercise our dominion over the powers of darkness that have previously controlled people's lives.
- D. We must then allow people to testify of God's saving, healing, and delivering power.

XI. SUMMARY

- A. The gospel of Jesus Christ will produce converts.
- B. The gospel of Jesus Christ begins with His virgin birth and includes his growth to manhood, His sinless life, His powerful ministry, His suffering and crucifixion, His death and burial, His resurrection and ascension, and His commission to the disciples.
- C. The gospel of Jesus Christ is God's power unto salvation.
- D. We must allow those who have been touched by the gospel of Jesus Christ the opportunity to share with others the great things which the Lord has done for them.

XII. CONCLUSION

- A. The world desperately needs to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- B. We have the awesome responsibility of carrying this gospel wherever we go. We must proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.
- C. Wherever the gospel of Jesus is preached, people will be born again by the power of God.
- D. Wherever the gospel of Jesus is preached, people will be healed and set free from the power of darkness.

- E. We must give people the opportunity to receive the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- F. The gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached to all nations!
- G. If not us, who? If not now, when? The commission is to us; the time is now. Let's fulfill the mandate of God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus all over the world.

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTING THE GOSPEL

The purpose for presenting the gospel is to produce results.

- People should be saved.
- People should be healed.
- People should be delivered.

The desired results will not be accomplish unless the gospel is properly presented and allowed to do what it is sent to do.

- There are certain guidelines that should be followed when presenting the gospel.
- Salvations, healings, miracles, and deliverances **are not** automatic.
- "How to receive" instructions must be given.
- Simplicity and conciseness are keys to positive results.
- Use terminology that is understood by the people to whom you are speaking.

The following guidelines are for the purpose of presenting the gospel in a chronological and systematic order:

- Tell of man's sin and his need for a Savior.
- Tell of God's love for mankind.
- Tell of the virgin birth of Jesus.
- Tell of the humanity of Jesus.
- Tell of the sinless life of Jesus.
- Tell of the powerful ministry of Jesus which demonstrated the will of the Father. (Tell about a Bible miracle or healing.)
- Tell of the religious opposition to Jesus' ministry.
- Tell of the sufferings of Jesus.

- Tell of the crucifixion of Jesus.
- Tell of the death of Jesus.
- Tell of the burial of Jesus.
- Tell of the resurrection of Jesus.
- Tell of the ascension of Jesus.
- Tell of the commission given unto us by Jesus.

Once the message is presented, we must teach the people how to respond to the message.

- They must believe the message.
- They must do what the messenger says.
- We should lead the people into salvation by helping them pray.
- We should identify and affirm those who receive salvation.
- We should lead the people into healing and deliverance through instruction.
- We should take authority over sickness, disease, and bondage through prayer.
- We should call for confirmations of healings and deliverances.

Conclude by giving all glory and honor to God the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son.

These guidelines are not a formula to be memorized and mechanically used; they are guidelines that assist in effectiveness.