

Adult Class

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The Story of the Bible
Connecting the Dots

The Time Periods...

- Before the Flood
- The Flood
- The Scattering of the People
- The Patriarchs
- The Exodus
- Wandering in the Wilderness
- Invasion and Conquest of the Land
- The Judges
- The United Kingdom
- The Divided Kingdom
- Judah Alone
- The Captivity
- Return from Captivity
- Years of Silence
- Life of Christ

The Time Periods...

Before the Flood
Genesis 1 – Creation
Genesis 5 – Generations

The Flood
Genesis 6 – Warning of the Flood
Genesis 8 – Ending of the Flood

Scattering of the People
Genesis 9 – Command to fill the earth
Genesis 11 – Tower of Babel, forced scattering – Generations of Shem to Abraham

The Patriarchs
Genesis 12 – Abraham introduced, promise given to him
Genesis 50 – Joseph dies in Egypt

The Exodus
Exodus 1 – People in bondage in Egypt
Numbers 13 – People lose their faith (spy incident)

Wandering in the Wilderness
Numbers 14 – God curses the people to wander for 40 years.
Joshua 5 – Commander of the Lord's army appears to Joshua

Invasion and Conquest of the Land
Joshua 6 – Jericho
Joshua 24 – Death of Joshua

The Judges
Judges 1 – Summary of the time period
1 Samuel 9 – Demand for a king

The United Kingdom
1 Samuel 10 – Saul anointed first king of Israel
1 Kings 12 – Kingdom splits after Rehoboam's unwillingness to listen to the people

The Divided Kingdom
1 Kings 13/2 Chronicles 10 – Israel begins its rebellion under king Jeroboam
2 Kings 17/2 Chronicles 31 – Assyria destroys and captures Israel (Northern tribes)

Judah Alone
2 Kings 18/2 Chronicles 31 – Israel taken by Assyria
2 Kings 25/2 Chronicles 36 – Judah taken by Babylon

The Captivity
Return from Captivity
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Years of Silence
Life of Christ
The Early Church
Letters to Christians

Life of Christ...

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• Old Testament References to Remember:

- Genesis 3:15
- Genesis 12:1-3
- Genesis 49:10
- 2 Samuel 7:11-14
- Micah 5:2
- Isaiah 7:14
- Isaiah 49:6
- Isaiah 53
- Daniel 2:44
- Malachi 3:1

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Galatians 4:4

Life of Christ...

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 - The Years of Preparation (the first 30 years)
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 - The Period of Retirement (about 6 months)
 - The Close of Jesus' Ministry (about 6 months)
 - The Last Week
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Life of Christ...

- ◉ The Years of Preparation:
 - The Birth of John the Baptist
 - The Birth of Jesus
 - John the Baptist's purpose
 - Mark 1:2-3 (referring to Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3)
 - John 1:19-23 – identifies himself as the forerunner for Jesus
 - John is the first person to “baptize” in the Bible history (thus the name, “John the Baptist”)
 - He began teaching people to change their lives
 - He preached baptism for repentance of sins
 - He told people that the Messiah was on His way

Life of Christ...

The Years of Preparation:

The Birth of John the Baptist

The Birth of Jesus

Note Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38 – Legal and Physical lineages (see Romans 1:3)

John the Baptist's purpose

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Also see Malachi 4:5-6

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He told people that the Messiah was on His way – **Luke 3:15-17**

Life of Christ...

- The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry:
 - Jesus is baptized
 - Jesus is tempted by Satan – note the comparison between the temptation of Eve and of Jesus
 - Jesus begins teaching and numerous people believe, including one of the Sanhedrin council members, a Pharisee named Nicodemus
 - By this time, it is obvious that Jesus' teachings are different than what is normally taught at synagogues: He is teaching things that are far more spiritual
 - John the Baptist is imprisoned

Life of Christ...

The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry:

Jesus is baptized – **what is the purpose of this? John 1:29-36; Matthew 3:15**

Jesus is tempted by Satan – note the comparison between the temptation of Eve and of Jesus – **Jesus' temptation ends in triumph – Eve's ended in defeat**

Jesus begins teaching and numerous people believe, including one of the Sanhedrin council members, a Pharisee named Nicodemus – **John 3:1-7 "born again"**

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John the Baptist is imprisoned – **Matt 14:1-5 – according to Josephus, it was publically said that he was imprisoned (and later executed) because he was suspected of leading a revolution**

Life of Christ...

- The Great Galilean Ministry:
 - Peter, Andrew, James, and John are called
 - Jesus heals a demoniac on the Sabbath
 - The disciples pluck grain on the Sabbath
 - Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath
 - Jesus selects the twelve apostles after a night of prayer
 - Jesus gives the “Sermon on the Mount”
 - Jesus uses parables to teach people about various aspects of life and how they should behave
 - John is beheaded by Herod Antipas

Life of Christ...

The Great Galilean Ministry:

Peter, Andrew, James, and John are called – **Matt 4:18-22, Luke 5:1-11 (great catch of fish)**

Jesus heals a demoniac on the Sabbath – **Mark 1:21-28**

The disciples pluck grain on the Sabbath – **Mark 2:23-28 (not Deut 23:25)**

Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath – **Mark 3:1-6**

Note how Jesus teaches against this “definite law” that the Pharisees had created – instead He emphasizes what the law had emphasized – Loving one another (Leviticus 19:18) and God (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Jesus selects the twelve apostles after a night of prayer

Jesus gives the “Sermon on the Mount” – **Matt 5-7**

Note 5 – “pure of heart” – note 5:20

Note 6 – the points of the acts of worship

Note also the beginning of 7 - hypocrisy

Jesus uses parables to teach people about various aspects of life and how they should behave – **Sower, mustard seed, wheat/tares, etc.**

John is beheaded by Herod Antipas – **Mark 6:14-29**

Life of Christ...

- The Period of Retirement:
 - Jesus grows in popularity, in part because of His wisdom, but largely due to His miraculous demonstrations
 - Jesus withdraws from the crowds, even as they are trying to make Him their king
 - The difficult teachings of Jesus cause the crowds to begin turning away from Him
 - Jesus withdraws from the crowds four different times during this time period
 - The Pharisees become more belligerent in their criticism and begin plotting against Jesus' life
 - The disciples are rebuked for their spiritual dullness

Life of Christ...

The Period of Retirement:

During this time, Jesus was trying to get away from the multitudes who were pursuing him (not always for the right reasons) in order to teach the apostles lessons that the crowds were not ready to hear.

Jesus grows in popularity, in part because of His wisdom, but largely due to His miraculous demonstrations - **John 6:1-15** - His popularity reaches a maximum at the feeding of the 5000 (men). Imagine the spectacle: Perhaps 10000+ people being fed by 5 loaves and 2 fish.

Why do you think this miracle was so especially pleasing to the physically minded crowds? (If food, then weapons, the Romans could be overthrown, etc.)

Jesus withdraws from the crowds, even as they are trying to make Him their king – **John 6:14-15** – **Why doesn't Jesus accept the "crown" of the Jews? He has not come to set up an earthly kingdom or to overthrow the Romans – but to set up His eternal spiritual kingdom.**

The difficult teachings of Jesus cause the crowds to begin turning away from Him
Jesus and the disciples had crossed the Sea of Galilee (walking on water) – but the crowds continued to follow Him

John 6:22-71 – Jesus rebukes the people for only caring about the food
The people continue to demonstrate their lack of understanding by their responses to Jesus' teachings:
John 6:38, 41-42
John 6:48-52
John 6:60, 66 – the hard saying, and people abandoning Him

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The Pharisees become more belligerent in their criticism and begin plotting against Jesus' life – **Mark 7:1-6** – see **Isaiah 29:13** – this is the Corban discussion – what was the Pharisees true motivation? See **John 11:45-48** especially.

The disciples are rebuked for their spiritual dullness
At the end of Matthew 15, the feeding of the 4000 with 7 loaves of bread and a few small fish.
Matthew 16:1:12 – The disciples continue to interpret Jesus' teaching as physical (and are therefore confused/upset) while He tries to show them that He is giving them spiritual instruction (see esp. verses 11-12)

Life of Christ...

- The Period of Retirement:
 - Jesus foretells His death and resurrection
 - Jesus teaches that physical sacrifice will be needed in order to have spiritual salvation
 - The transfiguration occurs
 - Jesus continues to teach about His death and resurrection, though the disciples still do not understand
 - The apostles argue about who is going to be the greatest in the coming kingdom of Jesus
 - Jesus returns quietly to Jerusalem

Life of Christ...

The Period of Retirement:

Jesus foretells His death and resurrection

Mark 8:31

Jesus teaches that physical sacrifice will be needed in order to have spiritual salvation

Mark 8:32-9:1 – Jesus makes the ultimate physical sacrifice through His death for our spiritual salvation – in order for us to attain that spiritual salvation, we will have to reciprocate, and sacrifice our physical lives for Jesus – whoever is ashamed of Jesus will be shamed by Him

The transfiguration occurs – **Mark 9:2-8 – Peter again so frightened that he speaks without really thinking – it seems that God rebukes him directly – 2 Peter 1:16-18**

Jesus continues to teach about His death and resurrection, though the disciples still do not understand – **Mark 9:30-32**

The apostles argue about who is going to be the greatest in the coming kingdom of Jesus – **Mark 9:33-37 – Jesus rebukes them and declares that they will need to be humble like children, and not concerned with “greatest”**

Consider the apostles mindset if they had been debating who would be greatest in light of what Jesus had just told them...they clearly did not understand, and were still thinking physically and selfishly.

Jesus returns quietly to Jerusalem – **John 7:10**

Life of Christ...

- The Close of Jesus' Ministry:
 - Jesus forgives the adulteress woman
 - Jesus claims to be the light of the world
 - Jesus declares His Deity: "I AM" before the Jews pick up stones in an attempt to kill him
 - Some of the Jews declare that Jesus acted by the power of Beelzebub (the devil)
 - The Pharisees condemn Jesus for not following the tradition of washing hands
 - Jesus teaches at various cities as He journeys to Jerusalem
 - The Jews try to kill Jesus again at the Feast of Dedication

Life of Christ...

The Close of Jesus' Ministry:

Jesus forgives the adulteress woman – **John 8:2-11** - Frequently used to justify why church members cannot be disciplined (withdrawn from) in opposition to commands to do so in Romans 16, 1 Corinthians 5, and 2 Thessalonians 3

Jesus claims to be the light of the world

John 8:12-20 – The Pharisees declare that his testimony is not valid, because Jesus is testifying on behalf of Himself – someone else must testify for His words to be considered truth. Jesus replies that the Father is witness with Him

Jesus declares His Deity: "I AM" before the Jews pick up stones in an attempt to kill him

John 8:31-32

John 8:33

John 8:34-38 – Jesus follows His Father, the Jews follow their father (who? To be seen shortly) Note "descendants" versus "father/children"

John 8:39a – Jews response – they are children of Abraham

John 8:39b-41a – Jesus: If you were children of Abraham, you would be like him, and obey Me

John 8:41b – The Jews make a snide remark about Jesus' origin

John 8:42-45 – Jesus declares that the Jews are children of the devil

John 8:51 – Jesus declares that those who obey Him will never taste death

John 8:52-59 – self-explanatory – the Jews recognize that Jesus is declaring himself to be equal with God, and are about to kill Him

Some of the Jews declare that Jesus acted by the power of Beelzebub (the devil) –

Luke 11:14-20 – Jesus had cast out a demon that had made a man mute. Jesus refutes their accusation and declares that the kingdom of God has come upon them

The Pharisees condemn Jesus for not following the tradition of washing hands

Luke 11:37-44 – Jesus condemns the Pharisees

Luke 11:45 – The lawyers get upset that they are condemned too

Luke 11:46-52 – Jesus condemns the lawyers

Luke 11:53-54 – The Pharisees and lawyers get very upset and try to catch Him saying something they can get Him in trouble for

Jesus teaches at various cities as He journeys to Jerusalem – **Luke 13:22-35** – various teachings ...but see especially 31-35 (Jesus is grieved and has compassion for the city that will kill him, not angry)

The Jews try to kill Jesus again at the Feast of Dedication – **John 10:22-39** – Note verses 22-31; 39 – Jesus claims Deity again, and the Jews once again try to kill Him

The common people have believed Jesus, but the leaders continue to deny Him

-Ordinary people see evidence → draw conclusion

-These leaders have pre-conceived ideas → make the evidence fit their conclusion

Life of Christ...

- The Close of Jesus' Ministry:
 - Jesus teaches about the cost of discipleship
 - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead
 - The Pharisees are upset by what Jesus has purportedly done and decide to kill Jesus for the sake of their nation
 - Jesus speaks to the rich, young ruler, instructing him in what is most important in life
 - Jesus reiterates that He will be killed by the Jews
 - James and John request to be the "right- and left-hand-men" of Jesus

Life of Christ...

The Close of Jesus' Ministry:

Jesus teaches about the cost of discipleship – **Luke 14:25-35 (25-27)**, refer back to **Mark 8** and taking up the cross and following Jesus – the question being posed to these people "Do you really believe?"

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

John 11:1-44

John 11:1 ¶ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 So, when He heard that he was sick, >>>> He stayed two more days in the place where He was.

We expected Jesus to go immediately to heal Lazarus because He loves that family...but instead He stays longer, allowing Lazarus to die

By Lazarus' death, they were able to see the glory of God, and many believed (v. 40-45)

John 9:1-10 – blind man healed – note how in verse 3, Jesus declares that the reason for this man's blindness is so that the works of God can be revealed

The Pharisees are upset by what Jesus has purportedly done and decide to kill Jesus for the sake of their nation

John 11:46-57

Note especially **46-50**, then **51-52 (prophecy)**, then **53 (death)**

Jesus speaks to the rich, young ruler, instructing him in what is most important in life – **Mark 10:17-31 (17-22)**, Go back to the cost of discipleship – this man did not believe, or he would have easily given up his riches

Jesus reiterates that He will be killed by the Jews – **Mark 10:32-34**

James and John request to be the "right- and left-hand-men" of Jesus – **Mark 10:35-45**, note how this follows immediately Jesus' teaching on His death

Recall **Mark 9:30-37**

Life of Christ...

- The Last Week:
 - Saturday (6 days before Passover)
 - Mary anoints Jesus with costly perfume
 - Judas Iscariot objects to this “waste”
 - Sunday
 - Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a colt
 - The Pharisees get upset that the people are praising Him
 - Monday
 - Some Greeks (and others) ask to see Jesus
 - Jesus cleanses the temple (for a second time)

Life of Christ...

The Last Week:

Saturday (6 days before Passover)

Mary anoints Jesus with costly perfume – **John 12:1-3**

Judas Iscariot objects to this “waste” – **John 12:4-8**

Sunday

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a colt – **Matthew 21:1-11 – prophesied from Zech 9:9**

The Pharisees get upset that the people are praising Him – **Pharisees rebuke Jesus for allowing the disciples to praise Him → Luke 19:37-40. Even the children praise Jesus → Matthew 21:14-17**

Monday

Some Greeks (and others) ask to see Jesus (**possibly Monday – may not be**) – **They ask Philip if they can see Jesus – he says yes (John 12:20-50)**

John 12:25-26 – He who loves his life will lose it; he who hates it will gain eternal life – relate this to rich young ruler, Mark 8, etc.

John 12:31-33 – The ruler (prince) of the world will be cast out (Satan); All people will be drawn to Jesus as He is lifted up (through His death and subsequent resurrection, God’s people are reunited with Him); Jesus’ death is signified (crucifixion) by what He says

Jesus cleanses the temple (for a second time) – **Mark 11:15-18**

Life of Christ...

◎ The Last Week:

• Tuesday

- The Sanhedrin council challenges Jesus
- Jesus tells parables that condemn their “righteousness”
- The Herodians, Sadducees, and Pharisees are outwitted
- Jesus denounces the scribes and Pharisees
- Jesus tells three parables of judgment
- The Pharisees are not yet ready to kill Jesus

• Wednesday

- No events are recorded as specifically occurring on this day
- Perhaps Jesus spent the day in solitude with his apostles

The Last Week: Tuesday

The Sanhedrin council challenges Jesus – **Matthew 21:23-27** – note that this is the Sanhedrin council; and also that they are calculating → they do not really want to find the truth, but simply want to discredit Jesus and retain their power

Jesus tells parables that condemn their “righteousness”

Matthew 21:28-32 – parable of the two sons (one says he will obey, does not; the other says he will not obey, then does) – the harlots and tax collectors are like the latter (repent and obey later), the Pharisees are like the first (claim to be obedient but really are not)

Matthew 21:33-46 – the parable of the vinedressers → the man sends his son but they kill him; the Pharisees realize that Jesus is talking about them

The Herodians, Sadducees, and Pharisees are outwitted – **Matthew 22:15-40**

v. 15-22 – Herodians and taxes questions

v. 23-33 – Sadducees and the resurrection (note the use of the Pentateuch)

v. 34-40 – Pharisees ask about the greatest commandments

v. 41-46 – Jesus stumps the crowds – Psalm 110

Jesus denounces the scribes and Pharisees – **Matthew 23:1-39**

Note the Woes:

v. 13 – they do not enter, nor do they allow others to enter

v. 14 – they are hypocrites – they do not obey the laws for the right reason

v. 15 – they work hard to get even one convert – but they convert them to Phariseism

v. 16-22 – swearing on altar/temple vs the gold of those things

v. 23-24 – they obeyed the details of the law, but missed the weightier matters

v. 25-26 – try to be righteous by appearing righteous

v. 27-28 – Only appear righteous – have not actually become righteous

v. 29-32 – like their fathers, they will kill God’s servant

Jesus tells three parables of judgment to His disciples

Matthew 25:1-13 – be prepared (10 virgins)

Matthew 25:14-30 – use your blessings to glorify God (5, 2, 1 talents)

Matthew 25:31-46 – sheep and goats (doing something for the least of people is doing it for Jesus)

The Pharisees are not yet ready to kill Jesus

Note Matthew 26:1-5 – the council does not want to kill Jesus yet (Tuesday evening)

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Life of Christ...

- The Last Week:
 - Thursday (Passover)
 - By this time, Judas has made a deal with the chief priests (the Sanhedrin council) to betray Jesus for thirty silver pieces
 - The apostles again argue about who is the greatest; Jesus rebukes them by washing their feet
 - Jesus reveals that Judas will betray him; Judas leaves
 - The apostles (especially Peter) are warned against desertion
 - Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper
 - After teaching and prayer, the apostles accompany Jesus to Gethsemane, where He prays in anguish while they sleep
 - Jesus is betrayed and arrested by Judas, who is accompanied by numerous Roman and Jewish forces

Life of Christ...

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Thursday (Passover)

By this time, Judas has made a deal with the chief priests (the Sanhedrin council) to betray Jesus for thirty silver pieces

This event probably took place between late Tuesday evening and Thursday morning. Matthew 26:14-16 - Perhaps the events of this week (especially the Saturday prior) have made Judas angry enough to betray Jesus

Note that it is difficult to say for certainty the order of the events at Passover – what is important are the events themselves, and not necessarily the order with which they occurred. Following is a possible sequence of events determined by harmonizing the four Gospels.

The apostles again argue about who is the greatest; Jesus rebukes them by washing their feet

Normally a servant would be in charge of washing their feet...perhaps at this time, there is no servant available to do so. The apostles get into an argument regarding who will wash whose feet, and who is the greatest in the kingdom...They probably would have kept this dispute quiet so as not to alert Jesus (as they had done in the past). Luke 22:24

While this is going on, Jesus silently begins washing their feet – John 13:3-5; The teaching: John 13:12-17

Jesus reveals that Judas will betray him; Judas leaves

John 13:18-30

The apostles (especially Peter) are warned against desertion

Matt 26:31-35

Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper

Matt 26:26-29

After teaching and prayer, the apostles accompany Jesus to Gethsemane, where He prays in anguish while they sleep

John 16:28-33 – Jesus has overcome the world, though the world inflicts tribulation – recall Genesis 3 – think of the comfort that this statement provides for us

Jesus also prays for His glorification, for His disciples, and those they would teach

-John 17:1-5 – Jesus' glorification by the Father

-John 17:14-17 – part of Jesus' prayer for His disciples – not of the world, sanctified by truth

-John 17:20-23 – prayer for those who would be taught later (us) – that we all may be one

Luke 22:35-38 – The two swords

Matthew 26:36-46

Jesus is betrayed and arrested by Judas, who is accompanied by numerous Roman and Jewish forces

Roman – Matthew 26:47 – “sword”

Jewish – John 18:3, 12, 18, 22 – “officers” (of the temple/Jews)

Matthew 26:47-56

Jesus is betrayed by Judas - 47-50

The disciples ask if they should fight (Luke 22:47-53) – courage to fight perhaps – but not the courage to die

Peter charges and slices off Malchus' ear

Jesus heals it

All the disciples flee as Jesus is arrested and taken away. 51-56

Note how the Jews treated Jesus throughout his life, and especially at the beginning of this week versus this time now – many of the Jews would be worshipping Him and singing praises about Him... however, by this time, we will see that almost everyone desires to see Him be killed.

Life of Christ...

- The Last Week:
 - Thursday (Passover)
 - Jesus is taken to Annas (Caiaphas' father-in-law)
 - Jesus is then led to Caiaphas' house, where the entire Sanhedrin council is assembled
 - Peter denies Jesus three times
 - Friday
 - The Sanhedrin reassembles and has another "legal" trial
 - Judas Iscariot hangs himself
 - Jesus is brought before Pilate for the first time
 - Jesus is sent to Herod Antipas so he could see a miracle

Life of Christ...

The Last Week:

Thursday (Passover)

Jesus is taken to Annas (Caiaphas' father-in-law)

John 18:12-14; 19-23 – note the abuse has already begun, Jesus is bound and, here, slapped in the face by an officer

v.24 -> to Caiaphas

Jesus is then led to Caiaphas' house, where the entire Sanhedrin council is assembled

Matthew 27:59-68 – Jesus is spat on, beaten, slapped, and mocked

Note that this trial was illegal, and that the council so worried about "definite law" was engaging in lying and false witnesses

Peter denies Jesus three times

Friday

The Sanhedrin reassembles and has another "legal" trial

Luke 22:66-71 – perhaps to legalize or, at least, formalize the charges/sentences they made against him

Judas Iscariot hangs himself

Matthew 27:3-10 – a man who had seen Jesus perform miracles, and himself had probably performed miracles, ends his life after recognizing his sin

Note the absolute apathy for sin that the council has.

Jesus is brought before Pilate for the first time

Luke 23:1-5

Note the absurd lies that the Jews bring against Jesus – clearly He had not engaged in the activities as described by these men

Jesus is sent to Herod Antipas so he could see a miracle

Luke 23:6-12 - Jesus is made a joke by Herod

-Herod simply wanted to see a miracle – a "magic trick" – when Jesus does not respond to his questions, the Jews rail against him

-Herod and his men dress Jesus up as royalty to mock Him

Life of Christ...

◎ The Last Week:

• Friday

- Jesus is sent back to Pilate for a second time
- Pilate orders Jesus to be scourged
- Jesus returns to Pilate's court where He is sentenced to death by crucifixion
- Jesus is led away and crucified on Golgotha
- From the third hour until the ninth hour (9AM to 3PM) Jesus suffered on the cross
- At about 3PM, Jesus gave up his spirit, and died.
- Miracles accompany Jesus' death

Life of Christ...

The Last Week:

Friday

Jesus is sent back to Pilate for a second time

Luke 23:13-22

-Pilate attempts to get out of the situation, saying that Jesus had done nothing wrong

-Pilate is willing to punish Jesus by scourging, even though Pilate knows He's done nothing wrong

-Pilate tries to release Jesus by giving the Jews a choice between Barabbas (a hardened rebel and murderer) and Jesus

- The Jews want Barabbas

-Pilate pleads with the people three times, yet they still do not listen

Pilate orders Jesus to be scourged

John 19:1-3 – Jesus is scourged, mocked, and beaten again

Jesus returns to Pilate's court where He is sentenced to death by crucifixion

John 19:4-16 – Jesus is brought back into the court wearing the robe and crown of thorns, beaten and bloodied

Pilate attempts to draw some sympathy from the people and allow Jesus to go free

The people do not relent – Jesus is given up to be crucified

Jesus is led away and crucified on Golgotha

John 19:16-18 – Simon of Cyrene compelled to assist

From the third hour until the ninth hour (9AM to 3PM) Jesus suffered on the cross

Numerous events –

-Jesus is offered wine mixed with gall(myrrh) – a stupefying/intoxicating agent to dull the pain – He refuses it

-Mocked by the crowds and the soldiers

-Mocked by the thieves crucified with Him

-Jesus clothes are divided

-At around noon, the entire land became darkness

At about 3PM, Jesus gave up his spirit, and died.

Luke 23:44-46

Miracles accompany Jesus' death

Matthew 27:51-54

Life of Christ...

- The Last Week:
 - The significance of Jesus' death
 - The debt for our sins was nailed to the cross
 - Jesus put away sin
 - He redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for mankind, allowing us to receive Abraham's blessing
 - Jesus, after humbling Himself, is about to be exalted to rule on the throne of David
 - He made it possible for men to be released from the power of sin and of Satan
 - He allowed us to enter into the presence of God
 - The first prophecy is about to be fulfilled

Life of Christ...

The Last Week:

The significance of Jesus' death

The debt for our sins was nailed to the cross – Colossians 2:14

Jesus put away sin – Hebrews 9:26-28

He redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for mankind, allowing us to receive Abraham's blessing – Galatians 3:10-14

Jesus, after humbling Himself, is about to be exalted to rule on the throne of David – Philippians 2:5-11 – note the purpose of Jesus' glorification and ascension to the throne: God's glory

He made it possible for men to be released from the power of sin and of Satan – Hebrews 2:14-15

He allowed us to enter into the presence of God – Hebrews 10:19-20

The first prophecy is about to be fulfilled – Genesis 3:14-15

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John 19:31-37

Jesus is already dead when they stab him

Not one of his bones shall be broken – when is this prophesied? Hint: John 1:29

Exodus 12:46 – comparison of Jesus to the Passover Lamb – how is Jesus like the Passover Lamb?

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Mark 15:47

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Saturday – Matthew 27:61-66

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Sunday – Matthew 28:1-15

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Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene – Mark 16:9-11

Note the unbelief of the disciples, despite what others are telling them.

Jesus appears to the other women from the tomb – Matthew 28:9-10

Luke 24:11 – Note that everyone thought they were just telling tales – commonly just Thomas is blamed as the doubtful one.

Jesus appears to two disciples on the way to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-32

This is the attitude that many people had when people were saying that Jesus had risen. They knew intellectually that Jesus was supposed to rise, but did not actually comprehend that this was really something that would happen.

Mark says that he appeared to them in “another form” – why would Jesus do this?

We must remember that these “stories” were real events...that the “characters” in the Bible were real people. We must let what the scriptures tell us mold our perception of reality because the scriptures are truth. Recall John 17:17.

Jesus appears to Peter – Luke 24:33-35

Jesus appears to disciples gathered for a meal – Luke 24:36-43 – Note that Thomas was apparently absent from this gathering

Life of Christ...

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 - To the disciples, including Thomas, who is convinced at this point
 - By the Sea of Galilee
 - To over 500 brethren at once
 - To James
 - During Mark's account of the great commission
 - During Matthew's account of the great commission
 - During Luke's account of the great commission
 - Jesus ascends to Heaven and sits at God's right hand

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By the Sea of Galilee – **John 21**

This is where Peter is “rebuked” for his denial of Jesus.

First the fish incident (Peter, Thomas, James, John, Nathanael, and two others go fishing – no fish all night – Jesus commands them to cast on the right side – 153 fish)

v. 15-19 – note Peter's declaration of love for Jesus – 1-2 “admire and appreciate” 3 “have warm affection (as a brother)”

v. 20-22 – Peter wants to know “what about John?” – Jesus says not to worry about John, worry about yourself and if you are going to follow me. We need to have to same attitude: we must stay focused on serving God above all else – not worrying about how little we perceive someone else to be suffering.

To over 500 brethren at once – **1 Corinthians 15:6-7**

To James – likely the brother of Jesus

During Mark's account of the great commission – **Mark 16:14-18**

During Matthew's account of the great commission – **Matthew 28:16-20**

During Luke's account of the great commission – **Luke 24:44-49**

It is obvious from these commissions, as well as the messages that Jesus delivered between his resurrection and ascension, that He wished for people to tell the world of what has happened.

What would the reaction of many be? Luke 24:11 – idle tales

Those who “converse and reason” to find the truth will believe – Luke 24:15

Jesus ascends to Heaven and sits at God's right hand

Sometimes difficult for us to understand what actually occurred at this moment

Mark 16:19-20

Luke 24:50-53

Acts 1:9-11

In the Gospel accounts, little is revealed about what actually happened. However, years later, God reveals in Revelation the coronation of Jesus as king on the throne of David, at God's right hand.

Revelation 4-5

Life of Christ...

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The Time Periods...

Before the Flood

Genesis 1 – Creation

Genesis 5 – Generations

The Flood

Genesis 6 – Warning of the Flood

Genesis 8 – Ending of the Flood

Scattering of the People

Genesis 9 – Command to fill the earth

Genesis 11 – Tower of Babel, forced scattering – Generations of Shem to Abraham

The Patriarchs

Genesis 12 – Abraham introduced, promise given to him

Genesis 50 – Joseph dies in Egypt

The Exodus

Exodus 1 – People in bondage in Egypt

Numbers 13 – People lose their faith (spy incident)

Wandering in the Wilderness

Numbers 14 – God curses the people to wander for 40 years.

Joshua 5 – Commander of the Lord's army appears to Joshua

Invasion and Conquest of the Land

Joshua 6 – Jericho

Joshua 24 – Death of Joshua

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