

Life of Jesus through Synoptic Gospels

Group 1: Birth and Childhood

Luke 1:1-4 - Preface

Luke 1:26-38 - Annunciation to Mary

Luke 2:1-7 - Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:22-39 - Presentation of Jesus in Temple

Matthew 2:1-12 - Magi from East

Matthew 2:13-23 - Flight to Egypt

Luke 2:20-52 - Childhood in Nazareth, Jesus in Temple in Jerusalem.

Group 2: Before Jesus

Mark 1:1-8 - Preparing the Way by John the Baptist

Isaiah 39: 1-8 - Warning about Babylonian Captivity

Isaiah 40: 1-5 - After exile

Malachi Ch 1- Ch 3, esp. 3:1 - Prophetic Warnings

Group 3: Spiritual formation, public ministry of Jesus

Mark 1:9-11 and Matthew 2:13-17 - Jesus' baptism

Mark 1:12-13 and Matthew 4: 1-11 - Temptation in the desert

Mark 1:14-20 - Departure to Galilee and Calling the Four Disciples

Mark 1:40 thru 2:12 and Mark 3:1-6 and Luke 6:6-11 - Healings

Group 4: Teachings of Jesus

Luke 6: 12- 49 - Beatitudes, teachings

Matthew 5: 1-46- Beatitudes, teachings

Mark 4:1-25 - On Parables

Matthew 13: 34-43 - On Parables

Group 5: Looming conflict

Mark 6: 1-56 - Death of John the Baptist, feeding 5,000, walking on water.

Mark 7:1-23 - Conflict with Pharisees

Mark 8: 27 to 9:1 - Peter's confession

Mark 8:31-9:1 & Mark 9:30-32 & Mark 10:32-34 - Jesus predicts his death 3 times

Mark 9: 2-32 - Transfiguration, epileptic boy

Group 6: Departure for Jerusalem

Luke 9: 51-56 - Jesus sets face toward Jerusalem.

Luke 10:25-37 - Parable of Good Samaritan

Luke 11: 37-54 - Conflict with Pharisees, scribes

Luke 15: 11-32 - Parable of the lost son (prodigal son)

Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus in a tree

Group 7: Last Days in Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11 - Triumphal entry

Matthew 21:1- 17 Entry, cleansing temple

Mark 12: 1-12 - Parable of the wicked vineyard tenants

Mark 14:1 - 42 - Conspiracy, Judas' betrayal

Mark 14:43 thru Ch 15:15 - Arrest, trial, Pilate's verdict

Mark 15:15 -47 - Crucifixion, death, burial - (also in Matthew 27:27-66)

Group 8: Appearances and Descent of Spirit

Luke 24:1-12 - Empty tomb

Luke 24:13-35 - Walking to Emmaus

Luke 24: 36-53 - Appearance to the 11 disciples, ascension

Acts: 1:4-11 - Ascension, restore the kingdom?

Acts 1:12-14 - Disciples praying in upper room

Acts 2: 1-13 - Pentecost, descent of spirit

Acts 2: 14-47 - Peter's speech, beginning of the church