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FOREWORD

This book contains twenty six lessons and covers Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts.

Like all the others in the Douthitt series, these studies are designed to send the student to the original source, the Bible, for the answers; because a knowledge of the Bible can never be acquired except by a study of the *Bible*.

Many teachers of Bible classes know the value of an outline that will accomplish the following purposes:

1. Guide the student into a knowledge of just what the word of God says, rather than what men have said on religious issues.
2. Make the student happy in the study of God's word.
3. Increase interest and attendance.
4. Show the results of private study.
5. Give the student an opportunity to express himself.
6. Cause the student to feel that something is expected of him.

Scores of letters have been received from elders, preachers and teachers all over the country stating that the Douthitt books for Bible classes do accomplish these purposes.

CHRONOLOGY.—The dates given cannot be settled always with absolute certainty. In these lessons the order of events and the dates are arranged according to the best chronologies; but faith in God's word does not depend upon a knowledge of exact dates.

These lessons provide an excellent means for promoting Christian education. They will help the teacher in leading his classes into a knowledge of the great and lasting truths of the Bible.

LESSON 1**THE BIRTH AND INFANCY OF JESUS**

BACKGROUND.—Jesus was born B. C. 4, or about four hundred years after the last of the Old Testament had been written.

For many years the hand of God had been preparing the world for his coming. (1) The Jews had been scattered widely and had planted the influence of their sacred Scriptures among many people. (2) The Greek language had spread throughout the world, which greatly facilitated the communication of messages. (3) The Roman Empire had built roads in conquered provinces and developed a Mediterranean fleet which made it less difficult for the messengers of the Cross to reach all the civilized world with the gospel of Christ. Never before had world conditions been so favorable for the coming of the promised Messiah.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Who were Zacharias and Elizabeth? Ans. Luke 1: 5, 6.
3. What revelation did an angel make to Zacharias? Ans. Luke 1: 8-13.
4. What did the angel say John would do? Ans. Luke 1: 15-17.
5. Why was Zacharias unable to speak till the child was born?
Ans. Luke 1: 18-22.
6. About three months before John was born, to whom did the angel Gabriel appear? Ans. Luke 1: 26-29.
7. What did the angel reveal to Mary? Ans. Luke 1: 30, 31.
8. What did the angel say about the throne and kingdom of Mary's Son? Ans. Luke 1: 32, 33.
9. After this whom did Mary visit? Ans. Luke 1: 39-44.
10. How did Joseph learn of the virgin birth of Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 1: 18-21.
11. Why was the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth named John?
Ans. Luke 1: 13, 57-64.
12. Where was Jesus born? Ans. Matt. 2: 1, 6.
13. Why were Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem at this time?
Ans. Luke 2: 1-6.
14. Why was the infant Jesus laid in a manger? Ans. Luke 2: 6, 7.
15. How did the shepherds in the field learn of the birth of Jesus?
Ans. Luke 2: 8-11.
16. How did the angel direct the shepherds to Jesus? Ans. Luke 2: 12.
17. What was done when Jesus was eight days old? Ans. Luke 2: 21.
18. Where was he taken after the "days of purification"?
Ans. Luke 2: 22, 23.

19. Tell of Simeon and Anna. Ans. Luke 2: 25-38.
20. How did the wise men from the East know that "the king of the Jews" had been born? Ans. Matt. 2: 1, 2.
21. Of whom did Herod inquire concerning the birth of Jesus? Ans. Matt. 2: 3-7.
22. What did he order the wise men to do? Ans. Matt. 2: 8.
23. What was done by the wise men when they saw Jesus. Ans. Matt. 2: 11.
24. Why did they not obey Herod's order? Ans. Matt. 2: 12.
25. Why was Joseph compelled to flee to Egypt with Jesus and Mary? Ans. Matt. 2: 13-15.
26. What cruel deed was done by Herod in his attempt to destroy Jesus? Ans. Matt. 2: 16-18.
27. After the death of Herod where was Joseph told to take Jesus? Ans. Matt. 2: 19-21.
28. Why did he travel on to the city of Nazareth? Ans. Matt. 2: 22, 23.
29. Where did Jesus go when he was twelve years old? Ans. Luke 2: 41, 42.
30. Tell of this visit to Jerusalem. Ans. Luke 2: 42-51.

LESSON 2

JESUS AND JOHN BEGIN THEIR PUBLIC MINISTRIES

BACKGROUND.—Very little is known of Jesus from the time he was twelve years old till he was thirty. During this time he lived in Nazareth and advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Luke 2: 52). His wisdom and learning were marvelous but he was not educated in the rabbinical schools (Jno. 7: 15).

John the Baptist also lived in obscurity from his birth till he was thirty years old (Luke 1: 80). He was a Nazarite from birth (Luke 1: 15, Num. 6: 1-5). He did no miracle (Jno. 10: 41), but all classes left the cities and thronged the Judean wilderness to hear him preach (Matt. 3: 5).

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Where did John the Baptist begin his ministry? Ans. Matt. 3: 1; Luke 3: 3.
3. What was John's mission? Ans. Jno. 1: 7, 8.
4. What did he preach? Ans. Matt. 3: 2; Mk. 1: 4; Luke 3: 3.
5. What prophecies did he fulfill? Ans. Matt. 3: 3; Mk. 1: 2, 3; Luke 3: 4, 5.

6. Whom did he baptize? Ans. Matt. 3: 5, 6.
7. What did he say to the Pharisees and Sadducees? Ans. Matt. 3: 7-10
8. What did he tell the multitude, the publicans, and the soldiers to do? Ans. Luke 3: 10-14.
9. Tell of the baptism of Jesus. Ans. Matt. 3: 13-17.
10. Why was John baptizing in Enon? Ans. Jno. 3: 23.
11. Why was Jesus led of the Spirit into the wilderness? Ans. Matt. 4: 1.
12. How long did he fast? Ans. Matt. 4: 2.
13. Name three ways in which Jesus was tempted, and give his reply to each temptation. Ans. Matt. 4: 3-10; Luke 4: 1-13.
14. Who ministered unto him? Ans. Mk. 1: 12, 13.
15. What was John's testimony concerning Christ? Ans. Jno. 1: 29-32.
16. How did John the Baptist know that Jesus is the Son of God? Ans. Jno. 1: 33, 34.
17. Who were among the first to become followers of Jesus? Ans. Jno. 1: 35-46.
18. How old was Jesus when he began his public ministry? Ans. Luke 3: 23.
19. What was Jesus' first miracle? Ans. Jno. 2: 1-11.
20. What feast did Jesus attend in Jerusalem? Ans. Jno. 2: 13.
21. Tell of the cleansing of the temple. Ans. Jno. 2: 14-16.
22. What prophecy did Jesus utter at this time regarding his death and resurrection? Ans. Jno. 2: 18-22.
23. Who was Nicodemus? Ans. Jno. 3: 1.
24. What did Jesus say to him about the new birth? Ans. Jno. 3: 3-6.
25. After this where did Jesus go? Ans. Matt. 4: 12, 13; Jno. 4: 1-3.
26. What did Jesus say to the Samaritan woman about true worship? Ans. Jno. 4: 21-24.
27. What was Jesus' second miracle in Galilee? Ans. Jno. 4: 46-54.

LESSON 3

JESUS IS CRITICIZED AND OPPOSED

BACKGROUND.—The scribes and Pharisees began to manifest a bitter hostility to Jesus and his teaching early in his ministry. Among the causes of their opposition to him were his work of healing on the Sabbath, his contact with publicans and sinners, and his calling God his own Father.

1. Discuss the causes of the Jews' opposition to Jesus.
2. After leaving Nazareth where did Jesus dwell? Ans. Matt. 4: 13.

3. Name the four fishermen whom Jesus called. Ans. Matt. 4: 18-22.
4. What did he say he would make of them? Ans. Matt. 4: 19.
5. Where did Jesus go on the Sabbath day? Ans. Mk. 1: 21.
6. Whom did he heal on this occasion? Ans. Mk. 1: 23-25.
7. What effect did his teaching and his miracle have on the audience? Ans. Mk. 1: 22, 27.
8. Into whose house did Jesus go? Ans. Matt. 8: 14.
9. Whom did he heal there? Ans. Matt. 8: 14-16.
10. After this what did Jesus do in Galilee? Ans. Mk. 1: 38, 39.
11. What did a leper request of Jesus? Ans. Mk. 1: 40.
12. After healing the leper where did Jesus send him? Ans. Mk. 1: 43, 44.
13. How did a paralytic man reach Jesus? Ans. Mk. 2: 2-4.
14. What did Jesus say to the sick man? Ans. Mk. 2: 5.
15. Why did he heal him? Ans. Mk. 2: 10, 11.
16. What work was Matthew doing when Jesus called him? Ans. Matt. 9: 9; Mk. 2: 13, 14; Lk. 5: 27-28.
17. Tell of the healing of the man at the pool in Jerusalem.
Ans. Jno. 5: 1-9.
18. Why did the Jews persecute Jesus for his miracle? Ans. Jno. 5: 16.
19. For what other reason did the Jews seek to kill Jesus? Ans. Jno. 5: 17, 18.
20. In his reply to the Jews what did Jesus say about the resurrection? Ans. Jno. 5: 28, 29.
21. Why did Jesus say these things unto them? Ans. Jno. 5: 34.
22. What did Jesus say about believing Moses and believing him? Ans. Jno. 5: 46, 47.
23. How did Jesus defend his disciples who plucked grain on the Sabbath? Ans. Mk. 2: 23-28.
24. How did Jesus defend his own work of healing on the Sabbath? Ans. Matt. 12: 9-14.
25. Name the twelve apostles. Ans. Matt. 10: 1-4.
26. To whom did Jesus send them? Ans. Matt. 10: 5, 6.
27. What did he tell them to do? Ans. Matt. 10: 7-14.
28. What persecutions did he say they would suffer? Ans. Matt. 10: 16-22.
29. How did Jesus encourage them? Ans. Matt. 10: 28-31.

LESSON 4**SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

BACKGROUND.—This sermon is one of the longest public discourses of Jesus which has come down to us. It contains a brief statement of many of the fundamental truths of the kingdom of Christ, and shows quite clearly that his kingdom is a new order of things, and not a revamping of the law given at Sinai. His reiterated statement, "but I say unto you," in contradistinction to what Moses said, makes it impossible for both the law of Moses and the gospel of Christ to be in force at the same time.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Name the beatitudes and discuss the meaning of each.
Ans. Matt. 5: 3-11.
3. How are the disciples of Christ like salt? Ans. Matt. 5: 13.
4. How and why should Christians let their light shine?
Ans. Matt. 5: 14-16.
5. What did Jesus say about the fulfillment and end of the law and the prophets? Ans. Matt. 5: 17-19.
6. Give the contrast between Christ and Moses on murder.
Ans. Matt. 5: 21, 22.
7. What should one do to become reconciled to an offended brother?
Ans. Matt. 5: 23, 24.
8. Give the contrast between Christ and Moses on adultery.
Ans. Matt. 5: 27, 28.
9. Give the contrast between Christ and Moses on divorce and re-marriage. Ans. Matt. 5: 31, 32.
10. Give the teaching of Jesus on swearing. Ans. Matt. 5: 33-37.
11. Give the teaching of Jesus on vengeance. Ans. Matt. 5: 38-41.
12. What should we do for our enemies? Ans. Matt. 5: 43-45.
13. How should alms be given? Ans. Matt. 6: 2-4.
14. What is wrong with prayers of hypocrites? Ans. Matt. 6: 5-7.
15. Give the teaching of Jesus on fasting. Ans. Matt. 6: 16-18.
16. Where should treasures be laid up? Ans. Matt. 6: 19-21.
17. Upon what conditions does Jesus promise to provide all necessary things? Ans. Matt. 6: 33.
18. When is one able to cast a mote out of a brother's eye?
Ans. Matt. 7: 3-5.
19. Repeat the "golden rule." Ans. Matt. 7: 12.
20. Describe the two ways. Ans. Matt. 7: 13, 14.
21. How may false prophets be known? Ans. Matt. 7: 15-20.
22. Who shall enter the kingdom of heaven? Ans. Matt. 7: 21.
23. Describe the house built by a "wise man." Ans. Matt. 7: 24, 25.
24. Who is like the "wise man?" Ans. Matt. 7: 24.
25. Describe the house built by a "foolish man." Ans. Matt. 7: 26, 27.
26. Who is like the "foolish man?" Ans. Matt. 7: 26.
27. Why were the multitudes astonished at Jesus' teaching?
Ans. Matt. 7: 28, 29.

LESSON 5**SEVEN IMPORTANT EVENTS**

BACKGROUND.—This lesson covers seven significant events in the ministry of Jesus: (1) The great faith of the centurion and the healing of his servant. (2) The raising of the widow's son from the dead. (3) John's question of Jesus. (4) The sinful woman's anointing Jesus. (5) Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. (6) The "sign of Jonah." (7) Spiritual relation exalted above blood relation.

1. Name the seven significant events mentioned in the background of this lesson.
2. What did a certain centurion request of Jesus? Ans. Luke 7: 2, 3.
3. How did the centurion rank in the estimation of the Jews?
Ans. Luke 7: 4, 5.
4. How did the centurion express his feeling of unworthiness?
Ans. Luke 7: 6-8.
5. What did Jesus say about the faith of this man? Ans. Luke 7: 9.
6. What miracle did Jesus perform at Nain? Ans. Luke 7: 11-15.
7. What effect did this have on the people? Ans. Luke 7: 16, 17.
8. Where was John the Baptist at this time? Ans. Matt. 11: 2.
9. Why had he been put in prison? Ans. Matt. 14: 3, 4.
10. Why did John send his disciples to Jesus? Ans. Matt. 11: 2, 3.
11. What message did Jesus send to John? Ans. Matt. 11: 4-6.
12. What did Jesus say about the greatness of John? Ans. Matt. 11: 11.
13. How had the people and publicans "justified God?" Ans. Luke 7: 29.
14. How had the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God?
Ans. Luke 7: 30.
15. Tell of the death of John the Baptist. Ans. Matt. 14: 3-12.
16. With whom was Jesus invited to eat? Ans. Luke 7: 36.
17. On this occasion how did a sinful woman show her faith, love and penitence? Ans. Luke 7: 37, 38.
18. What did the Pharisee think about this? Ans. Luke 7: 39.
19. How did Jesus rebuke the Pharisee and defend the woman?
Ans. Luke 7: 40-50.
20. Where did Jesus then go preaching the good tidings of the kingdom?
Ans. Luke 8: 1.
21. Who accompanied him on this tour? Ans. Luke 8: 1-3.
22. What blasphemous accusation did the Pharisee make against Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 12: 24.
23. What was Jesus' reply to this accusation? Ans. Matt. 12: 25-27.
24. What did Jesus say about the guilt of this sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Ans. Mark 3: 28-30; Matt. 12: 31, 32.
25. What is the "sign of Jonah?" Ans. Matt. 12: 38-40.
26. Who are the spiritual relatives of Jesus? Ans. Matt. 12: 46-50.

LESSON 6**THE FIRST GREAT GROUP OF PARABLES**

BACKGROUND.—By means of parables Jesus secured the attention of the multitudes, and protected and veiled the truth from the prejudice and perverseness of its opponents.

All the parables of Christ are essentially true to human nature. They differ from fables because all the incidents can and do happen.

The resemblance of the objects compared in a parable should not be pressed too far. The Lord never intended for the similarity to hold good in every particular, but only in those points on which the lesson depends.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Why did Jesus speak in parables? Ans. Matt. 13: 10-15.
3. State the parable of the foolish rich man. Ans. Luke 12: 16-20.
4. What lesson does it teach? Ans. Luke 12: 15, 21.
5. Give the different kinds of soil on which the seed fell in the parable of the sower, and tell what happened to the seed on each kind of soil. Ans. Luke 8: 4-8.
6. What does the seed represent? Ans. Luke 8: 11.
7. What does each of the four kinds of soil represent? Ans. Luke 8: 12-15.
8. What lesson is taught in the parable of the growing seed?
Ans. Mark 4: 26-29.
9. Relate the parable of the tares. Ans. Matt. 13: 24-30.
10. Explain the parable of the tares. Ans. Matt. 13: 36-43.
11. Give the spiritual application of the parable of the mustard seed.
Ans. Matt. 13: 31, 32.
12. How is the kingdom of heaven like leaven? Ans. Matt. 13: 33.
13. What is the meaning of the parable of the hidden treasure?
Ans. Matt. 13: 44.
14. What lesson is taught in the parable of the pearl of great price?
Ans. Matt. 13: 45, 46.
15. Give the parable of the fish net. Ans. Matt. 13: 47, 48.
16. Give the explanation of this parable. Ans. Matt. 13: 49, 50.
17. Tell of Jesus' stilling the storm. Ans. Mark 4: 35-41.
18. Describe the demoniac whom Jesus healed. Ans. Mark 5: 1-8.
19. How did the unclean spirits affect the swine? Ans. Mark 5: 9-13.

LESSON 7**A GROUP OF MIRACLES**

BACKGROUND.—The primary purpose of Jesus' miracles was to prove the divinity of his mission (Jno. 5: 36).

This lesson covers the following miracles: (1) Raising Jairus' daughter; (2) Healing a woman; (3) Feeding the multitude on two occasions; (4) Walking on the water; (5) Healing the daughter of the Syrophenician woman.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Why did Jairus ask Jesus to come to his house? Ans. Luke 8: 41, 42.
3. Whom did Jesus heal on the way to Jairus' house? Ans. Luke 8: 43-48.
4. Who witnessed the raising of Jairus' daughter? Ans. Luke 8: 51.
5. Why were the people of Nazareth offended in Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 13: 54-58.
6. Why did a great multitude follow Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee? Ans. Jno. 6: 1, 2.
7. What question did Jesus ask Philip, and why? Ans. Jno. 6: 5, 6.
8. How much bread did Philip say it would take to feed the people?
Ans. Jno. 6: 7.
9. Tell how Jesus fed this multitude. Ans. Jno. 6: 8-13.
10. Why did Jesus then withdraw into a mountain? Ans. Jno. 6: 14, 15.
11. How did Jesus cross over to Capernaum?
Ans. Jno. 6: 16-21; Matt. 14: 22-33.
12. What is the "bread of life?" Ans. Jno. 6: 48-58.
13. After hearing the discourse on the bread of life, what did many of the disciples do? Ans. Jno. 6: 66.
14. Why did the twelve not forsake him? Ans. Jno. 6: 67-69.
15. What did the scribes and Pharisees from Jerusalem ask Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 15: 1, 2.
16. What was Jesus' reply? Ans. Matt. 15: 3-9.
17. What reason did Jesus give for not healing the daughter of the Canaanitish woman? Ans. Matt. 15: 21-26.
18. How did the woman reply to this? Ans. Matt. 15: 27.
19. What did Jesus say about this woman's faith? Ans. Matt. 15: 28.
20. How long had the people continued with Jesus without food?
Ans. Matt. 15: 32.
21. How many loaves did the disciples have? Ans. Matt 15: 34.
22. How many people were fed on this occasion? Ans. Matt. 15: 38.
23. How much food was gathered up afterwards? Ans. Matt. 15: 37.

LESSON 8**FROM CAESAREA PHILIPPI TO JERUSALEM**

BACKGROUND.—This lesson begins with Jesus in the extreme northern part of Palestine and closes with the feast of tabernacles in Jerusalem.

Jesus was approaching the end of his ministry and the apostles had not yet learned the purpose of his mission. He plainly told them that he must be killed and raised up in order to accomplish his purpose. This was contrary to their conception of him and his kingdom, and they did not understand clearly till after his resurrection.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. What did Jesus ask his disciples about himself? Ans. Matt. 16: 13.
3. Who did men say he was? Ans. Matt. 16: 14.
4. Who did Peter say that Jesus is? Ans. Matt. 16:16.
5. Who had revealed this to Peter? Ans. Matt. 16: 17.
6. Upon what did Christ say he would build his church?
Ans. Matt. 16: 18.
7. Unto whom were the keys of the kingdom or church to be given?
Ans. Matt. 16: 19.
8. What startling truth did Jesus then begin to show to his disciples?
Ans. Matt. 16: 21.
9. Who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus? Ans. Matt. 17: 1, 2.
10. Who appeared to them? Ans. Matt. 17: 3.
11. What was the theme of conversation of Moses, Elijah, and Christ?
Ans. Luke 9: 30, 31.
12. What did Peter propose? Ans. Matt. 17: 4.
13. What was said by the "voice out of the cloud?" Ans. Matt. 17: 5.
14. What reference did Peter make later to this scene?
Ans. II Pet. 1: 16-18.
15. Why did Jesus pay the temple tax? Ans. Matt. 17: 24-27.
16. Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven? Ans. Matt. 18: 1-4.
17. What is the Christian's duty toward offenders? Ans. Matt. 18: 15-17.
18. What lesson is taught in the parable of the two debtors?
Ans. Matt. 18: 21-35.
19. Who urged Jesus to go to Judea and why? Ans. Jno. 7: 1-5.
20. What did Jesus do while at the feast of tabernacles? Ans. Jno. 7: 14.
21. Why did the Pharisees bring a sinful woman to Jesus?
Ans. Jno. 8: 1-6.
22. How did Jesus dispel them? Ans. Jno. 8: 6-11.
23. How did Jesus give sight to the man born blind? Ans. Jno. 9: 1-7.
24. Why did the Pharisees object to this miracle? Ans. Jno. 9: 13-16.
25. How did the man who was healed defend Jesus? Ans. Jno. 9: 30-33.
26. Tell of the mission of the seventy. Ans. Luke 10: 1-24.

LESSON 9**THE SECOND GROUP OF PARABLES**

BACKGROUND.—Each parable was spoken to enforce one main truth. When the main lesson has been determined, no attempt should be made to give spiritual significance to every little detail mentioned in the story.

The purpose of some of the parables is stated in the very first words (Lk. 18: 1); in others the purpose is indicated at the close (Lk. 14: 11); in others the purpose can be determined by the circumstances under which they were spoken (Lk. 15: 1, 2).

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Why did a certain lawyer question Jesus? Ans. Luke 10: 25-29.
3. Tell the story of the "good Samaritan." Ans. Luke 10: 30-35.
4. What lesson does it teach? Ans. Luke 10: 36, 37.
5. What important duty is taught in the parable of the "friend at midnight?" Ans. Luke 11: 5-10.
6. How is the kingdom of heaven like a mustard seed?
Ans. Luke 13: 18, 19.
7. How is it like leaven? Ans. Luke 13: 20, 21.
8. Why did Jesus call Herod a fox? Ans. Luke 13: 31, 32.
9. How did Jesus emphasize the lesson of humility? Ans. Luke 14: 7-11.
10. What excuses were given for not attending the "great supper?"
Ans. Luke 14: 16-20.
11. How did these excuses affect the master of the house?
Ans. Luke 14: 21-24.
12. What lesson is taught in the parables of the builder and of the king at war? Ans. Luke 14: 27-33.
13. Tell the story of the "lost sheep" and give its spiritual application.
Ans. Luke 15: 3-7.
14. Relate the parable of the "lost coin" and give its spiritual application.
Ans. Luke 15: 8-10.
15. Tell the story of the prodigal son and give its spiritual application.
Ans. Luke 15: 11-32.
16. What lesson is taught in the parable of the unrighteous steward?
Ans. Luke 16: 1-12.
17. Tell the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Ans. Luke 16: 19-31.
18. Why did the rich man want some one sent to his brethren?
Ans. Luke 16: 27, 28.
19. Why was his request not granted? Ans. Luke 16: 29-31.
20. Why did Jesus speak the parable of the "widow and the judge?"
Ans. Luke 18: 1.
21. Tell the story of the Pharisee and publican and give the lesson it teaches. Ans. Luke 18: 9-14.

LESSON 10**THE PEREAN MINISTRY**

BACKGROUND.—Jesus' work in Perea was interrupted by the death of Lazarus. On three occasions Jesus raised the dead—once an only son (Luke 7: 11-15); once an only daughter (Luke 8: 41-51); in this lesson an only brother (Jno. 11).

After the raising of Lazarus the Jews were more determined than ever to kill Jesus; but he returned to Perea, the scene of the early ministry of John the Baptist. Here his work was successful; here the most of the parables of the preceding lesson were spoken.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. What do you know of Lazarus, Mary and Martha?
Ans. Jno. 11: 1, 2; Luke 10: 38-42.
3. Why did they send for Jesus? Ans. Jno. 11: 3.
4. How long had Lazarus been in the tomb when Jesus arrived?
Ans. Jno. 11: 17.
5. What promise did Jesus make to Martha? Ans. Jno. 11: 23-27.
6. How did the grief of Mary and others affect Jesus?
Ans. Jno. 11: 32-38.
7. Why did Martha think the stone should not be removed from Lazarus' tomb? Ans. Jno. 11: 38-41.
8. What was Jesus' command to the dead Lazarus? Ans. Jno. 11: 43.
9. What question did the Pharisees and scribes then consider?
Ans. Jno. 11: 47, 48.
10. What prophecy concerning Christ did Caiaphas make?
Ans. Jno. 11: 49-53.
11. Where then did Jesus go? Ans. Jno. 11: 54.
12. How many lepers did Jesus heal in a "certain village?"
Ans. Luke 17: 12-14.
13. How many returned to give him thanks? Ans. Luke 17: 15-19.
14. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees about the coming of the kingdom?
Ans. Luke 17: 20, 21.
15. Give Jesus' answer to the Pharisees' question on divorce.
Ans. Matt. 19: 3-6.
16. Why did the law of Moses provide for a bill of divorce?
Ans. Matt. 19: 7-8.
17. What is the law of Christ on divorce and remarriage?
Ans. Matt. 19: 9.
18. Why did the rich young ruler turn away from Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 19: 16-22.
19. What astonishing statement did Jesus make to his disciples?
Ans. Matt. 19: 23-25.
20. What does Jesus promise those who make sacrifices for his name's sake? Ans. Matt. 19: 29.

LESSON 11

FROM PEREA TO JERUSALEM

BACKGROUND.—Jesus left Perea and went to Jerusalem to die on the cross. He passed through Jericho and arrived at Bethany near Jerusalem on Friday night, one week before his crucifixion.

On Saturday night at a supper given in his honor, Mary anointed him with precious ointment.

On Sunday he made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Monday he went into the city again and cleansed the temple for the second time in his ministry.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. On the way to Jerusalem what did Jesus again tell his disciples?
Ans. Matt. 20: 17-19.
3. What did the mother of James and John ask of Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 20: 20, 21.
4. How did Jesus reply to this request? Ans. Matt. 20: 22, 23.
5. How is true greatness attained in the kingdom of Christ?
Ans. Matt. 20: 25-28.
6. Whom did Jesus heal when they came to Jericho?
Ans. Mark 10: 46-52.
7. Who was Zacchaeus? Ans. Luke 19: 1-3.
8. How did he manage to see Jesus? Ans. Luke 19: 4.
9. What did Jesus say to him? Ans. Luke 19: 5, 6.
10. Why was salvation brought to the house of Zacchaeus?
Ans. Luke 19: 8-10.
11. Why did Jesus speak the parable of the pounds? Ans. Luke 19: 11.
12. What kindly deed was done for Jesus at Bethany? Ans. Mark 14: 3-8.
13. Why did Judas object to this? Ans. Jno. 12: 4-6.
14. How did Jesus immortalize this act of kindness? Ans. Mark 14: 9.
15. Who was this woman who anointed Jesus? Ans. Jno. 12: 3.
16. How did Jesus prepare for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
Ans. Matt. 21: 1-6.
17. How was he received by the multitude? Ans. Matt. 21: 8-11.
18. What did Jesus do when he entered the temple?
Ans. Matt. 21: 12-14.
19. How did Jesus learn that certain Greeks wanted to see him?
Ans. Jno. 12: 20-22.
20. What did Jesus say about the necessity of his death?
Ans. Jno. 12: 23, 24.
21. How did Jesus say he would draw men unto himself?
Ans. Jno. 12: 32, 33.

LESSON 12**THE LAST DAY OF PUBLIC TEACHING**

BACKGROUND.—The events of this lesson occurred on Tuesday before the crucifixion the following Friday. The day opened with Jesus teaching and answering captious questions in the Temple. It ended with the diabolical plot of the Jews and the dastardly bargain of Judas. This was the last day that Jesus taught in public. He spent the rest of the time alone with his disciples in preparation for the bitter cup of Calvary.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Where did Jesus go each night during the week of his crucifixion?
Ans. Mark 11: 19; Luke 21: 37; Matt. 21: 17.
3. What questions did the chief priests and elders ask Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 21: 23.
4. Upon what condition did Jesus promise to answer their questions?
Ans. Matt. 21: 24, 25.
5. Why did these Jews not answer Jesus' question? Ans. Matt. 21: 25-27.
6. How did the Pharisees and Herodians try to ensnare Jesus in his talk?
Ans. Matt. 22: 16, 17.
7. How did Jesus answer them? Ans. Matt. 22: 21.
8. What question did the Sadducees bring to Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 22: 23-28.
9. What was Jesus' answer? Ans. Matt. 22: 29-32.
10. What question did a lawyer of the Pharisees ask Jesus?
Ans. Matt. 22: 34-36.
11. What was Jesus' answer? Ans. Matt. 22: 37-40.
12. How did Jesus put a stop to their asking questions?
Ans. Matt. 22: 41-46.
13. On whom did Jesus pronounce a seven-fold woe?
Ans. Matt. 23: 13, 15, 16, 23, 25, 27, 29.
14. To what deed of liberality did Jesus call the attention of the disciples? Ans. Mark 12: 41-44.
15. On leaving the Temple what did Jesus reveal to the disciples?
Ans. Matt. 24: 1, 2.
16. As they sat on the mount of Olives what question did Jesus answer for them? Ans. Matt. 24: 3.
17. Relate the two parables which Jesus spoke to teach his disciples to watch and be ready for his coming.
Ans. Matt. 25: 1-13 (Ten virgins); Matt. 25: 14-30 (The talents).
18. Who assembled in council to plot the death of Christ?
Ans. Matt. 26: 3-5.
19. Why did they not want to kill him during the feast?
Ans. Matt. 26: 5.
20. Tell of the bargain of Judas. Ans. Matt. 26: 14-16.

LESSON 13**THE LAST PASSOVER AND GETHSEMANE**

BACKGROUND.—Our last lesson covered Tuesday's events. There is no record of what Jesus did on Wednesday. The events of this lesson took place on Thursday, the day before the crucifixion, according to the best chronologies. On this Thursday morning, Jesus woke never to sleep again, except the sleep of death. The lesson begins with the preparation for the passover and ends in Gethsemane.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Whom did Jesus send to prepare the passover? Ans. Luke 22: 7, 8.
3. How did they know where to go and what to do?
Ans. Luke 22: 9-13.
4. What startling announcement did Jesus make at the supper?
Ans. Mat. 26: 20-23.
5. What was the subject of contention among the disciples?
Ans. Luke 22: 24.
6. What did Jesus do to teach them the lesson of humble service?
Ans. Jno. 13: 3-17.
7. Tell of the institution of the Lord's Supper.
Ans. Matt. 26: 26-29; I Cor. 11: 23-26.
8. What was done after the supper? Ans. Matt. 26: 30.
9. What did Jesus foretell regarding Peter?
Ans. Matt. 26: 31-35; Luke 22: 31-34.
10. In his farewell address how did Jesus comfort his disciples?
Ans. Jno. 14: 1-3.
11. What did Jesus say he would send unto them?
Ans. Jno. 14: 16, 17; 16: 7.
12. What would this comforter do for them? Ans. Jno. 14: 26; 16: 8, 13.
13. Who is the true vine? Ans. Jno. 15: 1.
14. Who are the branches? Ans. Jno. 15: 5.
15. What of the branches that bear no fruit? Ans. Jno. 15: 2-6.
16. How did Jesus say his disciples would be treated? Ans. Jno. 16: 1, 2.
17. For what did Jesus pray regarding unity of his disciples? Why?
Ans. Jno. 17: 19-21.
18. Where did Jesus then go? Ans. Matt. 26: 36.
19. Describe the agony of Gethsemane.
Ans. Matt. 26: 37-45; Luke 22: 44.
20. Who led the company that arrested Jesus? Ans. Luke 22: 47.
21. By what token did Judas betray Jesus? Ans. Mark 14: 44-45.
22. How did Peter try to defend Jesus? Ans. Jno. 18: 10.
23. What did Jesus say to him? Ans. Matt. 26: 52-54.
24. What did Jesus do for the man whom Peter had wounded?
Ans. Luke 22: 51.
25. What did all the disciples do then? Ans. Matt. 26: 56.

LESSON 14**THE TRIAL OF JESUS**

BACKGROUND.—The events of this lesson occurred between mid night Thursday and 9:00 a. m., Friday.

Jesus was rushed through a six-fold trial—three Jewish or ecclesiastical, and three Roman or civil. The Jewish trials were: (1) Before Annas; (2) Before Caiaphas; (3) Before the Jewish council or Sanhedrin. The Roman trials were: (1) Before Pilate; (2) Before Herod. (3) Before Pilate again.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Where was Jesus taken after his arrest? Ans. Jno. 18: 12-14.
3. Annas questioned Jesus concerning what? Ans. Jno. 18: 19.
4. How did Jesus answer him? Ans. Jno. 18: 20, 21.
5. What did an officer then do? Ans. Jno. 18: 22.
6. Where did Annas send Jesus? Ans. Jno. 18: 24.
7. What kind of treatment did Jesus receive before Caiaphas? Ans. Luke 22: 63-65.
8. Who had followed Jesus 'afar off'? Ans. Luke 22: 54.
9. Tell of Peter's denial. Ans. Luke 22: 55-62.
10. Where was Jesus taken "as soon as it was day"? Ans. Luke 22: 66.
11. What was wrong with the testimony of the witnesses against Jesus? Ans. Mark 14: 55-59.
12. What question did the high priest finally ask Jesus? Ans. Mark 14: 61.
13. What was Jesus answer? Ans. Mark 14: 62.
14. What charge was then made against Jesus? Ans. Matt. 26: 65; Mark 14: 64.
15. How then was Jesus treated? Ans. Mark 14: 65.
16. Before whom was Jesus taken next? Ans. Matt. 27: 1, 2.
17. What was Pilate's verdict after he had examined Jesus? Ans. Luke 23: 4.
18. Where did Pilate send Jesus? Ans. Luke 23: 6, 7.
19. Why was Herod so glad to see Jesus? Ans. Luke 23: 8, 9.
20. Where did Herod send him? Ans. Luke 23: 11, 12.
21. What message did Pilate's wife send him? Ans. Matt. 27: 19.
22. How many times did Pilate pronounce Jesus innocent? Ans. Luke 23: 22.
23. Why did he not release him? Ans. Jno. 19: 12, 13.
24. What notorious criminal was released instead of Jesus? Ans. Mark 15: 6-15.
25. How did Pilate try to free himself from the crime of condemning Jesus? Ans. Matt. 27: 24.
26. What became of Judas' thirty pieces of silver? Ans. Matt. 27: 3-10.
27. What became of Judas? Ans. Matt. 27: 5; Acts 1: 18.

LESSON 15

THE CRUCIFIXION

BACKGROUND.—Jesus was nailed to the cross about 9:00 o'clock Friday morning. The events of this day occupy more space in the sacred writings than those of any other day in biblical history. Some one has said if the whole life of Jesus had been as fully recorded, it would fill four hundred volumes as large as the entire New Testament. "Christ Crucified" was the theme of all apostolic preaching.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. How was Jesus abused by the soldiers? Ans. Matt. 27: 27-31.
3. Who was compelled to help bear the cross?
Ans. Matt. 27: 32; Jno. 19: 17.
4. Where was Jesus crucified? Ans. Matt. 27: 33.
5. What was offered him to drink? Ans. Matt. 27: 34.
6. What was written on his cross? Ans. Matt. 27: 37.
7. In what languages was this written? Ans. Jno. 19: 19, 20.
8. What was done with the garments of Jesus? Ans. Jno. 19: 23, 24.
9. Who were crucified with him? Ans. Matt. 27: 38.
10. Give Jesus' prayer for his enemies? Ans. Luke 23: 34.
11. What did one of the robbers ask of Jesus? Ans. Luke 23: 39-42.
12. Give Jesus' answer to him. Ans. Luke 23: 43.
13. Who among the friends of Jesus saw him crucified?
Ans. Matt. 27: 55, 56; Jno. 19: 25, 26.
14. To whom did Jesus commit the care of his mother?
Ans. Jno. 19: 26, 27.
15. What prevailed over the land from noon till 3:00 p. m.?
Ans. Matt. 27: 45.
16. About the ninth hour what did Jesus cry out in a loud voice?
Ans. Matt. 27: 46.
17. What was given him when he said, "I thirst?" Ans. Jno. 19: 28, 29.
18. After receiving the vinegar what did Jesus say? Ans. Jno. 19: 30.
19. To whom were the last words of Jesus addressed? Ans. Luke 23: 46.
20. The death of Jesus was accompanied by what miraculous event?
Ans. Matt. 27: 51-53.
21. What effect did all these things have on the centurion?
Ans. Matt. 27: 54.
22. What did the Jews ask of Pilate? Ans. Jno. 19: 31.
23. What did the soldiers do to make sure and to hasten the death of the victims on the cross? Ans. Jno. 19: 32-34.
24. Who buried Jesus? Ans. Jno. 19: 38-40.
25. Where was Jesus buried? Ans. Matt. 27: 59-61; Jno. 19: 41, 42.
26. Why was the tomb of Jesus sealed and guarded?
Ans. Matt. 27: 62-66.

LESSON 16**FROM THE RESURRECTION TO THE ASCENSION**

BACKGROUND.—From his resurrection to his ascension Jesus made at least ten appearances—(1) To Mary Magdalene; (2) To other women a little later; (3) To two disciples on the way to Emmaus; (4) To Simon Peter; (5) To the apostles in the absence of Thomas. (These first five appearances occurred on the day of the resurrection); (6) To the apostles including Thomas; (7) To seven disciples at the sea of Galilee; (8) To five hundred disciples; (9) To James; (10) To the apostles at the ascension.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. **Who had foretold the resurrection of Christ?**
Ans. Ps. 16: 10; Acts 2: 25-31; Matt. 16: 21.
3. **On what day of the week was Jesus raised from the dead?**
Ans. Matt. 28: 1; Mark 16: 9.
4. **By whom and to whom was the resurrection first announced?**
Ans. Matt. 28: 1-6; Mark 16: 1-8; Luke 24: 1-7.
5. **To whom did Jesus appear first?** Ans. Mark 16: 9; Jno. 20: 14-18.
6. **To whom did he next appear?** Ans. Matt. 28: 1-10.
7. **To whom did these women report the resurrection?**
Ans. Luke 24: 10, 11.
8. **What then did Peter and the "other disciple" do?** Ans. Jno. 20: 3-10.
9. **What false report was spread abroad among the Jews?**
Ans. Matt. 28: 11-15.
10. **Tell of Jesus' appearance to two on the way to Emmaus.**
Ans. Luke 24: 13-34.
11. **To whom did Jesus appear that night in a closed room?**
Ans. Jno. 20: 19, 20.
12. **Who was not present that night?** Ans. Jno. 20: 24, 25.
13. **Eight days later how was Thomas convinced of the resurrection?**
Ans. Jno. 20: 26-29.
14. **Tell of the appearance at the sea of Galilee.** Ans. Jno. 21: 1-23.
15. **At what other place did Jesus appear to his disciples?**
Ans. Matt. 28: 16, 17.
16. **To how many disciples did Jesus appear at one time?**
Ans. I Cor. 15: 6.
17. **Give the "Great Commission."**
Ans. Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15, 16; Luke 24: 46-49.
18. **During the space of how many days did Jesus make these appearances?** Ans. Acts 1: 3.
19. **Tell of the ascension of Christ.** Ans. Acts 1: 6-11.

LESSON 17**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

BACKGROUND.—This day of Pentecost came fifty days after the resurrection and ten days after the ascension of Christ. This is the birthday of the church of Christ. Jesus had told his apostles they would see the kingdom of God come with power (Mark 9: 1). On this day the Holy Spirit came in baptismal measure, and they received the promised power (Acts 1: 8; 2: 4). Therefore the kingdom of God came on this day.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. After the ascension where did the apostles go? Ans. Acts 1: 12, 13.
3. For what were they waiting at Jerusalem?
Ans. Acts 1: 4; Luke 24: 49.
4. What did Peter say about the fate of Judas? Ans. Acts 1: 15-20.
5. What were the qualifications for the apostolic office?
Ans. Acts 1: 21, 22.
6. Who were put forward for this office? Ans. Acts 1: 23.
7. Who was chosen to take the place of Judas? Ans. Acts 1: 24-26.
8. What came from heaven on the day of Pentecost and "filled all the house?" Ans. Acts 2: 1, 2.
9. What appeared to the apostles? Ans. Acts 2: 3.
10. With what were they filled? Ans. Acts 2: 4.
11. Who were dwelling at Jerusalem at this time? Ans. Acts 2: 5.
12. Why was the multitude amazed and confounded? Ans. Acts 2: 6-12.
13. What did some of them mockingly say? Ans. Acts 2: 13.
14. Who addressed the multitude? Ans. Acts 2: 14.
15. What prophet had foretold this event? Ans. Acts 2: 16-21.
16. How had Jesus been "approved of God?" Ans. Acts 2: 22.
17. Of what crime did Peter accuse his audience? Ans. Acts 2: 23.
18. What prophecy did Peter quote to prove the resurrection of Christ?
Ans. Acts 2: 25-28.
19. What had God sworn to David? Ans. Acts 2: 30.
20. Of what was he speaking? Ans. Acts 2: 31.
21. What other proof of the resurrection did Peter present?
Ans. Acts 2: 32-36.
22. What effect did Peter's sermon have on the multitude?
Ans. Acts 2: 37.
23. What did Peter tell them to do, and why? Ans. Acts 2: 38.
24. What was done by the three thousand who received Peter's word?
Ans. Acts 2: 41.
25. In what did they continue steadfastly? Ans. Acts 2: 42.
26. Whom did the Lord add daily to the church? Ans. Acts 2: 47

LESSON 18**THE FIRST PERSECUTION**

BACKGROUND.—Soon after Pentecost Peter and John healed a lame man at the gate of the temple. A crowd gathered and Peter preached to them. Jewish officials interrupted his sermon, arrested Peter and John and put them in prison. They were questioned the next morning, but the Sanhedrin could make no formal charge against them, so they were threatened and released. They went immediately to their brethren and reported the Sanhedrin's orders. They all prayed and continued to speak "the word of God with boldness."

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Where did Peter and John go at the hour of prayer? Ans. Acts 3: 1.
3. Who was laid daily at the temple gate? Ans. Acts 3: 2.
4. What did the lame man ask of Peter and John? Ans. Acts 3: 3.
5. What did they do for him? Ans. Acts 3: 4-7.
6. How did this miracle affect the people? Ans. Acts 3: 9, 10.
7. Who spoke to the crowd assembled? Ans. Acts 3: 11, 12.
8. By whose power was the lame man healed? Ans. Acts 3: 13-16.
9. Of what did Peter accuse his listeners? Ans. Acts 3: 14, 15.
10. What did he say the Christ had fulfilled? Ans. Acts 3: 18.
11. What did Peter tell them to do? Ans. Acts 3: 19.
12. What prophecy did Peter quote from Moses? Ans. Acts 3: 22.
13. What of those who refused to hear that prophet? Ans. Acts 3: 23.
14. What had all the prophets foretold? Ans. Acts 3: 24, 25.
15. Who interrupted Peter's preaching? Ans. Acts 4: 1, 2.
16. What did they do with Peter and John? Ans. Acts 4: 3.
17. Peter's preaching increased the number of believers to how many? Ans. Acts 4: 4.
18. At the trial the next day what did the council ask Peter and John? Ans. Acts 4: 5-7.
19. What was Peter's answer? Ans. Acts 4: 8-12.
20. Why could the council say nothing against the miracle? Ans. Acts 4: 13, 14.
21. What did the council decide to do about the matter? Ans. Acts 4: 17, 18.
22. How did Peter and John say they would treat the council's orders? Ans. Acts 4: 19, 20.
23. Why were they not punished further? Ans. Acts 4: 21, 22.
24. When released where did they go? Ans. Acts 4: 23.
25. How did God show that he was with them? Ans. Acts 4: 24-31.

LESSON 19**THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM**

BACKGROUND.—This lesson includes the following: (1) the community of goods; (2) The sin of Ananias and Sapphira; (3) The arrest of all the apostles and the speech of Gamaliel; (4) The appointment of the seven men for the distribution of goods; (5) Stephen's sermon and death.

1. Name the events covered by this lesson.
2. How did the church in Jerusalem supply the needs of all?
Ans. Acts 4: 32-35.
3. What did Barnabas do with the money received for his land?
Ans. Acts 4: 36, 37.
4. What sin did Ananias and Sapphira commit? Ans. Acts 5: 1-4.
5. How were they punished? Ans. Acts 5: 5-10.
6. How did this affect the growth of the church? Ans. Acts 5: 14.
7. What miracles were wrought? Ans. Acts 5: 12, 15, 16.
8. Who became indignant at all this? Ans. Acts 5: 17.
9. What did they do to the apostles? Ans. Acts 5: 18.
10. How were the apostles delivered from prison? Ans. Acts 5: 19.
11. What did the angel tell them to do? Ans. Acts 5: 20.
12. What did the officers report to the council? Ans. Acts 5: 21-25.
13. What did the officers do then? Ans. Acts 5: 26-28.
14. Whom did Peter say he must obey? Ans. Acts 5: 29.
15. What did Peter tell the council about the Christ? Ans. Acts 5: 30-32.
16. What did Gamaliel advise the council to do? Ans. Acts 5: 33-39.
17. What did the council do then? Ans. Acts 5: 40.
18. What protest was made by the Grecian brethren? Ans. Acts 6: 1.
19. How was this matter adjusted? Ans. Acts 6: 2-6.
20. How was the arrest of Stephen procured? Ans. Acts 6: 8-14.
21. Give the substance of Stephen's address to the council.
Ans. Acts 7: 1-53.
22. What effect did this sermon have on the Jewish council?
Ans. Acts 7: 54-57.
23. Tell of Stephen's death. Ans. Acts 7: 58-60.
24. What part did Saul play in the martyrdom of Stephen?
Ans. Acts 7: 58; 22: 20.

LESSON 20**THE CHURCH SCATTERED ABROAD**

BACKGROUND.—For the first few years the church made no effort to preach the gospel outside the city of Jerusalem. At the death of Stephen a great persecution arose, and the disciples were scattered abroad; only the apostles remained in Jerusalem. The scattered disciples went everywhere preaching the word. This persecution resulted in the progress of the gospel rather than its hindrance.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. What caused the disciples to leave Jerusalem? Ans. Acts 8: 1.
3. What was Saul doing at this time? Ans. Acts 8: 3.
4. What did the disciples do when scattered? Ans. Acts 8: 4.
5. Where did Philip go? Ans. Acts 8: 5.
6. How was his preaching received? Ans. Acts 8: 6, 12.
7. What notorious sorcerer was converted? Ans. Acts 8: 9-13.
8. Why were Peter and John sent to Samaria? Ans. Acts 8: 14-17.
9. What sin was committed by Simon, the former sorcerer?
Ans. Acts 8: 18-24.
10. Where did an angel tell Philip to go? Ans. Acts 8: 26.
11. What did Philip find on arriving there? Ans. Acts 8: 27, 28.
12. What did the eunuch invite Philip to do? Why? Ans. Acts 8: 29-31.
13. What did Philip preach to him? Ans. Acts 8: 35.
14. Tell the circumstances of the eunuch's baptism. Ans. Acts 8: 36-39.
15. What was Saul's purpose in going to Damascus? Ans. Acts 9: 1, 2.
16. Tell what happened on the road to Damascus.
Ans. Acts 9: 3-9; 22: 6-11; 26: 12-18.
17. Who was sent to tell Saul what to do? Ans. Acts 9: 10-16.
18. What did Ananias tell Saul to do? Ans. Acts 22: 16.
19. Then what did Saul do in Damascus? Ans. Acts 9: 20-22.
20. How did Saul escape the plot of the Jews? Ans. Acts 9: 23-25.
21. Who introduced him to the church in Jerusalem? Ans. Acts 9: 26-28.
22. Who visited the saints in all regions? Ans. Acts 9: 32.
23. What miracle did he perform at Lydda? Ans. Acts 9: 33-35.
24. Tell of the raising of Dorcas. Ans. Acts 9: 36-42.
25. With whom did Peter live in Joppa? Ans. Acts 9: 43.

LESSON 21**THE CONVERSION OF GENTILES**

BACKGROUND.—The conversion of Cornelius marks a turning point in the history of the church. At first the apostles preached to Jews only. But three events occurred which made it quite clear that the Gentiles also were included in the gospel plan: (1) Peter's vision on the house top at Joppa (Acts 10: 9-16); (2) The baptism of the Holy Spirit at the house of Cornelius (Acts 10: 44-46); (3) Barnabas' investigation of the work among the Gentiles at Antioch (Acts 11: 22-24).

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Who was Cornelius? Ans. Acts 10: 1, 2.
3. What did an angel tell him to do, and why?
Ans. Acts 10: 3-6; 11: 14.
4. Whom did Cornelius send to Joppa? Ans. Acts 10: 7, 8.
5. Describe Peter's vision on the house top. Ans. Acts 10: 9-16.
6. What did the spirit tell Peter to do? Ans. Acts 10: 19, 20.
7. Who accompanied Peter to Caesarea? Ans. Acts 10: 23; 11: 12.
8. Tell of his arrival at the house of Cornelius. Ans. Acts 10: 24-33.
9. Give the substance of Peter's sermon. Ans. Acts 10: 34-43.
10. What happened while Peter spoke? Ans. Acts 10: 44-46.
11. What did Peter command them to do? Ans. Acts 10: 47, 48.
12. Why did some of the Jews at Jerusalem contend with Peter?
Ans. Acts 11: 1-3.
13. How did Peter defend his actions? Ans. Acts 11: 4-17.
14. At what other place were Gentiles converted? Ans. Acts 11: 20, 21.
15. When this news reached Jerusalem, whom did they send to Antioch?
Ans. Acts 11: 22-24.
16. Why did Saul go to Antioch? Ans. Acts 11: 25, 26.
17. What were the disciples called first in Antioch? Ans. Acts 11: 26.
18. To what extent did Herod persecute the church? Ans. Acts 12: 1-5.
19. How was Peter delivered from prison? Ans. Acts 12: 6-11.
20. Where then did Peter go? Ans. Acts 12: 12-17.
21. Tell of the death of Herod. Ans. Acts 12: 20-23.

LESSON 22**PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY**

BACKGROUND.—About twelve or fifteen years after Pentecost, the church in Antioch became the center for a world-wide evangelization and Jerusalem became less prominent in gospel activities.

The church at Antioch was great in number, rich in teachers, evangelistic in spirit, and liberal toward the needy. From this church Paul went forth on his missionary tours, and to it he reported on his return. This Antioch should not be confused with Antioch in Pisidia.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Who were sent with relief funds from Antioch to Jerusalem?
Ans. Acts 11: 27-30.
3. Who went with them on their return to Antioch? Ans. Acts 12: 25.
4. How many teachers in the church at Antioch? Ans. Acts 13: 1.
5. Who among these teachers were chosen for a preaching tour?
Ans. Acts 13: 2, 3.
6. Whom did they have as their attendant? Ans. Acts 13: 5.
7. Where did they go first? Ans. Acts 13: 4.
8. Relate their experience at Cyprus. Ans. Acts 13: 4-12.
9. **From this time what was Saul called? Ans. Acts 13: 9.**
10. When they reached Perga where did Mark go? Ans. Acts 13: 13.
11. Give the substance of Paul's sermon at Antioch in Pisidia.
Ans. Acts 13: 16-41.
12. Who stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas here?
Ans. Acts 13: 45, 50.
13. How were they treated at Iconium? Ans. Acts 14: 1-5.
14. Why did the pagan priest at Lystra want to offer sacrifices to them?
Ans. Acts 14: 8-13.
15. How did Paul and Barnabas prevent this? Ans. Acts 14: 14-18.
16. Tell of the stoning of Paul. Ans. Acts 14: 19, 20.
17. To what cities did they make a return visit? Ans. Acts 14: 21.
18. What did they do in all these places? Ans. Acts 14: 22, 23.
19. To what church did they return and report their journey?
Ans. Acts 14: 26-28.
20. Why did Paul rebuke Peter at Antioch? Ans. Gal. 2: 11-14.
21. Why were Paul and Barnabas sent to Jerusalem? Ans. Acts 15: 1-5.
22. Who assembled to consider this matter of circumcision and the law?
Ans. Acts 15: 6.
23. Who were in favor of binding the law of circumcision on the Gentiles? Ans. Acts 15: 5.
24. Who spoke against it? Ans. Acts 15: 7, 12, 13.
25. What did the apostles and elders decide to do about the matter?
Ans. Acts 15: 22-29.

LESSON 23**PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY**

BACKGROUND.—This was a very fruitful evangelistic tour. Silas, Timothy and Luke were with Paul much of the time on this journey. They crossed over to the European continent and planted the cause in Philippi, Thessalonica, Beroea, Athens and Corinth. Paul wrote First and Second Thessalonians while on this journey. These are his earliest Epistles that have come down to us.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. What caused the separation of Paul and Barnabas?
Ans. Acts 15: 36-39.
3. Whom did Paul choose to go with him? Ans. Acts 15: 40.
4. Who joined them at Lystra? Ans. Acts 16: 1-3.
5. Tell of Paul's vision at Troas. Ans. Acts 16: 9, 10.
6. Where did they go when they reached Philippi? Ans. Acts 16: 12, 13.
7. Who was converted there? Ans. Acts 16: 14, 15.
8. Why were Paul and Silas imprisoned at Philippi? Ans. Acts 16: 16-24.
9. Tell of the conversion of the jailer. Ans. Acts 16: 25-34.
10. Who accepted the gospel at Thessalonica? Ans. Acts 17: 1-4.
11. What did the Jews do? Ans. Acts 17: 5-9.
12. Where did Paul and Silas go next? Ans. Acts 17: 10.
13. What is said of the people of Beroea? Ans. Acts 17: 11, 12.
14. Tell of Paul's work at Athens. Ans. Acts 17: 16-34.
15. Whom did Paul meet at Corinth? Ans. Acts 18: 1-3.
16. How long did he remain in Corinth? Ans. Acts 18: 11.
17. What were the results of his labors in Corinth? Ans. Acts 18: 8.
18. What charge did the jews bring against him? Ans. Acts 18: 12, 13.
19. How did the proconsul treat this charge? Ans. Acts 18: 14-17.
20. What other places did Paul visit on his way back to Antioch?
Ans. Acts 18: 18-22.

LESSON 24**PAUL'S THIRD JOURNEY**

BACKGROUND.—Paul's third tour (A. D. 54-58) began at Antioch in Syria and ended with his arrest in Jerusalem, where he had gone to take alms of Gentile Christians to the Jewish brethren. During the four year period of this journey Paul wrote First and Second Corinthians, Romans, and Galatians.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Through what regions did Paul go in the beginning of his third tour? Ans. Acts 18: 23.
3. Who was Apollos? Ans. Acts 18: 24.
4. What was wrong with his teaching? Ans. Acts 18: 25.
5. Who taught him the way of God more accurately? Ans. Acts 18: 26.
6. Why did Paul re-baptize certain disciples at Ephesus? Ans. Acts 19: 1-5.
7. How long did he teach in the synagogue at Ephesus? Ans. Acts 19: 8.
8. How long did he teach in the school of Tyrannus? Ans. Acts 19: 9, 10.
9. What did the new converts in Ephesus do with their books of error? Ans. Acts 19: 18, 19.
10. Why did Demetrius stir up a mob against Paul? Ans. Acts 19: 23-27.
11. How did the town clerk quiet the mob? Ans. Acts 19: 35-41.
12. After this what regions did Paul visit in Europe? Ans. Acts 20: 1-3.
13. On returning to Asia how long did he tarry in Troas? Ans. Acts 20: 6.
14. Why did the disciples meet on the first day of the week? Ans. Acts 20: 7.
15. What miracle did Paul perform there? Ans. Acts 20: 8-12.
16. What city was Paul hastening to reach? Ans. Acts 20: 16.
17. For whom did he send at Miletus? Ans. Acts 20: 17.
18. Give the substance of Paul's speech to the elders of the Ephesian church. Ans. Acts 20: 18-35.
19. What warning did Paul receive from the brethren at Tyre? Ans. Acts 21: 3, 4.
20. At Caesarea what warning did he receive from Agabus? Ans. Acts 21: 8-12.
21. What effect did these warnings have on Paul? Ans. Acts 21: 13, 14.
22. When Paul reached Jerusalem what did James advise him to do? Ans. Acts 21: 17-26.
23. Why was Paul attacked by a mob in the Temple? Ans. Acts 21: 27-30.
24. Who rescued him from the mob? Ans. Acts 21: 31-36.

LESSON 25**PAUL IN PRISON**

BACKGROUND.—During the first two years of his imprisonment Paul delivered six important speeches—two in Jerusalem and four at Caesarea. In Jerusalem he addressed the mob from the stairs of the castle, and the next day he spoke to the Jewish council. At Caesarea he made his defense before Felix, preached a sermon to Felix and Drusilla, **made his defense before Festus, and before beginning the voyage to Rome he delivered an address before Agrippa, Bernice, Festus, the military officers and chief men of the city.**

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Where did the captain command Paul be taken? Ans. Acts 21: 34.
3. Who did the chief captain think Paul was? Ans. Acts 21: 37-39.
4. What did Paul ask of the captain? Ans. Acts 21: 39.
5. How did the Jews act after hearing his speech? Ans. Acts 22: 22, 23.
6. Why was Paul not scourged? Ans. Acts 22: 23-29.
7. Before whom did the captain order Paul to be tried? Ans. Acts 22: 30.
8. Of what two religious sects was the Sanhedrin composed?
Ans. Acts 23: 6.
9. What caused a dissention between these two sects? Ans. Acts 23: 6-9.
10. Then what did the captain do? Ans. Acts 23: 10.
11. What was the Jewish plot to kill Paul? Ans. Acts 23: 12-15.
12. How was this plot foiled? Ans. Acts 23: 16-33.
13. Where did Felix confine Paul? Ans. Acts 23: 35.
14. How many speeches did Paul make before Felix?
Ans. Acts 24: 10, 24.
15. How was Felix affected by Paul's sermon? Ans. Acts 24: 24, 25.
16. Who succeeded Felix as governor? Ans. Acts 24: 27.
17. What request did the Jews make of Festus? Ans. Acts 25: 1-3.
18. How did Festus answer them? Ans. Acts 25: 4, 5.
19. Why did Paul appeal to Caesar? Ans. Acts 25: 9-12.
20. What did Festus tell Agrippa about Paul's case? Ans. Acts 25: 13-21.
21. What did Agrippa say he would like to do? Ans. Acts 25: 22.
22. What effect did Paul's address have on Festus? on Agrippa?
Ans. Acts 26: 24-32.

LESSON 26**THE VOYAGE TO ROME**

BACKGROUND.—Paul was a prisoner in Rome for at least two years. The Scriptures do not give much information regarding his later life. However, in his Epistles, Paul implies, by allusions to incidents and journeys, that he was released from his first Roman imprisonment. The fourth chapter of Second Timothy contains the latest that the Scriptures reveal regarding him.

1. Discuss the background of the lesson.
2. Who had charge of Paul and other prisoners during the voyage to Italy? Ans. Acts 27: 1.
3. What warning did Paul give when they reached Fair Haven in Crete? Ans. Acts 27: 10.
4. Why did the centurion not heed Paul's advice? Ans. Acts 27: 11, 12.
5. Why did the voyage become dangerous? Ans. Acts 27: 14, 15.
6. What was done for the safety of the ship? Ans. Acts 27: 16-19.
7. What assurance did Paul give to all on board? Ans. Acts 27: 21-26.
8. How were the sailors prevented from abandoning the ship? Ans. Acts 27: 30-32.
9. How many were on the ship? Ans. Acts 27: 37.
10. How was the ship wrecked? Ans. Acts 27: 41.
11. Why did the soldiers advise that the prisoners be killed? Ans. Acts 27: 42.
12. Why did the centurion prevent this? Ans. Acts 27: 43.
13. What did the centurion command all to do? Ans. Acts 27: 43, 44.
14. On what island did they land? Ans. Acts 28: 1.
15. What did the natives think of Paul? Ans. Acts 28: 3-6.
16. Whom did Paul heal on this island? Ans. Acts 28: 7-9.
17. How long did they remain there? Ans. Acts 28: 11.
18. Where did brethren from Rome meet Paul? Ans. Acts 28: 15.
19. Three days after reaching Rome what did Paul do? Ans. Acts 28:17.
20. What did he say to the chief of the Jews? Ans. Acts 28: 17-20.
21. Why were they anxious to hear him? Ans. Acts 28: 21, 22.
22. What special privilege was granted to Paul while a prisoner? Ans. Acts 28: 16.
23. What use did Paul make of this privilege? Ans. Acts 28: 23, 30, 31.
24. What resulted from his preaching? Ans. Acts 28: 24.
25. What did Paul say about his own life and reward? Ans. II Tim. 4: 7, 8.

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