

Gospels Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Ten: The King's Triumph – Matthew 26-28; John 15-17

(Schedule enough time to complete the readings for the third through fifth sections of the lesson thoughtfully and deliberately.)

Read John 15-16.

- 1) Which three-word phrase, repeated in all but one of the following references, qualifies the promise given?
John 14:13, 14; 15:7, 16; 16:23-24, 26

- 2) Jesus told His disciples, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace” (John 16:33). To which “things” was He referring (consider the general subject matter of Jesus’ discourse in John 15-16)?

- 3) Which of these truths gives you peace in spite of trouble today? Explain.

Read John 17.

- 4) List phrases from John 17 that summarize:
 - a) how Jesus prayed for Himself (verses 1-5)
 - b) how Jesus prayed for His disciples (6-19)
 - c) how Jesus prayed for all believers (20-26)
 - d) Now summarize each phrase in one word.

- 5) According to John 17:21 and 23, what does Jesus say will result from God’s answer to His prayer for all believers?

- 6) Compare John 16:33 to John 15:11 and John 17:13.
 - a) If there is nothing in the world to promote true joy in us, from where exactly will true joy come? Use any verses in John 15-17 (include references with your answers). See especially John 15:2b, 9, 10; 16:22, 24; 17:10b, 11-12, 23a, 23c, 24, 26b.

 - b) Can you testify to the truth of this? Give a specific example.

Read Matthew 26:36-27:66, skimming Mark 14:32-15:47, Luke 22:39-23:56 and John 18:1-19:42 for additional information.

- 7) Give evidence from these passages (with verse numbers) that:
 - a) all the circumstances surrounding Jesus' death were under His control
 - b) Jesus experienced intense suffering
 - c) Jesus' death was in fulfillment of prophecy
 - d) Jesus had concern for others during His own ordeal and suffering
- 8) What impresses you most about Jesus while He awaited His arrest, during the actual arrest, and during His trial?

Refer to the same passages given for questions 7-8: Matthew 26:36-27:66, Mark 14:32-15:47, Luke 22:39-23:56 and John 18:1-19:42.

- 9) Specify the charge used by the Sanhedrin to condemn Jesus (cite verse from Matthew 26).
- 10) How many different hearings (legal trials) did Jesus endure (consider all passages read)?
- 11) What words did Jesus speak from the Cross (include references)?

- 12)** What was the significance of the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51) at Jesus' death? See Exodus 25:8, 22, 26:1, 31-33; 30:6; 40:3; Leviticus 16:2; Hebrews 9:1-15 and 10:19-22.

Read Matthew 28, skimming Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20-21 for additional information.

- 13)** To whom did Jesus appear following His resurrection (see also 1 Corinthians 15:4-8) and what hints are given about Jesus' resurrected form?

- 14)** What information do Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:44-47, and John 21:15-17 give about the nature of the instructions that Jesus gave His disciples between the time of His resurrection and His ascension?

- 15)** What are you actively doing to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)?