

## **10,000 Foot View**

Week 1: Creation/Fall

Week 2: Patriarchs of Israel

Week 3: Exodus

Week 4: Kings/Exiles

Week 5: Jesus

Week 6: Early Church

Week 7: The Church Continues

Week 8: New Creation

Metanarrative:

The overarching story of the Bible; all parts of the Bible point to—the story of creation, the fall, redemption, and restoration. Imagine an umbrella over all Scripture, and all of it points to Jesus Christ, present at creation, the hope in the fall, our Redeemer, and promise of complete restoration. As you read the Scripture, look at how each part fits into this story.

## **Week 5: Jesus (Redemption)**

After the kings and exiles of God's people we read about last week, there was about 400 years of "silence" from God. There were no prophets, no angels with messages, nothing. This silence ends with an important step of God preparing for Jesus' birth! This week we are studying our risen Savior Jesus, our REDEEMER—the one who made us right and bought us with His blood to be saved from eternal death in sin. There are four books of the Bible covering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and they are referred to as the *gospels*—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

## **Day 1:**

### **Jesus' Birth (actually, a bit thereafter)**

#### **Luke 2:22-35; John 1:1-5**

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt about what Simeon said?

Where in the Luke passage is Jesus' salvation work on the cross already alluded to?

Explain the light/dark contrast in the John passage.

What do you learn about Jesus in these passages?

How does that characteristic of Jesus apply to you today?

*Prayer Prompt:* As you now pray, thank God for fulfilling His promise to save His people. Repent for the darkness in your life, such as \_\_\_\_\_ (any sin, temptations...), and thank Him for being the light to overcome all darkness.

## **Day 2:**

### **Jesus' Miracles—Matthew 15:29-39**

After Jesus healed people, what was the response from the crowd?

What can you glorify (praise, thank) God for today?

What characteristics of Jesus are highlighted in these verses?

How does this passage show that Jesus' compassion goes beyond just spiritual care?

*Prayer Prompt:* As you now pray, thank God for at least 5 things! Thank Him for time He has healed you. Pray for the physical healing of the sick and protection for the healthy. Ask God to continue to give you a thankful heart through each day this week!

## **Day 3:**

### **Jesus' Teachings—John 14:1-6**

Where is there hope in this passage?

Read verse 6 again. What else do you follow? What else do you call truth? What else do you look to for life?

Read verse 1 again! What is the purpose of these verses?

Write down a hope phrase from this passage—place it in a spot you will see often!

*Prayer Prompt:* As you now pray, ask for the Holy Spirit to help you always first look to Jesus for the way, the truth, and life! Thank God for His redeeming love which forgives you! Ask God to help you recall the hope He gives all the time, but especially in hard times.

## **Day 4:**

### **Matthew 27:45-54**

(Note\*: the 6<sup>th</sup> hour is noon; 9<sup>th</sup> hour is 3 pm)

What supernatural events happened when Jesus died?

What was the response of the eyewitnesses to Jesus' death?

Jesus experienced separation from God as He bore all sin for all people, so we do not have to. Meditate on this passage.

What characteristics of God come from this passage?

How can they apply to you today?

*Prayer Prompt:* As you now pray, thank God for sending Jesus to bear all so we can be freed from the slavery of sin—we are redeemed! Ask God to help you recall His sacrifice—His love. Ask God open your eyes to see His work to increase your faith.

## **Day 5:**

### **Luke 24:1-12; Romans 6:3-5**

What words were used to describe the reaction of those who saw the empty tomb?

How does Jesus' death and resurrection connect to you, 2000 years later?

Share/write down 3-5 words describing your reaction to Jesus' resurrection!

*Prayer Prompt:* As you now pray, praise God for conquering death for you, so you can have the hope to one day rise to live with Him for eternity. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart and mind and soul with this knowledge so you may overflow with Jesus' love.

## **Day 6:**

### **John 20:19-23**

Looking at verse 19, what can you deduct about the disciples' feelings at this time?

What are Jesus' first words to His disciples?

As believers, we too have the Holy Spirit— according to this passage, Jesus said He gave the Holy Spirit for what reasons?

Where is God sending you (yes, even now through distancing—a challenge to work within the parameters, but nothing is impossible with God!!!)?

*Prayer Prompt:* As you now pray, thank God for the continual presence of the Holy Spirit in you so you can always be strengthened. Ask God to help you lean on the Holy Spirit more and to reveal to you how you are being sent!