

# THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST

## I. JESUS' EARLY YEARS – Matthew 1-2

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, lived a short while in Egypt, and then lived in Nazareth until He was 30 years old.

## II. THE START OF JESUS' MINISTRY – Mark 1:9-11

Jesus started His ministry with prayer and fasting. The Holy Spirit played a key and most vital role in the life of Jesus Christ. Luke 4:1

## III. JESUS WAS PREACHING THE GOSPEL – Mark 1:14-15

A. Jesus was continually preaching the good news, that He could save people and forgive their sins. Acts 20:21, Luke 5:43-44, Matthew 9:36

B. There are many stories about how Jesus was reaching out to the lost: Mark 2:9-11 (paralytic), Luke 7:36-50 (immoral woman), Luke 15:11-32 (prodigal son), Luke 19:1-10 (tax collector). John 1:29, 3:16, 5:24; Luke 23:34

## IV. JESUS WAS MAKING DISCIPLES – Mark 1:16-20

A. Jesus was with his disciples and was training them. Mark 3:14, Luke 6:40

B. Jesus loved His men. John 13:1, Luke 8:22-25

C. Jesus sent His men on short mission trips. Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-3, 17-20

D. Jesus taught His men. He was a great teacher, a perfect teacher, a serious teacher. He preached the gospel and taught all kinds of subjects – sin, humility, serving, giving, faith, love, the future, marriage, money, prayer, heaven, hell, the kingdom of God, etc. Jesus taught with authority. Mark 1:21-28, 2:13; Luke 21:7

## V. JESUS WAS LOVING PEOPLE – Mark 1:29-31

Jesus loved and cared for the individual person: Mark 1:29-31 (Peter's mother-in-law), Luke 5:27 (Levi), Luke 7:2 (the centurion), Luke 7:11-15 (the widow) Luke 7:36-50 (the immoral woman), Luke 8:26-39 (the demoniac), Luke 8:43-48 (the sick woman), Luke 8:49-56 (Jairus' daughter), Mark 1:32-34. When Jesus healed people, it was a demonstration of His love for people and His power.

## VI. JESUS WAS PRAYING – Mark 1:35

This shows Jesus' relationship with His Father, that He loved Him and wanted to please Him, and that He was dependent upon Him. John 12:49, 14:30-31

## VII. JESUS CAME TO DIE FOR OUR SINS AND BE RAISED AGAIN - Mark 15:33

A. Jesus died in that He physically died for our sins, but also was spiritually separated from His Father, for He was forsaken by His Father, and punished by His Father for He was paying for our sins. It was the greatest act of justice, and at the same time, the greatest act of love this world has ever seen. John 19:30

B. Jesus was raised from the dead. Mark 16:1-7

C. All those who repent of their sins, and believe Jesus died to pay for their sins and then rose again from the dead, are forgiven, are children of God, and receive eternal life. John 5:24

## VIII. JESUS' CHARACTER

Jesus loved and cared deeply for people.

Jesus was humble, serving God and others. (Luke 22:27, Philippians 2:5-8)

Jesus was dedicated, driven and determined. (Luke 9:51, 13:31-32)

Jesus worked hard, praying, serving, teaching and healing. (Hebrews 5:7)

Jesus suffered and sacrificed His life. Luke 9:58, Isaiah 53:3

Jesus is the greatest, wisest person, most loving, holy, powerful person in the world, our Lord, Savior and King.

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SO THAT THEY MAY SEE MY GLORY WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME,  
FOR YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

John 17:24

## SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. What do you think was uppermost in Jesus' mind?
3. When Jesus was ministering, what did He spend most of His time doing? Why?
4. What do you think it was like for Jesus to be training His disciples?
5. Do you see how much Jesus loved people? How does that affect you?
6. Why was Jesus' death and resurrection so important? For you?
7. What impresses you most about Jesus' character?