In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 35
Jesus: The Final Word

Themes:

- Jesus is God's Anointed One, the Messiah.
- Jesus speaks with final authority.
- Jesus is God's greatest Prophet.
- Jesus brings completion to the Bible and explains the whole message of the Bible.

Scripture:

Luke 4:14-21, 32; 7:14b-15a, 16b; Mark 1:25b-26a; 2:10-12a; 10:52a; Deuteronomy 18:15; Hebrews 1:1-2a

Memory Verse:

John 1:15 (and review verses 1-14)

Jesus Fulfilled These Old Testament Clues:

GOD'S ANOINTED ONE, GOD'S PROPHET

Home and Heart:

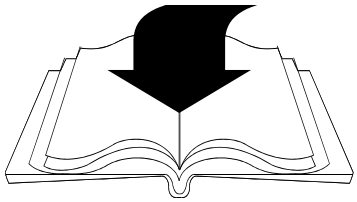
Read Matthew 5-7. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explained what it truly means to live as people of God. Much of what Jesus spoke about were commands given in the Old Testament, but Jesus explained them more fully. For example, in Matthew 5:21-22 Jesus spoke in terms of the heart—our attitudes and desires. When Jesus, God's Word, became flesh, did He bring God's commands to us written on stone tablets? Why not? Read the promise made in Jeremiah 31:33 and Ezekiel 36:26-27. How can God's commands be written on your heart?

Read the conversation between the two men and Jesus in Luke 24:13-27. Why didn't the two men understand that Jesus had come to earth to die on the cross? Read verses 36-45. Why was Jesus able to interpret and explain Old Testament Scriptures to them? Why did Jesus wait until *after* His resurrection to more fully explain how the Old Testament pointed to Him? (Read 1 Corinthians 2:7-8.)

Read and discuss John 1:11, and then read the words Jesus spoke to a group of unbelieving Jews in John 5:36-40 and 8:14-18. Do all people respond to Jesus, God's final Word, in the same way? What did these people refuse to believe? Does it matter whether or not a person believes Jesus is the message of the Bible? Does it matter whether or not you believe that everything Jesus said is true? Read and discuss John 3:35-36.



REVIEW



John 1:1-15

WHAT MISSING WORD DOES EACH LETTER STAND FOR?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the A was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the B was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the C has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might D through him. He was not the Light, but came to bear witness about the Light. The true Light, which enlightens E, was coming into the world.

He was in the F, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not G Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not H Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become I of God, who were J, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became K and dwelt among us, and we have seen His L, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of M and truth. (John bore witness about Him, and N out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me O before me, because He was before me.'")

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