

## **Social Media Component Instructions**

The social media component has been created to help you communicate with your students daily and to interact with them and encourage them to interact with each other in discussing topics from the week's lesson.

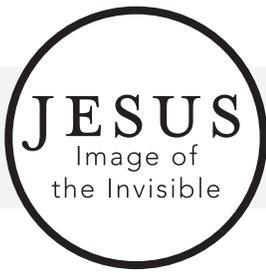
Each day focuses on a small passage from the Scripture used in that week's lesson to reinforce what students learned in class and a few options are given for suggested social media posts. The day's Scripture passage is included as well as questions and things to think about.

For the days where the Scripture passage is too long to be able to post in Twitter, we recommend you link to the passage on a website like Biblia.com, which will also allow you to choose an alternate translation if you prefer something other than the NASB.

When using the questions, we recommend using the hash tag for the Jesus lesson number and post day that we have included (ex. #Jesus5\_1) so that your students can interact on these questions with students from other churches, as well as using a specific hash tag for your group, so that you and they can specifically interact with students from your youth group. (ex. #LibertyYouth)

We hope that these will be very useful to you in interacting with your students on a platform where they are comfortable and that it will encourage them to engage with the lesson text during the week.

Though you can post to each social media platform each day if you'd like, we'd recommend using the social media and texting service inside the Bible Study Manager or Hootsuite™ to schedule your posts ahead of time and make it possible for you to have just one website to open to see your students responses from multiple social media platforms.



## **LESSON 1: Jesus is the Fulfillment**

Matthew 5:17-20

### **Day 1:**

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." (NASB)

- Jesus emphatically approved of the Scriptures.
- The Law = 1st 5 books of Hebrew Bible (a.k.a. the Pentateuch)
- Jesus fulfilled the law by living a sinless life.

### **Day 2:**

Matthew 5:18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished." (NASB)

- Jesus emphasized that the law would not fall short of its purpose in its smallest aspect.
- The Old Testament contains foreshadowing and prophecies that Jesus brought to realization.
- Only the sacrifice of Jesus' blood could remove sin forever in God's eyes.

### **Day 3:**

Matthew 5:19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (NASB)

- Christians who lead others astray will lose their influence in the Kingdom.
- Kingdom = the reign of God beginning on earth and fulfilled in heaven.
- Following Jesus doesn't mean you can do whatever you want.

## Day 4:

Matthew 5:20 "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (NASB)

- The Pharisees strictly observed the Mosaic Laws in hopes of gaining righteousness from their obedience.
- Salvation is possible in Jesus alone.
- God set salvation in motion through His covenant with Abraham and Christ fulfilled the covenant's promise.

## Day 5:

Genesis 12:1-3 "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.'" (NASB)

- God's promise to bless everyone through Abraham's descendants was fulfilled in Jesus.
- What's the biggest promise anyone has ever made to you? #
- How has everyone on earth been blessed through Jesus, Abraham's descendant? #

## Day 6:

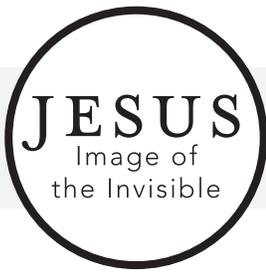
John 5:39 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others." (NASB)

- Tithe = 1/10; God commanded His people to repay Him with a tithe of everything they produced.
- Being obedient to God is about more than just keeping the rules.
- When have you done the right thing in the wrong way?

## Day 7:

Romans 10:1-4 "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'" (NASB)

- Jesus quoted Isaiah 29:3.
- When has your heart not been in what you're doing? #
- Jesus criticized religious people who loved keeping rules more than they loved God.



## LESSON 2: Jesus is the Son of God

Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34

### Day 1:

Matthew 3:13 "Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him." (NASB)

- Baptize = to immerse, dip, or submerge
- John's baptism was for sinners who recognized their condition and repented of their sin.
- Jesus' baptism by John was unique because Jesus was sinless—but it was necessary to fulfill all righteousness.

### Day 2:

Matthew 3:14-15 "But John tried to prevent Him, saying, 'I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?' But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he permitted Him." (NASB)

- Jesus never sinned, therefore from John's perspective Jesus did not need to be baptized.
- Jesus validated John's mission.
- Jesus' baptism was symbolic of His death and resurrection.

### Day 3:

Matthew 3:16-17 "After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'" (NASB)

- The manner of baptism practiced in the 1st century was immersion.
- The anointing of God's spirit signified the beginning of Jesus' ministry.
- God's declaration from heaven echoes both Isaiah 42:1 and Psalm 2:7.

## Day 4:

John 1:29 "The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'" (NASB)

- Lamb of God = sacrificial lamb
- Jesus took away sin through His suffering and death on the cross.
- We still sin, but are set free from the strength and guilt of sin.

## Day 5:

John 1:30 "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" (NASB)

- Jesus appeared in public after John.
- John acknowledged Jesus had existed eternally before him.
- Why is it important that Jesus existed before John? #

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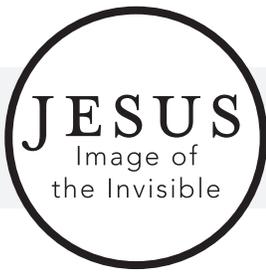
John 1:31 "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." (NASB)

- Jesus was John's cousin.
- John's mission was to point people to Jesus.
- Baptism symbolizes a completely new beginning in one's faith.

## Day 7:

John 1:32-34 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.

- Water baptism relates to an external action; spirit baptism relates to an internal action.
- The Holy Spirit comes into a believer's life at conversion.
- John knew without a doubt that Jesus was the Son of God.



## LESSON 3: Jesus is Fully Human

Luke 4:1-13; Hebrews 4:15

### Day 1:

Luke 4:1-2 "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry." (NASB)

- Through the history of Israel God spoke to His servants—Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and John—in the wilderness.
- Satan was about to tempt Jesus to be the kind of Messiah the people of Israel wanted, not the one they needed.
- Jesus was continuously tempted by the devil without interruption for 40 days.

### Day 2:

Luke 4:3 "And the devil said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'" (NASB)

- A literal translation of the Greek is, "Since you are the Son of God..."
- Satan and his demons know the true identity of Jesus—but knowledge does not lead to repentance.
- What is the hungriest you have ever been? #

### Day 3:

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" (NASB)

- Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3.
- Jesus refused to perform an act inconsistent with God's purpose.
- Why can we find it difficult to trust that God will provide for our physical needs? #

## Day 4:

Luke 4:5-8 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" (NASB)

- Satan tempted Jesus to bypass the cross and instantly become ruler over the world, a much easier route!
- Jesus responded by quoting Deuteronomy 6:13.
- Jesus emphasized that He would obey only God regardless of what it cost Him.

## Day 5:

Luke 4:9-11 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You to guard You,' and, 'On their hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'" (NASB)

- Satan quoted part of Psalm 91:11-12 in an effort to persuade Jesus to test God.
- Jesus could have gained great recognition had He jumped dramatically off the Temple and landed unharmed.
- Satan wanted Jesus to test God's goodness.

## Day 6:

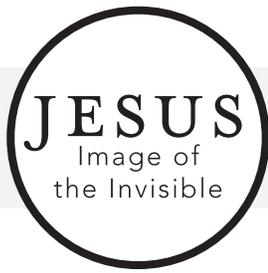
Luke 4:12-13 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. (NASB)

- Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:16 to expose Satan's complete distortion and misuse of God's word.
- "Every temptation" implies that Jesus was tempted beyond just the three times mentioned by Luke.
- Hebrews 4:15 asserts that Jesus was "tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."

## Day 7:

Hebrews 4:15 "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."

- Temptation = to try to cause someone to sin; to trap someone
- This verse reminds us that we too can have victory over temptation through God's power.
- Because Jesus was fully human, He dealt with temptation; because He was fully God He never succumbed to them.



## LESSON 4: Jesus is the Messiah

Matthew 16:13-28

### Day 1:

Matthew 16:13-14 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." (NASB)

- After two years of ministry Jesus asked what the people were saying about Him.
- Few people truly understood who Jesus was.
- When have you felt like people didn't understand you? #

### Day 2:

Matthew 16: 15-17 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

- Never before in Scripture had Jesus explicitly taught the disciples who He was.
- Why after all this time, did Peter need divine revelation to understand who Jesus was? #
- Who do you say Jesus is? #

### Day 3:

Matthew 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it." (NASB)

- Jesus is the foundation on which God would build His church.
- Peter's name in Greek, petros, means stone or small pebble. Jesus referred to Himself as petra which in Greek means larger rock or cliff.
- Christ's church will remain regardless of what Satan tries to bring against it.

## Day 4:

Matthew 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." (NASB)

- The keys to the kingdom = message of the Gospel
- What is the most important responsibility you've ever been given? #
- All followers of Jesus possess keys to the kingdom.

## Day 5:

Matthew 16:20 "Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ." (NASB)

- People expected Christ to be a political and military leader.
- They did not expect Christ to be a suffering servant.
- When have you been misunderstood? #

## Day 6:

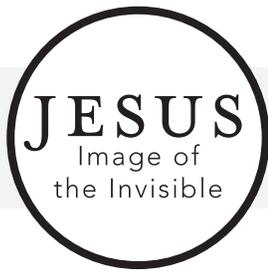
Matthew 16:21 "From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day." (NASB)

- Jesus explained what being the Christ meant.
- When have you chosen something even though you knew it would be difficult?
- What is the worst news you ever heard? #

## Day 7:

Matthew 16:22-23 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." (NASB)

- No one expected the Christ to suffer.
- When have your expectations been completely wrong? #
- What's the quickest you've ever gone from a great experience to a humiliating one? #



## LESSON 5: Jesus is God

Mark 4:35-41

### Day 1:

Mark 4:35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side." (NASB)

- Jesus had spent the day teaching and ministering to large crowds.
- They were on the Sea of Galilee, which is about the size of a lake.
- Jesus was either retreating from the crowds or looking to minister on the other side of the shore.

### Day 2:

Mark 4:36 "Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him." (NASB)

- The easiest way to teach at the Sea of Galilee was from a boat to an audience on the shore.
- "just as He was" = they did not stop for food or water
- What's the furthest off shore you've ever been? #

### Day 3:

Mark 4:37 "And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up." (NASB)

- A number of mountains surround the Sea of Galilee; strong winds from the mountain caused the storm.
- This storm was so strong that it caused fear in seasoned fisherman.
- What is the worst weather you've ever experienced? #

## Day 4:

Mark 4:38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" (NASB)

- This is the only time Scripture mentions Jesus sleeping. It serves as a reminder of Jesus' humanity.
- What is the most tired you have ever been? #
- The disciples were scared and frustrated by Jesus' lack of action.

## Day 5:

Mark 4:39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. (NASB)

- Jesus had full control over creation.
- This serves as a reminder that Jesus is fully God, just as He is fully human.
- Rebuke = to command with the implication of a threat.

## Day 6:

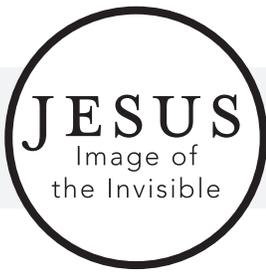
Mark 4:40 And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (NASB)

- The disciples showed a lack of understanding of whom Jesus was.
- Jesus was frustrated by their lack of faith.
- What causes your faith to waver? #

## Day 7:

Mark 4:41 They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" (NASB)

- The disciples witnessed Jesus' divine power and authority.
- How was this action from Jesus different from the miracles the disciples had previously seen? #
- What is the most spectacular thing you've ever witnessed.



## LESSON 6: Jesus is Savior

John 3:1-21

### Day 1:

John 3:1-3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (NASB)

- Nicodemus was a rich and successful spiritual leader.
- “Rabbi” showed respect to Jesus but was a complete lack of understanding of who He really was.
- All the good deed in the world will not make you right with God, only through Christ can we be right with God.

### Day 2:

John 3:4-5 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (NASB)

- What is the most ridiculous thing you’ve ever heard? #
- What does being born again signify? #
- Salvation involves a complete new spirit and life.

### Day 3:

John 3:6-8 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (NASB)

- Physical birth = becoming part of an earthly family; spiritual family = becoming part of God’s family.
- Sin was passed down to all people.
- Like wind, the Spirit cannot be seen or manipulated but is identified by the effect it brings.

## Day 4:

John 3:9-11 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony." (NASB)

- This conversation demonstrated that Jesus was the only true teacher who could explain the mysteries of God.
- We = Jesus and the disciples; You = Nicodemus and the Pharisees.
- Who was your favorite teacher? #

## Day 5:

John 3:12-15 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life." (NASB)

- What is the most difficult concept you've ever had to grasp? #
- Jesus was referring to Numbers 21:7-8.
- No one could experience eternal life without the death of Christ.

## Day 6:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (NASB)

- In one sentence, Jesus summarized God's plan for saving mankind.
- God makes this offer of eternal life to the entire world.
- God loves you!

## Day 7:

John 3:17 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (NASB)

- Humankind is God's treasure.
- Condemnation comes not by a lack of love or effort on God's part, but a lack of faith on the part of unbelievers.
- The difference between belief and unbelief lies not in guilt or innocence but the attitude individuals take towards the Light.