

**Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament (Module 2)**  
**Chapter 1: Jesus’ Birth and Early Ministry**  
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**Important Note to Parents or Teachers:** The words “virgin,” “conceive,” and “pregnant” are used in this module in reference to the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. The word “circumcise” is used in reference to the covenant of circumcision God entered into with Abraham. Determine the need to explain these words to students before beginning this module.

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**Summary**

**Lesson Objectives:** To understand the time period and major events of Jesus' birth and early ministry.

**Prayer:** Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 13 in your study guide.

**Vocabulary Words:** The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

Prophecy  
Humbly  
Symbolic

Eternal  
Divinity  
Embrace

Domination  
Virgin  
Concise

Perspective  
Baptize  
Meticulous

**Reading Assignment:** Read pages 14 through 16 in your study guide.

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**Review Questions:** Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) When the New Testament opens, the Jews were waiting—with great expectancy and anticipation—for someone to come. Who were they waiting for?
  - a) Father Abraham
  - b) The Prophet Moses
  - c) The Messiah
  - d) John the Baptist
  
- 2) Based on Old Testament Scriptures, the Jews believed a leader was coming who would free them from Roman subjugation. What do we call these Old Testament Scriptures?
  - a) The Ten Commandments
  - b) Messianic Prophecies
  - c) God's Laws
  - d) Proverbs
  
- 3) Jesus' story is told in the New Testament gospels. What is the definition of the word “gospel?”
  - a) Good News
  - b) King of Israel
  - c) The Messiah's Coming
  - d) The Scriptures
  
- 4) How many gospels are there in the New Testament?
  - a) 3
  - b) 4
  - c) 7
  - d) 12
  
- 5) Matthew wrote the first gospel in the New Testament. What was Matthew's occupation?
  - a) Matthew was a fisherman who became one of Jesus' closest disciples.
  - b) Matthew was a student and friend of Peter, who told him about Jesus.
  - c) Matthew was a tax collector who became one of Jesus' twelve disciples.
  - d) Matthew was a physician and close friend of Apostle Paul.

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- 6) Which of the following is “not” a true statement about the gospel of Matthew?
- a) The gospel of Matthew was written with a Jewish audience in mind.
  - b) The gospel of Matthew uses fewer Old Testament references than the other gospels.
  - c) The gospel of Matthew tells what Matthew personally saw Jesus do and heard Jesus say.
  - d) The gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as the King of Israel.
- 7) Mark wrote the second gospel in the New Testament. What do we know about Mark?
- a) Mark was a fisherman who became one of Jesus' closest disciples.
  - b) Mark was a student and friend of Peter, who told him about Jesus.
  - c) Mark was a tax collector who became one of Jesus' twelve disciples.
  - d) Mark was a physician and close friend of Apostle Paul.
- 8) Which of the following is “not” a true statement about the gospel of Mark?
- a) The gospel of Mark tells what Mark personally saw Jesus do and heard Jesus say.
  - b) The gospel of Mark seems to have been written with a Roman audience in mind.
  - c) The gospel of Mark pictures Jesus as a Servant—on a mission to serve humanity.
  - d) The gospel of Mark is the shortest of the New Testament gospels.
- 9) Luke wrote the third gospel in the New Testament. What was Luke's occupation?
- a) Luke was a fisherman who became one of Jesus' closest disciples.
  - b) Luke was a student and friend of Peter, who told him about Jesus.
  - c) Luke was a tax collector who became one of Jesus' twelve disciples.
  - d) Luke was a physician and close friend of Apostle Paul.
- 10) Which of the following is “not” a true statement about the gospel of Luke?
- a) The gospel of Luke was addressed to a man named Theophilus.
  - b) The gospel of Luke is very detailed, full of historical and geographical references.
  - c) The gospel of Luke pictures Jesus as the Son of Man—the One who saves all people.
  - d) The gospel of Luke is the shortest of the New Testament gospels.

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- 11) John wrote the fourth gospel in the New Testament. What was John's occupation?
- a) John was a fisherman who became one of Jesus' closest disciples.
  - b) John was a student and friend of Peter, who told him about Jesus.
  - c) John was a tax collector who became one of Jesus' twelve disciples.
  - d) John was a physician and close friend of Apostle Paul.
- 12) Which of the following is "not" a true statement about the gospel of John?
- a) John clearly states the purpose of his gospel as having been written that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
  - b) The gospel of John emphasizes Jesus' divinity and was written to all people for all times.
  - c) The gospel of John tells very little about what Jesus said to His disciples in the upper room before His arrest.
  - d) The gospel of John opens declaring Jesus was with God from the beginning, and Jesus was God made human.
- 13) Which of the gospel authors was the only one to describe Jesus' early ministry which included His first public miracle in Cana?
- a) Matthew
  - b) Mark
  - c) Luke
  - d) John
- 14) Which of gospel authors set out to show how Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled prophecies about the Messiah and provided more references to Old Testament Scripture than the others?
- a) Matthew
  - b) Mark
  - c) Luke
  - d) John
- 15) Which of the gospels seemed to be written with a Greek audience in mind with details characteristic of that period's Greek thought and writing style?
- a) Matthew
  - b) Mark
  - c) Luke
  - d) John

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**Vocabulary Mix and Match:** Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Enter the alphabet associated with the correct definition in the space provided.

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|----------------|-------|--|
| 1) Prophecy    | _____ | A) Point of view regarding a topic                     |
| 2) Eternal     | _____ | B) The quality, nature, or essence of God              |
| 3) Domination  | _____ | C) One who has not had sexual relations                |
| 4) Perspective | _____ | D) Serving as a visible sign or emblem of something    |
| 5) Humbly      | _____ | E) Continuing or existing forever                      |
| 6) Divinity    | _____ | F) To include or accept in an affectionate manner      |
| 7) Virgin      | _____ | G) Extreme care to get every detail correct            |
| 8) Baptize     | _____ | H) Exercising ruling power over another                |
| 9) Symbolic    | _____ | I) Expressing much in few words                        |
| 10) Embrace    | _____ | J) Divinely inspired prediction or foretelling         |
| 11) Concise    | _____ | K) To immerse in, pour, or sprinkle water over another |
| 12) Meticulous | _____ | L) Thinking of oneself in a lowly, modest manner       |



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**Section 1: God's Plan Unfolds**

**Lesson Objectives:** To understand and be able to explain the significance of:

- Jesus' genealogy
- John the Baptist's birth

**Memory Verse:** *“For the time is coming,’ says the LORD, ‘when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. . . . And this will be his name: ‘The LORD Is Our Righteousness.’”* (Jeremiah 23:5 – 6a NLT)

**Prayer:** Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 13 in your study guide.

**Vocabulary Words:** The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

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| Ancestry | Descendant | Lineage     | Priest    |
| Altar    | Repentance | Mute        | Conceive  |
| Commend  | Precede    | Contemplate | Reconcile |

**Reading Assignment:** Read pages 19 through 21 in your study guide.

**Recommended Bible Reading:** Turn to page 21 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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**Review Questions:** Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Jesus' genealogy is listed in two of the four gospels. In which two gospels can you find a record of Jesus' genealogy?
  - a) Matthew and Mark
  - b) Luke and John
  - c) Mark and John
  - d) Matthew and Luke
  
- 2) One of these men from the Old Testament is “not” listed in Jesus' genealogy. Which one is it?
  - a) Adam
  - b) Abraham
  - c) Moses
  - d) David
  
- 3) In this lesson, you were introduced to a man named Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth. What was Zechariah's occupation?
  - a) Zechariah was a priest.
  - b) Zechariah was a shepherd.
  - c) Zechariah was a carpenter.
  - d) Zechariah was an innkeeper.
  
- 4) Where was Zechariah when the angel Gabriel suddenly appeared to him?
  - a) Zechariah was at home.
  - b) Zechariah was in a field.
  - c) Zechariah was in the Temple.
  - d) Zechariah was in an inn.
  
- 5) What did the angel Gabriel reveal to Zechariah?
  - a) The angel told Zechariah that Mary had conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - b) The angel told Zechariah that his wife was going to have a son.
  - c) The angel told Zechariah that he would have a son who would sit on King David's throne.
  - d) The angel told Zechariah that he and Elizabeth were too old to have children.

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- 6) Why was Zechariah unable to speak until after the birth of his son?
  - a) Zechariah was unable to speak because he was in shock.
  - b) Zechariah was unable to speak because he did not believe the Lord's message.
  - c) Zechariah was unable to speak because he stood in the presence of an angel.
  - d) Zechariah was unable to speak because he did not praise God at the altar.
  
- 7) Where was Mary when the angel Gabriel appeared to her?
  - a) Mary was at the Temple.
  - b) Mary was in Nazareth.
  - c) Mary was in the hill country of Judea.
  - d) Mary was with Joseph.
  
- 8) What did Gabriel reveal to Mary?
  - a) The angel told Mary she would soon have a Son who would sit on King David's throne.
  - b) The angel told Mary that Zechariah was unable to speak.
  - c) The angel told Mary that Elizabeth would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - d) The angel told Mary that Joseph was thinking about quietly calling off the marriage.
  
- 9) Which one of the prophets revealed that the Messiah would be born to a virgin girl?
  - a) Moses
  - b) Malachi
  - c) Jeremiah
  - d) Isaiah
  
- 10) Who did Mary visit in the hill country of Judea after the angel left?
  - a) Mary visited her relative, Elizabeth.
  - b) Mary visited her grandmother.
  - c) Mary visited Joseph, her fiancé.
  - d) Mary visited the High Priest.

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- 11) What did Zechariah and Elizabeth name their son?
  - a) Zechariah
  - b) Jesus
  - c) Joseph
  - d) John
  
- 12) What was God's special mission for Zechariah and Elizabeth's son?
  - a) Their son would become a High Priest.
  - b) Their son would become King of Israel.
  - c) Their son would prepare the way for the Messiah.
  - d) Their son would save the world from sin.
  
- 13) Who told Joseph he should not be afraid to marry Mary?
  - a) Zechariah
  - b) Elizabeth
  - c) An Angel
  - d) The Holy Spirit
  
- 14) Mary's Child was to be named Jesus. What is the meaning of the name "Jesus?"
  - a) God with Us
  - b) Wonderful Counselor
  - c) Christ, The Messiah
  - d) The Lord is Salvation
  
- 15) According to Isaiah 7:14, Mary's Child would also be called "Immanuel." What is the meaning of the name "Immanuel?"
  - a) God with Us
  - b) Wonderful Counselor
  - c) Christ, The Messiah
  - d) The Lord is Salvation

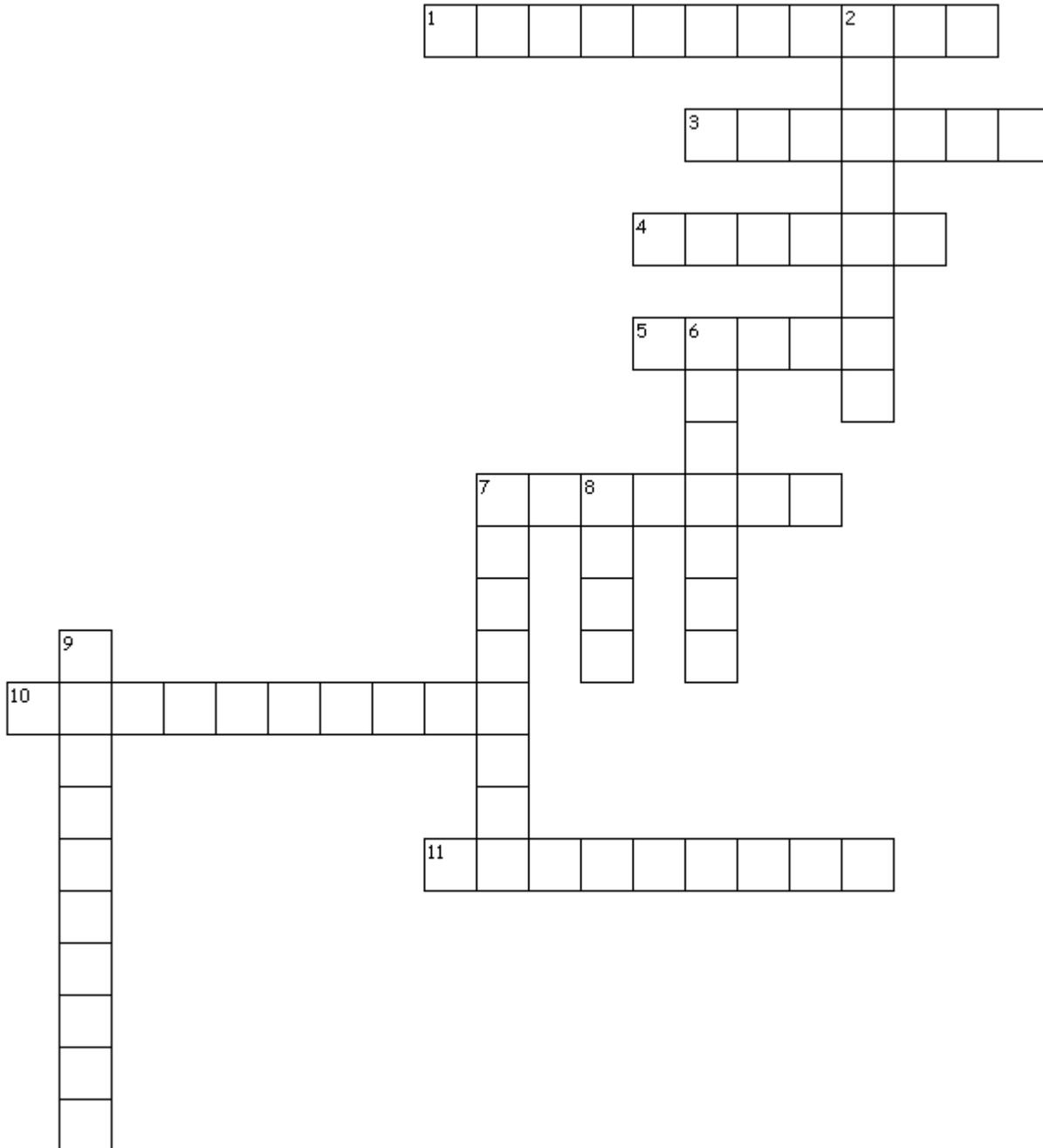
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**Inductive Study:** Use the table at the bottom of page 16 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided below.

| Section 1: God’s Plan Unfolds   | Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How |
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| Who were the people you read about in this section?   |                                      |
| Where were the people in this section?  |                                      |
| When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 16.)                    |                                      |
| What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.) |                                      |
| Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?      |                                      |
| How would you describe God’s character in this section? What was God doing?                               |                                      |

**Crossword Puzzle:** Use the vocabulary words for this lesson to fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle.

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**Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle Clues:**

**Across**

1. To think about intently and at length
3. To come before in place, rank, or importance
4. A representative before God, performing sacred rites and intercession
5. A raised platform used for sacrifices and praising God
7. To express approval of or a good opinion of
10. Remorse for past conduct or the act of turning away from sin
11. To reunite or bring back to harmony

**Down**

2. One's forefathers, parentage, or blood relatives
6. Descending line of offspring or ascending line of parentage
7. To become pregnant
8. Unable to speak or make sounds
9. One who comes from another as an offspring



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**Lesson Application 2:** The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and announced that he and his wife were going to have a son. What did the angel reveal to Zechariah about his son?

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**Lesson Application 3:** Turn to page 21 in your study guide and read Malachi’s prophecy printed in the first box at the top of the page. Based on Malachi’s prophecy, what was the significance of the birth of Zechariah’s son who would later be known as John the Baptist?

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**Lesson Application 4:** The angel Gabriel later appeared to Mary and announced that she was going to have a Son. What did the angel reveal to Mary about her Son?

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**Section 2: Jesus' Birth and Youth**

**Lesson Objectives:** To understand and be able to explain the biblical account and significance of Jesus' birth.

**Memory Verse:** *"Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" (Luke 2:10 – 11 NKJ)*

**Prayer:** Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 13 in your study guide.

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Census

Manger

Swaddling

Circumcise

Revelation

Prophetess

Prominent

Frankincense

Myrrh

**Reading Assignment:** Read pages 22 through 24 in your study guide.

**Recommended Bible Reading:** Turn to page 24 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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**Review Questions:** Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Who was the emperor of Rome at the time of Jesus' birth?
  - a) Caesar Augustus
  - b) King Herod
  - c) Pontius Pilate
  - d) Titus Caesar
  
- 2) Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem shortly before Jesus' birth?
  - a) They went to Bethlehem to visit their grandparents.
  - b) They went to Bethlehem to attend a religious ceremony.
  - c) They went to Bethlehem to register for a census.
  - d) They went to Bethlehem to visit King David's grave site.
  
- 3) While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, it came time for the Baby to be born. Where did they place Baby Jesus shortly after His birth?
  - a) On a mattress
  - b) In a crib
  - c) In a basket
  - d) In a manger
  
- 4) Who announced Jesus' birth to shepherds as they were caring for their flocks?
  - a) Mary and Joseph
  - b) Bethlehem's innkeeper
  - c) Simeon and Anna
  - d) Angels
  
- 5) Where did Joseph and Mary take Baby Jesus when He was eight days old?
  - a) To Jerusalem
  - b) To Nazareth
  - c) To Egypt
  - d) To Bethlehem's Inn

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- 6) While Joseph and Mary were in the Temple, the Holy Spirit revealed to two people that Mary's Child was the Messiah. Who were these two people?
  - a) Zechariah and Elizabeth
  - b) Simeon and Anna
  - c) Shepherds
  - d) Wise men
  
- 7) Who came to Jerusalem guided by a star some time after Jesus' birth?
  - a) Zechariah and Elizabeth
  - b) Simeon and Anna
  - c) Shepherds
  - d) Wise men
  
- 8) How did Jewish religious leaders know that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?
  - a) The wise men told them that the King of the Jews was to be born in Bethlehem.
  - b) The prophet Micah revealed in Scripture that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.
  - c) They knew the Messiah would be a descendant of David who was from Bethlehem.
  - d) Angels appeared to them announcing that the Messiah had been born in the city of David.
  
- 9) Why did Herod want the wise men to find the Messiah and then report back to him with information about the Child's whereabouts?
  - a) Herod wanted to worship the newborn King of the Jews.
  - b) Herod wanted to announce the Messiah's birth to the Jews.
  - c) Herod wanted to kill the newborn King of the Jews.
  - d) Herod wanted to give the newborn King a place of honor in his kingdom.
  
- 10) What gifts did the wise men give Baby Jesus when they found Him?
  - a) Gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh
  - b) Gifts of silver and gold
  - c) A room in Bethlehem's inn and a crib for a bed
  - d) Camels for travel

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- 11) An angel appeared to Joseph and told him to flee, for Herod was going to try to kill the Child. Where did Joseph take his family so that they would be safe?
- a) To the East
  - b) To Nazareth
  - c) To the Temple
  - d) To Egypt
- 12) What did Herod do when he realized that the wise men were not returning to Jerusalem?
- a) He ordered soldiers to search for the wise men and kill them.
  - b) He ordered the death of boys in Bethlehem who were two years old or younger.
  - c) He ordered soldiers to find the newborn King of the Jews so that he could worship Him.
  - d) He announced the birth and death of the newborn King of the Jews.
- 13) After Herod's death, Joseph returned to his hometown with his family. What was the name of Joseph and Mary's hometown?
- a) Nazareth in Galilee
  - b) Bethlehem in Judea
  - c) Jerusalem in Judea
  - d) Samaria
- 14) Jesus and His family traveled to Jerusalem annually for Passover. During one Passover celebration, Jesus and His parents became separated. How old was Jesus when this happened?
- a) 8
  - b) 10
  - c) 12
  - d) 13
- 15) Joseph and Mary frantically searched for Jesus. Where did they find Him?
- a) In Herod's palace
  - b) In the Temple
  - c) In Bethlehem
  - d) In Nazareth

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| Section 2: Jesus’ Birth and Youth   | Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Who were the people you read about in this section?   |                                      |
| Where were the people in this section?  |                                      |
| When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 16.)                    |                                      |
| What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.) |                                      |
| Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?      |                                      |
| How would you describe God’s character in this section? What was God doing?                               |                                      |

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**Vocabulary Mix and Match:** Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Enter the alphabet associated with the correct definition in the space provided.

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|-----------------|-------|--|
| 1) Census       | _____ | A) Removal of the male's genital foreskin            |
| 2) Manger       | _____ | B) A woman divinely inspired to foretell events      |
| 3) Swaddling    | _____ | C) An incense ingredient used for religious worship  |
| 4) Circumcise   | _____ | D) An official count or numbering of the people      |
| 5) Revelation   | _____ | E) Standing out as distinguished above others        |
| 6) Prophetess   | _____ | F) A spice used in burial preparation                |
| 7) Prominent    | _____ | G) Cloth wrapped around babies to restrict movement  |
| 8) Frankincense | _____ | H) Unveiling or disclosure of that which was unknown |
| 9) Myrrh        | _____ | I) A food trough or open box from which animals feed |

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**Lesson Application:** Turn to Appendix 7 on pages 206 through 209 in your study guide. Appendix 7 is a list of Messianic prophecies fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth. Use this appendix to fill in the name of the Old Testament prophet who wrote each prophecy listed in the table below. The first one has been filled in for you as an example.

| <b>Old Testament Prophecy</b>   | <b>Prophet</b>                  |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <i>“For the time is coming,’ says the LORD, ‘when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this will be his name: ‘The LORD Is Our Righteousness.’”</i> | Jeremiah<br>(Jeremiah 23:5 – 6) |
| <i>“The Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).”</i>   |                                 |
| <i>“Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.”</i>                |                                 |
| <i>“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace . . . ”</i>  |                                 |
| <i>“And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will feed them and be a shepherd to them. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among my people. I, the LORD, have spoken!”</i>   |                                 |
| <i>“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt.”</i>  |                                 |
| <i>“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past.”</i>   |                                 |



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**Section 3: Baptism and Temptation**

**Lesson Objectives:** To understand and be able to explain the biblical account and significance of Jesus' baptism and temptation.

**Memory Verse:** *"Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God."* (Hebrews 4:15 – 16a CEV)

**Prayer:** Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 13 in your study guide.

**Vocabulary Words:** The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

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| Exhort    | Repent | Forerunner | Ordain |
| Remission | Guile  | Transport  | Wile   |

**Reading Assignment:** Read pages 25 through 26 in your study guide.

**Recommended Bible Reading:** Turn to page 26 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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**Review Questions:** Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Who was the emperor of Rome when John the Baptist began his ministry?
  - a) Augustus Caesar
  - b) Tiberius Caesar
  - c) King Herod
  - d) Pontius Pilate
  
- 2) What did water baptism symbolize in John the Baptist's ministry?
  - a) John used water baptism to symbolize the birth of the Messiah.
  - b) John used water baptism to symbolize the cleansing of one's disease.
  - c) John used water baptism to symbolize the parting of the Red Sea.
  - d) John used water baptism to symbolize one's sins being washed away.
  
- 3) Which of the following is “not” true about John the Baptist's message?
  - a) John delivered a message of repentance for the deliverance of sins.
  - b) John taught that salvation is earned through obedience to the laws of Moses.
  - c) John exhorted people to turn away from sin and to God.
  - d) John baptized those who acknowledged their sins and asked God for forgiveness.
  
- 4) In what year did John the Baptist begin his ministry?
  - a) In about 6/5 B.C.
  - b) In about 26 B.C.
  - c) In about 6/5 A.D.
  - d) In about 26 A.D.
  
- 5) Who was God speaking to when He said, “*I (God) will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him*” (Deuteronomy 18:18 NIV)?
  - a) Abraham
  - b) Moses
  - c) Elijah
  - d) The Messiah

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- 6) What did John the Baptist say to religious leaders when they asked if he were the Messiah?
  - a) John said he was the Messiah sent by God.
  - b) John said the Messiah is not coming.
  - c) John said he was not the Messiah.
  - d) John said the Messiah would baptize with water.
  
- 7) Why was John reluctant to baptize Jesus?
  - a) John felt he was not worthy of such an honor.
  - b) John felt Jesus was not the Messiah, the long-awaited Savior.
  - c) John did not want to upset the Jewish religious leaders.
  - d) John did not want Jesus' ministry to become greater than his ministry.
  
- 8) What happened when John baptized Jesus?
  - a) A vast number of angels suddenly appeared in the sky and made a heavenly announcement.
  - b) A star suddenly appeared in the sky directly above Jesus.
  - c) The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove and God spoke from heaven.
  - d) Jesus' face and clothes became bright as the sun, and Elijah and Moses suddenly appeared.
  
- 9) Who tempted Jesus after His baptism?
  - a) God
  - b) The Holy Spirit
  - c) John the Baptist
  - d) Satan
  
- 10) How did Jesus overcome Satan's attacks?
  - a) Jesus resisted Satan's attacks with the Word of God.
  - b) Angels suddenly appeared and defeated Satan.
  - c) Jesus miraculously transported Satan to a mountaintop.
  - d) God turned Satan into a snake and he slithered away.

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**Inductive Study:** Use the table at the bottom of page 16 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided below.

| Section 3: Baptism & Temptation   | Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Who were the people you read about in this section?   |                                      |
| Where were the people in this section?  |                                      |
| When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 16.)                    |                                      |
| What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.) |                                      |
| Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?      |                                      |
| How would you describe God’s character in this section? What was God doing?                               |                                      |



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**Creative Assignment:** In this lesson, John baptized Jesus and then the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where Satan tempted Him. Read the scriptures provided in the boxes below and then draw pictures of Jesus' Baptism and Temptation.

**Jesus' Baptism** – “About that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. As soon as Jesus came out of the water, he saw the sky open and the Holy Spirit coming down to him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, ‘You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you.’” (Mark 1:9 – 11 CEV)



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**Jesus' First Temptation** – “The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, so that the devil could test him. After Jesus had gone without eating for forty days and nights, he was very hungry. Then the devil came to him and said, ‘If you are God's Son, tell these stones to turn into bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘The Scriptures say: `No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken.’” (Matthew 4:1 – 4 CEV)

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**Jesus' Second Temptation** – “Next, the devil took Jesus to the holy city (Jerusalem) and had him stand on the highest part of the temple. The devil said, ‘If you are God's Son, jump off. The Scriptures say: ‘God will give his angels orders about you. They will catch you in their arms, and you won't hurt your feet on the stones.’ Jesus answered, ‘The Scriptures also say, ‘Don't try to test the Lord your God!’” (Matthew 4:5 – 7 CEV)

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**Jesus' Third Temptation** – “Finally, the devil took Jesus up on a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms on earth and their power. The devil said to him, ‘I will give all this to you, if you will bow down and worship me.’ Jesus answered, ‘Go away Satan! The Scriptures say: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’ Then the devil left Jesus, and angels came to help him.” (Matthew 4:8 – 11 CEV)



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**Lesson Objectives:** To understand and be able to explain the following biblical events:

- John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus, the Messiah
- Jesus' initial meetings with His first disciples

**Memory Verse:** *"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* (John 1:29 NLT)

**Prayer:** Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 13 in your study guide.

**Vocabulary Words:** The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

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|---------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Descend | Testify | Ambassador | Impulsive |
| Rabbi   | Elated  | Publicly   | Atone     |

**Reading Assignment:** Read pages 27 through 29 in your study guide.

**Recommended Bible Reading:** Turn to page 29 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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**Review Questions:** Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Where did Jesus go shortly after He was tempted by Satan in the wilderness?
  - a) Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth.
  - b) Jesus went to the Temple in Jerusalem to pray.
  - c) Jesus returned to the area where John was baptizing.
  - d) Jesus traveled to Cana for a wedding celebration.
  
- 2) How did John the Baptist know that Jesus was the Messiah?
  - a) God told John that he would see the Holy Spirit descend on the Messiah.
  - b) An angel announced to John that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah.
  - c) John's parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, told John that Jesus was the Messiah.
  - d) Mary, the mother of Jesus, told John that Jesus was the Messiah.
  
- 3) Who introduced Simon Peter to the Messiah?
  - a) John the Baptist
  - b) Andrew
  - c) Philip
  - d) Nathanael
  
- 4) Who said, “*Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*” (John 1:29 NLT)?
  - a) John the Baptist
  - b) Andrew
  - c) Philip
  - d) Nathanael
  
- 5) After returning to Galilee, Jesus sought out a man who was from Bethsaida and invited him to become one of His disciples. Who was this man?
  - a) Simon Peter
  - b) Andrew
  - c) Philip
  - d) Nathanael

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- 6) Who introduced Nathanael to the Messiah?
  - a) Simon Peter
  - b) Andrew
  - c) Philip
  - d) John the Baptist
  
- 7) Why was Nathanael surprised to learn that Jesus was the Messiah?
  - a) Nathanael was surprised because Jesus was a carpenter.
  - b) Nathanael was surprised because Jesus was related to John the Baptist.
  - c) Nathanael was surprised because he knew Jesus' mother, Mary.
  - d) Nathanael was surprised because Jesus was from Nazareth.
  
- 8) According to Luke, how old was Jesus when He began His ministry?
  - a) About 26 years old
  - b) About 27 years old
  - c) About 30 years old
  - d) About 40 years old
  
- 9) Where did Jesus perform His first public miracle?
  - a) In Jerusalem
  - b) In Nazareth
  - c) In Cana
  - d) In the Temple
  
- 10) What was Jesus' first public miracle?
  - a) Jesus performed a healing miracle.
  - b) Jesus walked on water.
  - c) Jesus turned water into wine.
  - d) Jesus raised a woman's son from the dead.

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- 11) Whose faith in Jesus was strengthened as a result of seeing Him perform His first public miracle?
- a) Jesus' brothers
  - b) Jesus' disciples
  - c) John the Baptist
  - d) Herod the Great
- 12) Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the annual Passover celebration. What does the Passover celebration commemorate?
- a) Passover is a reminder of how Queen Esther saved her people from annihilation.
  - b) Passover is a reminder of God's protection while the Israelites were in the wilderness.
  - c) Passover is a reminder of how Maccabeus captured Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple.
  - d) Passover is a reminder of how God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
- 13) During the Passover miracle, God told the Israelites to slaughter an animal and smear its blood on the doorframes of their houses. What kind of animal was sacrificed?
- a) A Dove
  - b) A Lamb
  - c) An Ox
  - d) A Pig
- 14) When Jesus entered the Temple courtyard, what were the people doing in preparation for Passover?
- a) The people were confessing their sins.
  - b) The people were worshipping and praising God.
  - c) The people were buying animals from merchants.
  - d) The people were re-enacting the events of the first Passover.
- 15) Which of the following was "not" one of the five types of sacrificial offerings God gave the Jews through the prophet Moses?
- a) Burnt Offerings
  - b) Grain Offerings
  - c) Sin Offerings
  - d) Tithe Offerings

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**Inductive Study:** Use the table at the bottom of page 16 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided below.

| Section 4: Early Ministry—Part 1  | Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How |
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| Who were the people you read about in this section?   |                                      |
| Where were the people in this section?  |                                      |
| When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 16.)                    |                                      |
| What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.) |                                      |
| Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?      |                                      |
| How would you describe Jesus’ character in this section?  |                                      |

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**Vocabulary Mix and Match:** Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Enter the alphabet associated with the correct definition in the space provided.

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|---------------|-------|---|
| 1) Descend    | _____ | A) An official messenger and representative       |
| 2) Testify    | _____ | B) Title given to Jewish religious leaders        |
| 3) Ambassador | _____ | C) Openly so as to be observed by people          |
| 4) Impulsive  | _____ | D) To move downward from a higher to lower        |
| 5) Rabbi      | _____ | E) Full of high-spirited delight and joy          |
| 6) Elated     | _____ | F) To reconcile or make amends for sin            |
| 7) Publicly   | _____ | G) To support the truth as a witness              |
| 8) Atone      | _____ | H) Acting on natural feelings with no forethought |

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**Writing Assignment:** In this lesson, you read about Jesus’ initial meetings with his first disciples. Write a few sentences describing what you learned about the following disciples:

1) Andrew

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2) Simon Peter

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3) Philip

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4) Nathanael

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**Section 5: Early Ministry—Part 2**

**Lesson Objectives:** To understand the following:

- God wants us to reverence the House of the Lord
- God is impartial and is not pleased when we show favoritism or prejudice

**Memory Verse:** *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* (John 3:16 NIV)

**Prayer:** Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 13 in your study guide.

**Vocabulary Words:** The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

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| Currency | Indignation | Confront  | Commentary |
| Succinct | Diminish    | Criticize | Patriarch  |
| Despise  | Associate   | Impartial | Favoritism |

**Reading Assignment:** Read pages 30 through 32 in your study guide.

**Recommended Bible Reading:** Turn to page 32 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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**Review Questions:** Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) What did Jesus do when He saw merchants in the Temple courtyard?
  - a) He chased the merchants out of the Temple courtyard.
  - b) He bought an animal and sacrificed it for Passover.
  - c) He made a whip and sold it to some merchants.
  - d) He filed a complaint with the High Priest against the merchants.
  
- 2) Some religious leaders confronted Jesus about what He did when He saw merchants in the Temple courtyard. What did Jesus say to these religious leaders?
  - a) Jesus replied, *“Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”*
  - b) Jesus replied, *“Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace.”*
  - c) Jesus replied, *“I am the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”*
  - d) Jesus replied, *“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”*
  
- 3) A man named Nicodemus visited Jesus one day. What time of day was it when Nicodemus visited Jesus?
  - a) Morning
  - b) Afternoon
  - c) Evening
  - d) Night
  
- 4) What was the name of the religious group Nicodemus belonged to?
  - a) Nicodemus was a Pharisee.
  - b) Nicodemus was a Sadducee.
  - c) Nicodemus was a Samaritan.
  - d) Nicodemus was a member of the Essenes.
  
- 5) Jesus had a lengthy discussion with Nicodemus. Which of the following is “not” something Jesus said to Nicodemus?
  - a) Jesus told Nicodemus, *“ . . . unless you are born again you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”*
  - b) Jesus said to Nicodemus, *“ . . . here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.”*
  - c) Jesus said to Nicodemus, *“ . . . the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.”*
  - d) Jesus told Nicodemus, *“ . . . everyone who believes in Him (Jesus) will have eternal life.”*

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- 6) Why did Herod put John the Baptist in prison?
  - a) Herod put John in prison because John refused to stop baptizing people.
  - b) Herod put John in prison because John refused to bow down before him.
  - c) Herod put John in prison because John wanted to marry his wife, Herodias.
  - d) Herod put John in prison because John criticized him for marrying his brother's wife.
  
- 7) After hearing about John's imprisonment, Jesus left Judea and headed back to Galilee. Along the way, Jesus stopped to rest. Where did Jesus stop?
  - a) At a well in Samaria.
  - b) At a synagogue in Samaria.
  - c) At a relative's house in Samaria.
  - d) At a lake in Samaria.
  
- 8) Jesus met a Samaritan woman when He stopped to rest. What did Jesus ask her?
  - a) Jesus asked her for directions.
  - b) Jesus asked her for a place to stay overnight.
  - c) Jesus asked her for a drink of water.
  - d) Jesus asked her for some food to eat.
  
- 9) Why was the Samaritan woman utterly shocked when Jesus spoke to her?
  - a) She was shocked because Jews despised Samaritans and did not associate with them.
  - b) She was shocked because Jesus the Messiah was a humble man.
  - c) She was shocked because Jesus spoke to her in Hebrew instead of Aramaic.
  - d) She was shocked because Jesus could clearly see that she had a dreaded disease.
  
- 10) What did Jesus offer to give the Samaritan woman?
  - a) The Bread of Life
  - b) A Passover Lamb
  - c) Living Water
  - d) The True Vine

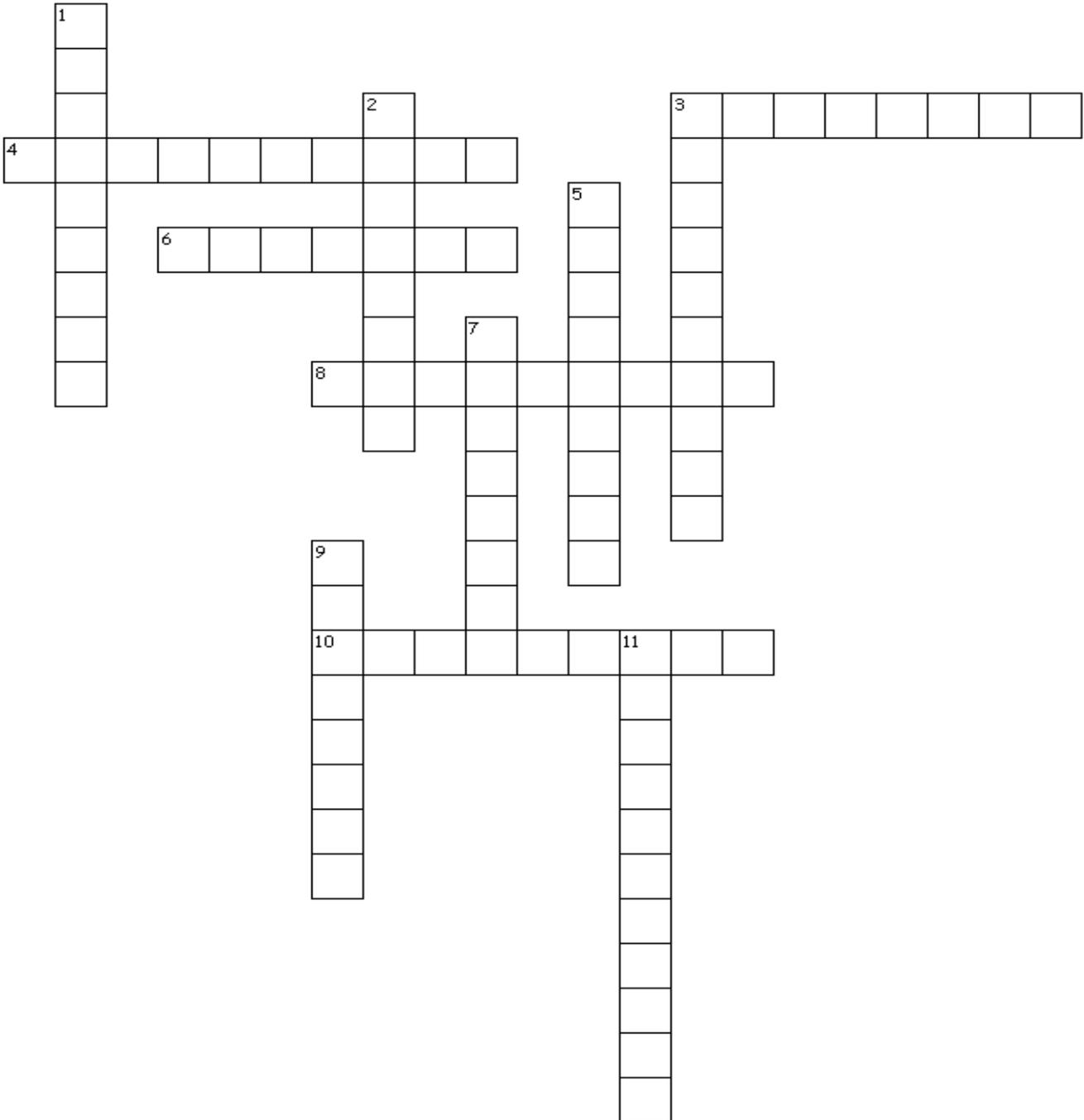
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**Inductive Study:** Use the table at the bottom of page 16 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided below.

| Section 5: Early Ministry—Part 2  | Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Who were the people you read about in this section?   |                                      |
| Where were the people in this section?  |                                      |
| When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 16.)                    |                                      |
| What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.) |                                      |
| Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?      |                                      |
| How would you describe Jesus’ character in this section?  |                                      |

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**Crossword Puzzle:** Use the vocabulary words for this lesson to fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle.



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**Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle Clues:**

**Across**

3. Money which passes at a fixed value from hand to hand
4. An inclination to favor one person or group over another
6. To look down upon with disfavor
8. To join or keep company with one as a friend or companion
10. To find fault with or a perceived flaw

**Down**

1. Not favoring one over the other
2. To lessen or make smaller
3. A written explanation added to a book or text
5. Founding father or head of a family, esp. the biblical fathers of the Jews
7. To stand face to face in a hostile or opposing manner
9. Short, brief, concise
11. Anger or strong disgust roused by that which is disgraceful

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**Lesson Application 1:** Turn to page 29 in the previous section of your study guide. Read the second bullet and the second note on this page. Based on what you read, why were people buying animals from merchants in the Temple courtyard?

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**Lesson Application 2:** Turn to page 30 of your study guide, and read the first three bullets again. As Jesus turned over the merchants’ tables and booths, He said something that explains why He chased the merchants out of the Temple. What did Jesus say?

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**Lesson Application 3:** Jesus chased the merchants out of the Temple in an act of “righteous indignation.” Look up the words “righteous” and “indignation” in your dictionary; and then write a definition for the words “righteous indignation.”

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**Lesson Application 4:** Jesus wanted the people to “reverence” the Temple, the House of God. What does it mean to “reverence” the House of God?

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**Writing Assignment 1:** The Samaritans were a mixed race. Jews looked down on Samaritans because they were not pure descendants of Abraham. They were the offspring of intermarriages between Gentiles and poor Jews left behind in Israel during the exile. Samaritans mixed Judaism with various forms of pagan worship. As a result, Jews despised Samaritans because they were not racially, culturally, or religiously pure. This kind of behavior is called “favoritism” and this kind of hatred is called “prejudice.” Read the scriptures listed on this page and then write a short paragraph on the next page describing how God feels about favoritism and prejudice.

*“Here are some further sayings of the wise: It is wrong to show favoritism when passing judgment.”* (Proverbs 24:23 NLT)

*“For God does not show favoritism.”* (Romans 2:11 NLT)

*“My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, ‘You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor’—well, doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? . . . Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.”* (James 2:1 – 4, 8 – 9 NLT)



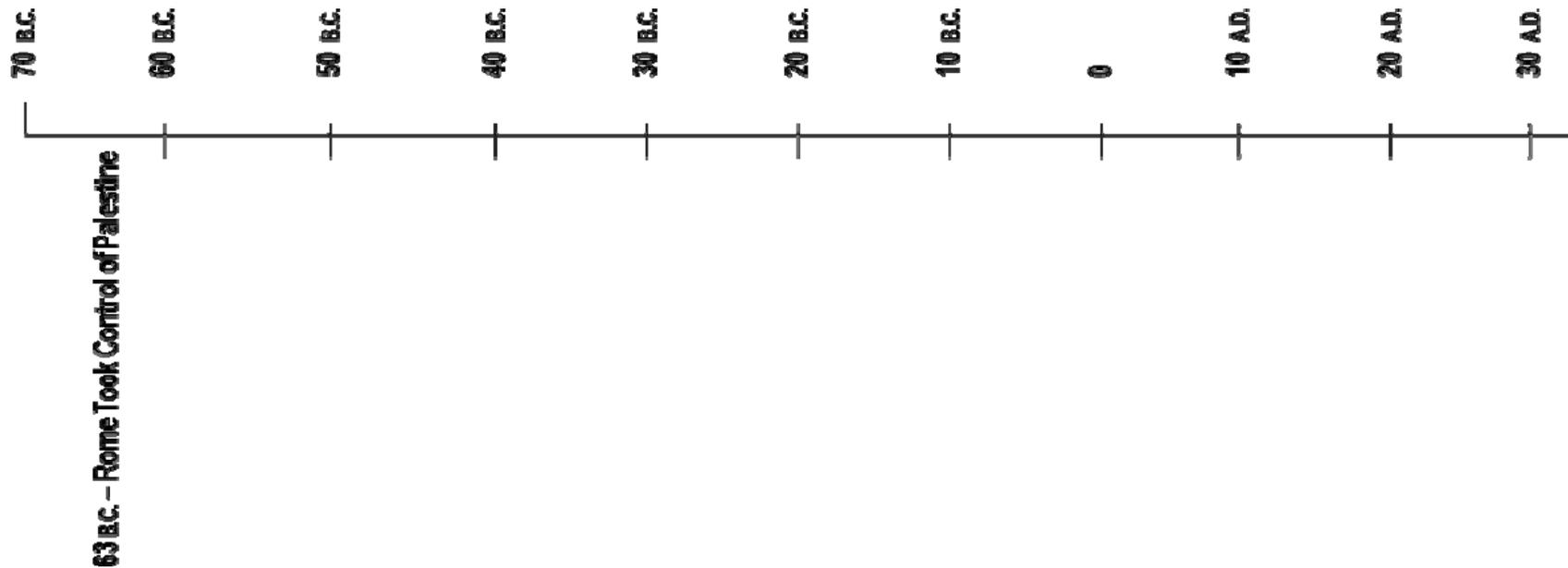




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**Historical Timeline:** Turn to the table on page 204 in your study guide entitled, “New Testament Summary of Major Events.” Mark and label the major events shown on page 204 starting with “Rome Took Control of Palestine” through “Jesus’ Ministry Begins” on the timeline below. Important Reminder: “B.C.” is an abbreviation for “Before Christ.” Dates labeled “B.C.” get smaller as time passes. “A.D. is an abbreviation for *Anno Domini*, which means “In the year of our Lord.” Dates labeled “A.D.” get larger as time passes.

**New Testament Timeline**



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**Review Section**

Demonstrate your understanding of the material presented in Chapter 1 of your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Prayerfully read the meditation scriptures and prayer on page 33 of your study guide.
- 2) Answer the questions listed on pages 34 through 37 in your study guide in the spaces provided in the book.
- 3) Prayerfully read the closing prayer on page 38 in your study guide.

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*Congratulations!!*

*You have finished Module 2 of the Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament Lesson Plans.*