

**PREPARATION FOR LESSON:** Matthew 4:13-25; 8:2-17; 9:1-17; Mark 1:14 - 2:22; Luke 4:14- 5:39; John 4:43-54 or Harmony of the 4 Gospels, SECTIONS 38-48.

**DEVELOPED OUTLINE** 2nd year 29 or 30 AD - Jesus is now 35-36 years old.

**A. Nazareth to Capernaum** c. 23 miles

1. Makes His residence in Capernaum Matt. 4:13
2. Calls 4 disciples to work with Him - Peter, Andrew, John and his brother, James Matt. 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11
  - ...had stayed with Jesus while in Judea and Samaria during 1<sup>st</sup> year (10 months)
  - ...had believed in Jesus and learned from Him (like a year of mentorship)
  - ...had gone back to their fishing business when they returned to Galilee
3. Teaches in the synagogue; heals a man with an evil spirit Luke 4:31-37
4. Goes to Peter's house; heals his mother-in-law Luke 4:38-39
5. Heals many who are sick Luke 4:40-41

**B. Capernaum to all Galilee** 1<sup>st</sup> trip Mark 1:35-45 January to March  
Takes the 4 disciples; teaches; heals a leper (**Messianic miracle**)

**C. Returns to Capernaum** Mark 2:1-14  
Heals a paralyzed man; calls Matthew

**D. Capernaum to Jerusalem** 85 miles April  

1. Heals a lame man; defends His authority John 5:1-47
2. Disciples eat grain on the Sabbath Luke 6:1-5

**E. Jerusalem to Capernaum** 85 miles  

1. Heals man with deformed hand Luke 6:6-11
2. Teaches and heals by the Sea of Galilee Mark 3:7-12

**F. Capernaum to mountain** 9 miles SW of Capernaum May - June  
Chooses 12 apostles; gives Sermon on the Mount Matt. 5 - 7; Luke 6:20-49

**G. Mountain to Capernaum** 9 miles  
Heals servant of Roman captain Luke 7:1-10

**H. Capernaum to all Galilee** 2<sup>nd</sup> trip June to August  

1. Raises widow's son in town of Nain Luke 7:11-17
2. Answers questions from John the Baptist Luke 7:18-35
3. Rebukes the unrepentant cities Matt. 11:20-30
4. Eats with Simon the Pharisee Luke 7:36-50
5. Visits all the towns and villages Luke 8:1-3

**I. Returns to Capernaum** September to November  

1. In Peter's house, Matt. 12:22-50
  - casts out an evil spirit (**Messianic miracle**)
  - teaches and is **formally rejected by the Sanhedrin** (unpardonable sin)
2. By the lake teaches parables Matt. 13:1-35
3. In Peter's house, alone with disciples explains parables Matt. 13:36-50

**J. Capernaum to Gerasenes** 10 miles Mark 4:35 - 5:20  
Calms the storm; heals the demon possessed man (Legion)

**K. Gerasenes to Capernaum** 10 miles  

1. Raises Jairus' daughter and heals a sick woman Luke 8:41-56
2. Heals 2 blind men Matt. 9:27-34
3. Heals a man unable to speak because of an evil spirit (**Messianic miracle**) Matt. 9:27-34

**EXPLANATIONS**

**Time** in the Gospels

Matthew, Mark and Luke always use Jewish time, starting at 6:00 am or pm. The first hour is 7:00.  
John always uses Roman time, starting at 12:00 am or pm. The first hour is 1:00 (same as our time).

**Jesus' followers**

1<sup>st</sup> year The 5 men ask to follow so they can *believe* and *learn* from Him: Andrew, Peter, John, Philip, Nathanael.  
2<sup>nd</sup> year Jesus asks Andrew, Peter, John, plus his brother James to follow so they can *work* with Him.



**EXPLANATIONS** *continued*

**Jesus' natures**

Jesus' teaching and most of His miracles were done in His **humanity** thru the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 read John 5:19, 30; 6:38; 8:28; 12:49; 14:31; 17:4.

Jesus had permission to draw on His **deity** under certain circumstances.

If His life was in danger and He would be killed before the time of the cross.

If He needed to know a person's thoughts or about their life when He was presenting His claim of Messiahship.

If a miracle required the power of deity in creation such as changing the water to wine.

**Jesus' miracles** - their purpose...

...To demonstrate He is the Messiah and is offering the kingdom promised in the Old Testament.

...To force the Sanhedrin to make a national decision about Him: either He is or is not their promised Messiah.

**Jewish places of worship**

• **Temple in Jerusalem** People could only worship in the outside courtyards.

God lives in heaven, is omnipresent, but ...

God localized His presence in the Jerusalem temple so He could live with His people, the Jews.

Jews worshipping in the Jerusalem temple courtyard were "in the presence" of God, at His house.

Since animal sacrifices had to be offered directly to God, the Temple was the only place to offer them.

• **Synagogues** were developed by Ezra in 400 BC for Jews who lived outside of Israel.

Wherever there were 10 Jewish men, a building must be built for worship, prayer and instruction.

It was for men, women and children who would meet inside the building.

By the time of Jesus, there were synagogues thruout Israel and all Jewish communities outside Israel.

In Israel, the services were on holy days, Sabbaths, Monday and Thursdays (days people came to market).

The teachers were rabbis, local or visiting.

Because synagogues were places of instruction for Jews,

they were the logical places for Jesus to teach and present Himself as the promised Jewish Messiah.

**Jewish laws on leprosy** (any skin diseases that were contagious, spread on the skin, caused deterioration of health and were incurable).

Jews could re-enter society after being declared a leper ...

- ♦ if they went to the Jewish Sanhedrin priests in Jerusalem.
- ♦ if the priests offered 2 bird sacrifices and conducted a 7-day investigation.

Was the person really a leper? Had they been declared a leper - when? If so, how were they healed and by whom?

- ♦ if after 7 days, the priests were convinced of the healing.

Then on 8<sup>th</sup> day, the person offered a series of animal sacrifices in a special ceremony.

With this, the person was declared healed and could re-enter society.

**Jewish teaching about miracles** in the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

- ♦ **General** Anyone could do general miracles thru the power of the Holy Spirit.

- ♦ **Messianic** 3 specific miracles could only be done by the Messiah; these miracles would reveal His identity.

**Heal - a Jewish leper, a person mute because of an evil spirit, a person born blind**

Up to this point in Jewish history, none of these had ever happened John 10:25, 38; 14:11; 15:24

**Jewish observation of Jesus** after His Messianic miracle. Luke 5:17-26

Jesus uses a Hebrew phrase from Leviticus 4-6 that the priests used after a person offered their animal sacrifice.

Jesus declares the man forgiven, without a sacrifice. Only God would have the right to change the rules to forgive him.

It is easier to **say you are forgiven** because no one can see whether anything happened.

By saying the harder which they can see, Jesus proves He has the right to forgive sin without an animal sacrifice.

Jesus commands the paralyzed man, *get up and walk*.

They see the evidence of His power to **heal** by speaking, so now...

They have to consider His power to **forgive** by speaking, which means He is claiming deity - He is the Messiah.

**APPLICATION**

When Jesus chose Matthew, He said to him and to us, *It does not matter what your past has been or what you have done. It does not matter the failures you have had. It does not matter if you have been rejected by society around you.*

When Jesus was on the cross, all of the sin of the world was placed on Him and He made payment for that sin. He now comes to us, calls us by name and says, *Put your trust in Me and follow Me. I will accept you. I will use you.*

When we accept His payment, our sin is forgiven and we are accepted by Jesus and by God the Father. He makes us a part of His family. He also invites us to work with Him. He will give us whatever gifts or abilities we need to fulfill that ministry. Even if we fail or disobey, when we repent, He will forgive and use us once again.

