

Unit 8, Lesson 39, JESUS: The Final Weeks, Part II

Daily Readings:

Day 1: Book of Hope, 5.37-5.41

Day 2: Book of Hope, 5.42-5.48

Day 3: Book of Hope, 5.49-5.52

Day 4: Book of Hope, 5.53-5.57

Day 5: Book of Hope, 6.1-6.5

Day 6: Book of Hope, 6.6-6.11

Day 7: Book of Hope, 6.12-6.14 & genealogies

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Lesson 33

JERUSALEM

If ever there was an “earthly headquarters” for God’s business, it is here.

Melchizedek is there over 2000 years before Jesus. And in his day, Abraham offers Isaac on “Moriah”, one of the hills of Jerusalem. One thousand years later, David takes it from the Jebusites, and makes it the capital of Judah, then of all Israel. Here he builds the magnificent Temple.

Because of Judah’s backsliding, Jerusalem is destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C., along with the Temple. Its rebuilding commences in 70 years. Zerubbabel’s Temple replaces Solomon’s. In 168 BC, Antiochus Epiphanes devastates the city again! It is rebuilt again.

It is the refurbished Herod’s Temple that Jesus knows as a man here. “Forty and six” years is this temple in the building, but it, along with all of Jerusalem is once more destroyed, as predicted by Jesus, in A.D. 70. Only the apostle John lives to see this fulfilment. The Temple is burned, the city utterly ruined and desolate, “not one stone upon another.” 1,000,000 Jews killed, 95,000 captive. Christians flee to Pella, as commanded.

No Jerusalem for 50 years. Pretended Messiah BarCochba leads a revolt, gets possession of the city temporarily, but all is suppressed. Jews forbidden ever to reenter the site. Temple to Jupiter erected on site of God’s Temple. Not until Constantine, 326 A.D. is all reversed, but now the “Church” takes control.

Then come the Muslims, 637 A.D., who control it for most of the next 1300 years! Only in this century has Jerusalem again become a JEWISH city (under contest, of course). Psalm 102:16... “When the Lord builds up Zion, He shall appear in His glory!” Psalm 122:6... “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, May they prosper who love you.”

Shalom to the city of PEACE, where the Prince of PEACE one day rules: the NEW JERUSALEM!

QUESTIONS, THE FINAL WEEKS (5-6)

(Book of Hope Questions 93-100,p159)

1. What DOES Jesus mean by “a little while”? (both times)(5.37) _____

2. What “plain” statement did the disciples finally “understand”? (5.37) _____

3. Why is this prayer more properly called “The Lord’s Prayer”? (5.38) _____

4. What is Jesus’ main focus in this world? (5.39) _____

5. What happens to “word-filled” people? (5.39) _____

6. Was Jesus’ prayer for unity answered? (5.40) _____

7. What was one thing the disciples did consistently in the “garden” experience? (5.41) _____

8. How should we pray in the face of severe trials? (5.41) _____

9. How do you explain the falling to the ground when Jesus said “I am He”? (5.42) _____

10. Why the question to Judas? (5.42) _____

11. Why did the disciples leave now? (5.42) _____

12. Who was the “other” disciple? (5.44) _____

13. Do you think Peter was answering the girl’s first question truthfully? (5.44,46) _____

14. Why was Jesus first struck? (5.45) _____

15. How did Peter fulfil prophecy? (5.46) _____

16. What does Jesus teach us about answering false accusations? (5.47) _____

17. Why was Jesus next struck? (5.47) _____

18. Upon what charge was Jesus condemned to death? (5.47,48) _____

19. How did Judas fulfil prophecy? (5.48) _____

<p>20. Why couldn't the Jews execute Jesus? How did this fulfill prophecy?(5.49, Matthew 20:18-19) _____</p>	<p>41. What do we learn about the different natures of Peter and John (in 6.1, pp132-133)? _____</p>
<p>21. How did the crowd first try to convince Pilate that Jesus should die?(5.49) _____</p>	<p>42. How was Jesus' resurrected Body "different"?(6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7) _____</p>
<p>22. Failing this, what did they insist was the reason?(5.52) _____</p>	<p>43. Where will Jesus meet all the disciples?(6.3) _____</p>
<p>23. Why was Jesus sent to Herod Antipas?(5.49) _____</p>	<p>W h y , d o y o u t h i n k ? _____</p>
<p>24. How did Jesus affect Israeli politics that night?(5.50) _____</p>	<p>44. With what lie were some early Jews comforting themselves?(6.4) _____</p>
<p>25. What insight did Pilate have about why Jesus was on trial?(5.51) _____</p>	<p>45. Why is Jesus upset with the men on the road to Emmaus?(6.5, p. 134) _____</p>
<p>26. What were Barabbas' sins? How were they "forgiven"?(5.51) _____</p>	<p>46. What is one indication of the Presence of Christ when you are praying or reading the Word?(6.5, p. 135) _____</p>
<p>27. What did Pilate think a beating would accomplish?(5.52) _____</p>	<p>47. What tells us that the disciples were not yet "Spirit-filled"?(6.6) _____</p>
<p>28. To whom do the Jews express a sudden loyalty, to convince Pilate?(5.52) _____</p>	<p>48. What "proof" that this is a resurrected BODY, and not just a spirit?(6.6) _____</p>
<p>29. Was His blood "on" the Jews and their children?(5.52) Explain _____</p>	<p>49. How could the disciples withhold forgiveness from anyone, do you think?(6.6) _____</p>
<p>30. Was all the crowd hostile to Jesus?(5.54, p. 128) _____</p>	<p>50. Who was Thomas's LORD and GOD?(6.7) _____</p>
<p>31. What was Pilate's last way of attempting to "favor" Jesus?(5.54, p.129) _____</p>	<p>51. How many miracles can you find in 6.8? _____</p>
<p>32. What did the religious crowd finally admit when Jesus was on the cross?(5.54) _____</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>33. What would be one of John's duties from this day on?(5.54, p. 130) _____</p>	<p>52. Was Jesus asking Peter about fish or disciples?(6.9) _____</p>
<p>34. Read again Psalm 22. Who first felt "forsaken" of God? _____ What put Jesus in the same situation?(5.55) _____</p>	<p>53. Why, do you think, did Jesus ask Peter about H i s l o v e t h r e e t i m e s ? _____</p>
<p>35. What did the tearing of the curtain mean?(5.55) _____</p>	<p>54. How will Peter die?(6.9) _____</p>
<p>36. Why does John make a point that blood <i>and</i> water came out of Jesus' body?(5:55, p 131, see a l s o I J o h n 5 : 6) _____</p>	<p>55. Did Jesus ever deny worship?(6.10) _____</p>
<p>37. Name the two "secret" disciples, and explain why they come forward now.(5.56) _____</p>	<p>56. Were all of the "11" finally convinced of Jesus' identity & resurrection?(6.10) _____</p>
<p>38. What was the Pharisees' fear now? Why was it illogical?(5.57) _____</p>	<p>57. What is the Christian's mission?(6.10) _____</p>
<p>39. What needless concern did the ladies have as they approached the tomb?(6.1, top of 132) _____</p>	<p>58. What is the only way we can truly "understand the Scriptures"?(6.11) _____</p>
<p>40. Why "his disciples <i>and</i> Peter"?(6.1) _____</p>	<p>59. Ultimately the Word is "Go," but what was the FIRST instruction to the disciples?(6.11) _____</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>60. Are the "Great Commission" mountain and the ascension mountain the same?(6.10,6.12) _____</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>61. Matthew's genealogy starts with _____ and goes FORWARD to _____. Luke starts with _____, going BACK to _____.(p.140-41)</p>