



METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES
For the week of Jun 20 – Jun 26, 2015
Lesson: **Book of Luke, Lesson 13**

SABBATH – Crucified and Risen

(Memory Text) Luke 24:7 “Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”

Let's put emphasis on the word “must.” Why must Jesus be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and come forth from the tomb the third day?

(Romans 4:24, 25) But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

If Jesus had not went to the cross and resurrected the third day we could not have the access that we now have to the free gift of justification. Christ could not wash us clean. The whole human race would eventually fizzle out and cease to exist.

(1 Corinthians 15:14-18) And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

Jesus was delivered to the cross for our sins. Many of us know this thought but do we really grasp it?

SUNDAY – Gethsemane: The Fearsome Struggle

Recently I talked with a pastor about the nature of Christ – his human side. He was adamantly expressing the idea that Jesus was just like us except for the trait of selfishness. He expressed that Jesus was not tempted with selfishness because it wasn't in his human nature at all. I had never heard it put this way before. I can agree that Jesus never gave in to self but this was not what he was saying. I spoke extensively with him and showed him several Bible texts.

(Hebrews 4:15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

(Hebrews 2:11) For **both** he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified **are all of one:** for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

The point is Gethsemane demonstrates that self was trying to rise up and talk Jesus out of going to the cross.



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(Luke 22:41, 42) [Jesus] knelt down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me:

Jesus was thinking that he would rather not go through this ordeal, but we must praise God constantly that Jesus continued saying:

(42) ...nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

The opposite of love is not hate – it is self. If you love someone you will do anything for them. In other words you will not think of yourself. Jesus conquered self because he loved his Father more than himself and lived out the Father's will. Jesus conquered self because he loved us more than himself.

Gethsemane demonstrates the kind of faith we must have and develop

The closing verse of the Three Angels Messages reveals important details about those who will go through the terrible time of trouble.

(Revelation 14:12) Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Here are the two most prominent characteristics of the final generation that will live when Jesus is about to return.

1. They keep the commandments of God
2. They have the faith of Jesus

VERY IMPORTANT – Point #2 doesn't say they have faith IN Jesus (which we know they do though) – but it says they have the faith OF Jesus. Do we have the same faith that Jesus had while here on earth, and in the Garden of Gethsemane? Do we have a faith that will do whatever the Father says, no matter what, even if means to lose our life?

This is the faith that we must have because the faithful will face death.

(Revelation 13:15) And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast **should be killed**.

The Bible assures us that there will be a group of people who will have surrendered their wills and allowed Jesus to perform that work in them. That work is to give them His faith. Jesus will fill us with His faith. This is the only way to stand up to the beast power and be victorious.

(Early Writings, p. 254) As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. A parchment was placed in the angel's hand, and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. **This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, by showing them the hour of temptation and**



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anguish that was before them. Said the angel, **“They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, they must hold fast the truth.”** The third angel closes his message thus: **“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”** As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the most holy place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. It includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not having received the light upon God’s commandments, had sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts.

We can have complete victory only because Jesus did. Many of us are stuck on grace and not on victory. Oh, we need grace, but we also need victory. God’s grace will bring victory.

(Titus 2:11, 12) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, **in this present world.**

MONDAY – Judas

(Luke 22:3) Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

The lesson asks the question: What was it about Judas, though, that enabled the adversary to succeed so well with him, in contrast to the others?

The short answer is “self.” Judas was selfish.

(The Desire of Ages, p. 716) Judas had naturally a strong love for money; but he had not always been corrupt enough to do such a deed as this. He had fostered the evil spirit of avarice until it had become the ruling motive of his life. The love of mammon overbalanced his love for Christ. **Through becoming the slave of one vice he gave himself to Satan, to be driven to any lengths in sin.**

How many of us are acting as a Judas, and are actually Satan’s but have deceived ourselves into thinking we are God’s property? “One vice” can do this and lead us into any depths of sin.

(2 Corinthians 13:5) Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?



TUESDAY – Either for Him or Against Him

A preacher once said “There’s no sitting on the fence anymore because Satan owns the fence.” In other words there is no neutral ground in anything with God.

(Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 280) If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God.

(Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 403) Those who have any connection with God’s work in any of our institutions must have a connection with God, and **must be committed to do right under all circumstances**, that they may know where they will be found in the day of trial. **No one connected with the sacred work of God can remain on neutral ground.** If a man is divided, undecided, unsettled, until he is sure that he will lose nothing, he shows that he is a man God cannot use. But many are working in this line. They have not been appointed by God, or else they have decidedly failed to be worked by the mighty agency of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord will use educated men if their supposed knowledge does not lead them to desire to work the Holy Spirit, and to seek to teach the Lord that human policy is better than divine plans, because it accords better with popular opinion. Everyone in God’s service is under bonds to stand forth boldly and meet prejudice, opposition, and human passion. They must ever remember that they are God’s servants, and in His service.

WEDNESDAY – He Is Risen

(1 Corinthians 15:14-18) And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

No resurrection of Christ – no salvation. But equally important to the plan of salvation is not only his death, resting in the tomb, and the resurrection, but the sinless life Jesus lived while here on earth.

If Jesus would have sinned even once, his resurrection would have no meaning or hope. He would have been a resurrected sinner.

(2 Corinthians 9:15) Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Jesus has been victorious in all aspects. Without his conquering sin in all points, He could not credit His sinless life to us and therefore we could not be justified and furthermore He could not impart His sinless life to us so we could be sanctified, and therefore we would have no hope.



THURSDAY – “All things Must Be Fulfilled”

Some examples of the whole life of Jesus, from the moment of his birth, choreographed by the Old Testament:

Old Testament	The Prophecy	Fulfilled - New Testament
Isaiah 40:1-3	John the Baptist mission - One crying in the Wilderness	Matthew 3:3
Isaiah 7:14	Messiah born of a virgin.	Matthew 1:22
Micah 5:2	Messiah born in Bethlehem Ephratah.	Matthew 2
Isaiah 29:13	Speaks of people honoring God only with their lips.	Matthew 15:8
Zechariah 9:9	Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey.	Matthew 21:4, 5
Isaiah 56:7 / Jeremiah 7:11	Jesus cleanses the temple.	Matthew 21:13
Psalms 8:2	Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise. The Pharisees complained that the children were glorifying Jesus as the Messiah	Matthew 21:16
Isaiah 28:16 / Psalms 118:22, 23	The Stone that was rejected	Matthew 21:42 <i>Jesus says "I am the stone..."</i>
Deut. 6:5 / Leviticus 19:18	The two great commandments	Matthew 22:37-39
Psalms 110:1	Jesus sitting at the right hand of God	Matthew 22:44
Zechariah 13:7	Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.	Matthew 26:31



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Zechariah 11:12, 13 / Jeremiah 32:6-9	Thirty pieces of silver thrown into the potters' field	Matthew 27:3-10
Psalms 22:18	Casting lots for his garments	Matthew 27:35
Psalms 22:1	Jesus said "My God, my God, Why hast thou forsaken me?"	Matthew 27:46
Psalms 109:4 / Isaiah 53:12	Jesus prayed "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."	Luke 23:34
Isaiah 53:12	Numbered with the transgressors	Matthew 27:38

Just as with any prophecy – ALL things must be fulfilled. For instance, many people take the number 666 and have applied it to all kinds of different people and even things. While it may be true that other people's names/titles could add up to 666, this is not enough to identify the beast power of Revelation 13. All the other characteristics listed in the description and the characteristics given by Daniel (chapter 7) and Paul in 2 Thessalonians (chapter 2) must also be fulfilled or applied.