



HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

Classes will be held each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Lesson discussion material will be rotated weekly amongst the various Target Groups (Adult Women, Adult Men, Young Adult, Youth) in an effort to include all ages in this lesson series.

In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

March 2023

UNIT I: By His Works

All lessons this month will focus on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ while on earth

WEEK 1-Jesus' Baptism: This lesson highlights Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River and God's announcement of Jesus as His "Beloved Son"

WEEK 2- Overcoming Temptation With the Word: This lesson demonstrates how Jesus met and successfully overcame his challenge from Satan

WEEK 3- Doing the Father's Work: This lesson shows how Jesus Christ always followed His Father's example in all things

WEEK 4- Submitting to the Father's Will: This lesson highlights the hardest thing Jesus ever had to bear

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DATE OF LESSON: March 5, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Jesus' Baptism

LESSON TEXT: Mark 1:4-13

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 3:1-17; Luke 3:15-22; Matthew 17:1-7; Mark 9:2-8;
Luke 9:28-36

GOLDEN TEXT: *"There came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"* (Mark 1:11)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was John's primary ministry, and what activity was that ministry centered around?
2. What were people indicating when they were baptized by John?
3. What is repentance, and what results when a person repents?
4. Why was the comparison of John with Elijah important?
5. How did John convey his recognition of the Messiah's greatness?
6. What made Jesus' baptism different from all other baptisms?
7. What does the term "straightway" indicate in the Gospel of Mark?
8. What occurred that confirmed to Jesus that He was pleasing God?
9. Why is it important to note that Jesus was led, or driven, by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted?
10. Why are the results of Jesus' temptation to us?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Saviour and His Forerunner (Luke 1:67-80)

T- The Lamb of God (John 1:29-34)

W- Make Way for the Lord (Matthew 3:1-12)

Th- Listen to My Son (Mark 9:2-8)

F- A Voice From Heaven (John 12:27-32)

Sa- Eyewitnesses to Christ's Majesty (II Peter 1:16-21)

Su- The Beloved Son (Mark 1:4-13)

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DATE OF LESSON: March 12, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Overcoming Temptation with the Word

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 4:1-14a

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Luke 4:1-13; I Corinthians 10:9-13; I John 2:12-14

GOLDEN TEXT: *“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God ”* (Matthew 4:4)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Young Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. While Jesus received divine approval for ministry at His baptism, what significant truth did His temptation reveal?
2. How did Jesus get to the place where Satan could tempt Him so extensively, and how long did this temptation last?
3. What was the first temptation, and why was it wrong for Jesus to do what Satan commanded?
4. Where did the second test occur, and what was wrong with it?
5. What was so hideous about Satan’s third temptation?
6. What common pattern of temptation do we see in the three temptations of Jesus?
7. How did Jesus meet each test?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- God’s Care in the Wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:1-10)

T- Worship and Trust God (Psalm 95:1-11)

W- Resist the Devil (James 4:7-12)

Th- The Whole Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)

F- Stand Against Temptation (I Corinthians 10:9-13)

Sa- Cast Your Cares Upon Him (I Peter 5:6-11)

Su- Temptation in the Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-14a)

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DATE OF LESSON: March 19, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Doing the Father's Work

LESSON TEXT: John 5:19-29

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Luke 2:41-52; John 5:1-17; John 8:25-30; John 10:31-39;
Philippians 2:5-11

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life"* (John 5:24)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Youth Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jesus do only what He saw the Father doing?
2. Why would the Father give the Son the authority to give life to whomever He desired?
3. Why would the Father give the Son the authority to judge?
4. Why did Jesus say it is just as important to honor Him as it is to honor the Father?
5. What eternal future awaits believers, and how does this differ from what unbelievers will face?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Made Whole By the Son (John 5:1-17)

T- In the Father's House (Luke 2:41-52)

W- Jesus Praises His Father Luke 10:17-24)

Th- Jesus Does What His Father Does (John 10:31-39)

F- Doing the Father's Will (John 8:25-30)

Sa- Obeying the Father (John 14:28-31)

Su- The Son Honor's the Father (John 5:19-29)

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DATE OF LESSON: March 26, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Submitting to the Father's Will

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 26:36-50

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 88:1-18; Mark 14:32-42; John 12:20-26; Hebrews 5:7-9

GOLDEN TEXT: *"And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt"*
(Matthew 26:39)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do in the Garden of Gethsemane?
2. How sorrowful did Jesus say that He was?
3. What likely was the cup that Jesus was reluctant to drink?
4. How did Jesus receive strength after His first prayer?
5. Why did Jesus tell His sleepy disciples to watch and pray?
6. What does Jesus' example in repeating His prayer teach us?
7. What three types of resignation did Jesus display in Gethsemane?
8. When did Jesus know that Judas and the mob were coming)?
9. How did Judas plan to betray Jesus to the multitude?
10. In what way did all the disciples let Jesus down?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Placing Hope in God (Psalm 42:1-11)

T- Jesus' Hour Has Come (John 12:20-26)

W- Peace From Trusting Jesus (John 16:29-33)

Th- Jesus' Work Complete (John 17:1-5)

F- The Will of Him Who Sent Me (John 6:37-40)

Sa- Cry Out to the Lord (Psalm 88:1-13)

Su- Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-50)