

Matt 1, Mark 1, Luke 1, 3 & Jn 1 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Matt 1:2-6 what 4 women are included in Jesus' genealogy (v3, 5, 6) and why is this surprising (see Gen 38, Josh 2:1, Ruth 1:4, 2 Sam 11)? What does their inclusion show us?	
5. From Luke 3:23-37 who is Jesus traced back to (v38) and how does this differ from Matthew's genealogy (Matt 1:1-17)? How does this reveal Luke's purpose for his account?	
6. Read John 1:1-5. Which "beginning" does John refer to and who was there (v1-2)? Describe the One who was in the beginning (v1, 3, 4-5).	
7. Using John 1:6-8 who bore witness of "the light" (v6-7) and who sent him (v6)? What was the purpose of his witness (v7)?	
8. Based on John 1:9-13 what does the light do (v9) and how is this true? What are the 3 responses (v10, 11, 12) and how is the positive response made? What is its result (v13)?	
9. According to John 1:14-15 who is "the Word" (v14)? What is He like (v14, 15) and what has He done (v15)?	
10. From John 1:16-18 what have we received through Jesus (v16-17) and what are we able to understand because of Him (v18)?	
11. Looking over the "beginning of the gospel" what is the background of Jesus, what is He like, and what did He come to do? Why do the gospels seem like reliable historical accounts?	

Scripture to Remember

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Loving True Love (1 John 3:11-24)

(Using- questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group about something truly loving that someone has done for you. How did you respond?
2. Read 1 John 3:11-15. How did Jesus' actions show the steadfastness of true love? How did Cain's show the opposite? Why do we tend to give up on others like Cain?
3. Since love is seeking the best for someone else does that mean that we will always "like" them? How does this provide the opportunity to demonstrate true love?
4. Talk about how security and selflessness relate—why we must be secure to be selfless and thus show true love. How do we gain this kind of security?
5. What did Jesus "take off" and "put on" to be selfless (Phil 2:5-8)? What is it today that you must) take off and 2) put on to truly love someone in particular?
6. Discuss the "litmus test" of true love, that we are willing to give people what they need, not just what they want. How are you being tested in that right now?
7. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



THE LIFE OF JESUS

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One Solitary Life Introduction to Life of Jesus



Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1926 James Allan Francis wrote a poem, *One Solitary Life*, which captured the essence of the life of Jesus. It goes like this:
"He was born in an obscure village, the son of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he became a wandering preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of those things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was

turned over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a trial. He was executed by the state. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life."

As we begin a year long study of the life of Jesus in chronological order through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John we will encounter the world-changing

"one solitary life" of Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God. The study starts this week with a view of the preparation for His life—His genealogy, His forerunners, and His purpose. Through all of these passages the reliability of these ancient accounts is clear so that anyone who wants to know Jesus can do so with the confidence that they are meeting the actual divine person who lived His human existence two thousand years ago. The real question, though, for all who study is whether they have personally received and believed that "one solitary life".

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(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to <http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/LifeGuides.html>—lesson notes)

1. Read Mark 1:1. What "beginning" does Mark refer to and how does he identify Jesus here? Since "gospel" means good news, what is so good about it?	
2. Looking at Luke 1:1-4 what is Luke's purpose as he writes about the life of Jesus (v4)? Describe the process he uses (v1, 2, 3). How reliable does that make his account of Jesus' life?	
3. Using Matt 1:1-17 what is the topic of the verses (v1)? What are the three ways Jesus is identified (v1) and why would each be important to a Jew?	

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