

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: Mark 3:35**

Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.

**LIFE OF CHRIST 9-1**

Lesson Scripture:

**Matthew 12:22-37,  
12:46-50, 13:1-23**

**Mark 3:20-4:25**

**Luke 8:1-21, 11:14-23**

**"Parable Teaching"****DAY 1 READ THE LESSON SCRIPTURE**

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?
2. a. According to Luke 8:1-3, who was traveling with Jesus?
  - b. What is said of the women?

**DAY 2 "Blasphemy and Brethren" REVIEW MATTHEW 12:22-37,46-50****(Mark 3:20-35; Luke 8:19-21, 11:14-23)**

3. a. What miracle did Jesus perform?
  - b. What was the reaction of the Pharisees?
4. A kingdom/household divided against itself \_\_\_\_\_.
5. a. (IN-DEPTH) If Satan were identified as the strong man and Jesus was the one who entered, what do you think are the strong man's possessions?
  - b. The parable implied Jesus had bound Satan. Share an area in your life where Satan, though defeated, is still testing his power.
  - c. According to 1 Peter 5:8,9 in dealing with Satan what are believers . . .  
. . . to be?  
. . . to do?  
. . . How?
6. According to Matthew 12:30, who is neutral?
7. a. In the following Scriptures identify sins against the Holy Spirit which believers/unbelievers commit:

<u>Believers</u>	<u>Unbelievers</u>
Acts 5:1-4	Acts 7:51
Ephesians 4:30	Matthew 12:31,32
1 Thessalonians 5:19	

**DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW MATTHEW 12:22-37, 46-50 (Mark 3:20-35; Luke 8:19-21, 11:14-23)**

7. b. In Mark 3:28-30, the "unpardonable sin" is stated as being "because they were saying He (Jesus) \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In Matthew 12:33-37, Jesus is saying your speech reveals your character. What will be called into account on judgment day?
9. a. Compare Mark 3:31-35 and Luke 8:19-21. What is the new spiritual relationship Jesus announced?  
b. What is God's will in John 6:40?

**DAY 3 "Parable by the Sea" REVIEW MARK 4:1-12 (Matthew 13:1-17; Luke 8:4-10)**

10. In the parable of the sower, identify the four types of soil and what happened to the seed sown there.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
11. **TURN TO MATTHEW 13:10.** What bothered the disciples?
12. a. What problems did these people have which interfered with their ability to grasp Jesus' teachings?  
b. What have you seen or heard lately that you've shut your eyes/ears to because you did not want to see/hear?  
c. What do we learn about spiritual discernment from these Scriptures?  
John 8:47  
  
1 Corinthians 2:14  
  
d. As a Spirit-filled Christian, what advantage do you have according to Matthew 13:16,17?

**DAY 4 "A Parable Explained" REVIEW MARK 4:13-20 (Matthew 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15)**

13. a. The seed is God's word. What did Jesus say keeps it from being productive?

b. What do you think a Christian can do to cultivate "good soil" in his life?

14. How would you characterize the growth of the seed (God's Word) in your life? Choose one and explain why.

a seedling?

a tender budding stalk?

a mature plant in production mode?

a plant dying from lack of water (of the Word)?

**DAY 5 "On the Use of Parables" REVIEW MARK 4:21-25 (Luke 8:16-18)**

15. Jesus wanted His parables to be understood (Mark 4:13). What is the teaching of the parable of the lamp as to:

a. place (verse 21)

b. purpose (verse 22)

c. proportion (verses 24,25)

16. As the Spirit sheds light on God's Word, a torch of responsibility is passed on to the Christian. What do these Scriptures say?

a. Daniel 12:3

b. Ephesians 5:8-10

17. Share the name of someone who reflects the light of Christ and brightens up your corner of the world.

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**