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Lesson Notes:

How would you define the following leadership groups governing Israel during the time of Christ?

King Herod: _____

The Scribes: _____

The Priests: _____

The Pharisees: _____

The Sadducees: _____

The Sanhedrin: _____

Describe the “Holy of Holies” and how it was used in worship during the time of Christ:

Highlight the part of each prophesy below that would have helped you recognize the Messiah

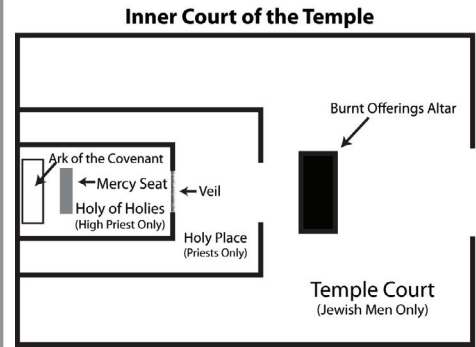
Micah 5:2 *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old from ancient times.”*

Malachi 3:1 *“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, who you desire, will come,” says the Lord almighty. “*

Isaiah 9:6 *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. “*

Isaiah 7:14 *“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel”*

Isaiah 40:3 *“A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert prepare the way for the Lord’; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.”*



Israel’s Leadership:

- Caesar** - Ultimate ruler over all of the Rome Empire
- King Herod** - Jewish king appointed by Rome at the time of Jesus’ birth
- The Tetrarchs** - King Herod’s sons who each ruled part of Israel after his death. Herod Antipas ruled Galilee
- Pontius Pilate** - Roman governor of Judea
- The Scribes** - Rabbis, Teachers of the law, who studied the writings of the Old Testament
- Priests** - From tribe of Levi, Leaders of Enlightenment
- Pharisees** - A subset of the Scribes who demanded strict adherence to the law
- Sadducees** - A subset of the Priests (overseen by the High Priest), part of the aristocracy, judges
- Sanhedrin** - 71 priests or scribes chosen to sit on the Supreme Court of Justice.

Student Notes:

Lesson Notes:

Write a brief description of each one of the gospel writers:

Matthew:

Mark:

Luke:

John:

What unusual, miraculous events helped affirm that Jesus was the son of God?

Who were the “wise men,” or magi, and what role did they play in affirming Jesus’ identity? How did their gifts bless Jesus?

Points to remember:

- 1. Each of the four gospels includes slightly different details about the life of Christ because the authors saw Jesus from their own perspective, including details they thought were significant.*
- 2. Some prophecies about the Messiah were confirmed when Jesus was born.*
- 3. From Jesus’ birth the Jewish authorities were dead set on getting rid of him.*

Student Notes:

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Define the “Spirit of God,” or Holy Spirit:

Why is it important to understand that Jesus was a human (flesh and blood) but also God (aka Son of God)?

How does Hebrews 1:3 explain who Jesus is?

How can we understand the wisdom of God, i.e. the deeper meaning of scripture? (1 Corinthians 2:6-14)

How did the priests in the temple react to this wisdom from God evident in Jesus when he was just a boy?

How do we receive the “Holy Spirit” or a spirit of Wisdom? (Romans 10:9; Eph. 1:13)

Points to remember:

1. *Jesus was both God and man.*
2. *John the Baptist called people to repent and be baptized.*
3. *The Spirit of God revealed who Jesus was to at least two people in the temple and to the crowd who watched him be baptized.*
4. *The Spirit also reveals truth to each of us if we have the Holy Spirit in us.*
5. *We know that God is greater than Satan. He does not tempt us and He will give us the power to overcome temptation.*

Student Notes:

Lesson 4 - Following Jesus

Homework Questions

Read: Matthew 8:18-20, 9:9-13, 11:1-15; Mark 2:13-17, 3:13-19, 6:14-29, Luke 5:1-11, 6:12-16, 7:18-35, 9:57-62, 14:25-34, 18:18-30, John 1:29-50.

1. Who are the first few disciples that Jesus called to follow him?

2. What does Jesus tell John's disciples to report to John?

3. What kind of people did Jesus choose to call as His disciples?

4. How does Simon Peter react when Jesus fills his nets with fish?

5. What does Jesus say Simon Peter will become?

6. What are some of the excuses people used back then to avoid following Jesus? What excuses do they use today?

7. List the men who became Jesus' disciples:

8. Jesus told those who would follow Him to count the cost. List some of the risks in following Jesus, as shown in the Bible and in the world today:

Student Notes:
