

#### **14. The Jerusalem Ministry**

1. *Problems Jesus experienced in his ministry*
  - i. *Rejection in Nazareth*
  - ii. *Pharisees accused him of breaking the law of Moses*
  - iii. *Was accused befriending sinners*
  - iv. *Was said to be using the powers of Beelzebul the chief demon*
  - v. *Tempted by devil in wilderness*
  - vi. *Opposition from Jewish leaders*
  - vii. *Disciples had little faith*
  - viii. *Betrayed by Judas*
  - ix. *Mocked/ humiliated/ hanged*
  - x. *His resurrection was doubted*
  
2. *Preparations the Christians require for the second coming of Jesus Christ.*
  - i. *Repentance*
  - ii. *Baptism*
  - iii. *Forgive one another.*
  - iv. *Assisting the needy.*
  - v. *Fellowshipping*
  - vi. *Praying and fasting.*
  - vii. *Paying tithes/offering*
  - viii. *Preaching the gospel.*
  - ix. *Sing/praising God*
  
3. *a) seven signs of eschatology as taught by Jesus in Luke 21: 5- 38*
  - i. *People will come claiming to be Jesus the Messiah, the son of God/ false Messiahs*
  - ii. *There will be wars between nations*
  - iii. *Natural calamities like earthquakes, famines and plague will occur celestial*
  - iv. *Strange and heavenly beings will come from the sky*
  - v. *There will be disruption in the sky and in the sea*
  - vi. *All nations will be in despair*
  - vii. *Disciples will be arrested, persecuted and imprisoned*
  - viii. *Disciples will be hated on the account of Jesus*
  - ix. *Disciples would be betrayed to authority by close relatives; even be put to death*
  - x. *People will faint from fear as they witness these signs*  
*b) The evidence that supports the resurrection of Jesus*
  - i. *The witness of the women who found the tomb empty*
  - ii. *The witness of Peter who also found the tomb empty*
  - iii. *Witness of the disciples at Emmaus*
  - iv. *Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples and showed them his hands and feet*
  - v. *The ascension of Jesus*

- vi. *The coming of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost/ He promised to sent them the Holy Spirit when he was going to heaven*
  - vii. *Peter's testimony on the day of Pentecost*
  - viii. *The presence of the Christian church/ community*
- c) *Christians should prepare for the second coming of Jesus Christ by*
- i. *Not losing hope in face of trials and tribulations because the Kingdom of God with the promise of a new life will definitely come*
  - ii. *Leading a righteous/ holy life. They are to avoid too much feasting and drunkenness*
  - iii. *Avoiding being pre-occupied with worries and cares of this world*
  - iv. *Being watchful by praying so that God will give them courage and strength to stand firm in their faith*
  - v. *Preaching the word of God to those who have not heard*
  - vi. *Being obedient to God's commandments*
  - vii. *Through helping the needy*
  - viii. *Repenting and forgiving others*
4. (a) *Significance of the transfiguration of the Lord (Luke 9:28 – 36)*
- ◆ *God strengthens his people when in problems*
  - ◆ *The coming of Jesus Christ as the will of god*
  - ◆ *There is life after death as confirmed by the appearance of Jesus/his clothes signified his holiness*
- (b) *Five reasons why Christians find it difficult to pray are:*
- ◆ *Lack of faith/Trust in God*
  - ◆ *Sinful living*
  - ◆ *Frustrations/bitterness*
  - ◆ *Laziness*
  - ◆ *Lack of time/busy programmes/schedules*
  - ◆ *Unanswered prayers*
  - ◆ *Ridicule/discouragement from others*
  - ◆ *Poor role models*
  - ◆ *lack of training/experience*
  - ◆ *fear of people/congregation*
  - ◆ *Lack of knowledge of scripture / Bible*
  - ◆ *Poverty*
- 5 .a) *The importance of transfiguration to the ministry of Jesus?*
- i. *The incident prepared the disciples of Jesus of His death and resurrection/ showed that there is life after death*
  - ii. *The appearance of Moses showed that Jesus had come to fulfill the law*
  - iii. *The appearance of Elijah showed that Jesus had come to fulfill the prophecies/ prophets*

- iv. *The voice of God, (This is my son) was a voice to confirmation that the son of God/ the expected messiah (that the disciples were right in the following him)*
- v. *It taught the disciples that Jesus was to be obeyed/ trusted*
- vi. *The disciple witnessed/ experience the presence of God*
- vii. *The disciples witnessed/ had a glimpse of Jesus in his heavenly glory divine nature*
- viii. *The episode teaches that Jesus had come to usher in the heavenly kingdom/ the kingdom of God*
- ix. *The episode prepared Peter for the future leadership of the church*
- x. *It teaches the need for privacy during prayer*
- xi. *The comforting words of God encouraged Jesus to continue in his ministry*
- xii. *It also strengthened the faith of the disciples who later become leaders of the church*
- xiii. *The tabernacle/ booths/ tents desired by Peter refer to the tabernacle of the Old Testament where God dwelt among the people*
- xiv. *It is in the transfiguration that Jesus even in his earthly existence is the glorious son of God who would be fully recognized in his glory after his passion and resurrection*

b) *Ways in which Jesus played the role of a prophet of God*

- i. *Jesus taught on their duties to God*
- ii. *He taught on the relationship between God and the people*
- iii. *He called on sinners to repent*
- iv. *He proclaimed God's judgement on sinners*
- v. *Jesus condemned sin in the society e.g. hypocrisy, selfishness, greed*
- vi. *He taught at the universality of God. Jesus performed miracles e.g. healing the sick*
- vii. *Jesus showed compassion to the suffering/ needy/ helped the needy*
- viii. *He gathered followers around him/ had disciples*
- ix. *He faced the political authorities/ Jewish leaders with courage/ without fear*
- x. *He reminded the people of the commandments of God*
- xi. *He set examples to be emulated/ led an exemplary life*
- xii. *He accepted to suffer/ opposition to accomplish his mission*

6. a) *The story of the sinful woman, explain the teachings of Jesus on forgiveness*

- i. *God is merciful/ forgives sinners*
- ii. *God forgives all types of sin*
- iii. *We should not judge others (all are sinners)*
- iv. *Jesus loves sinners but hates sin*
- v. *Those whose sins are forgiven should live righteously (Everyone needs forgiveness)*
- vi. *We should be tolerant with sinners/ we should help them to change and turn them to God*

7. *Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem failed to portray him as an earthly Messiah;*

- *Triumphant means successful or victorious.*

- *He rode on a colt which is a sign of humility or poverty. He should have rode on a horse.*

- *He wept on seeing Jerusalem since he already knew destruction awaiting the magnificent city.*

- *He was angered by what he saw in the temple such that he chased away the businessmen*

*violently.*

- *He experienced loneliness at Mt. Olives on the night he was betrayed because his disciples slept while he prayed.*
- *The entry was not victorious because Judas Iscariot betrayed him.*
- *He suffered physical and spiritual torture in the hands of the soldiers.*
- *A criminal, Barnabas was preferred for release while Jesus who was innocent was chosen for crucifixion.*

*His closest disciples, Peter denied him three times.*

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