LESSON TWELVE

**The Journey to the Cross**

**Key Verses**

**John 17**

**Lesson Overview**

The most significant journey recorded in the Bible is the journey to the Cross. Jesus' journey to Golgotha was incredibly personal and painful. Yet His journey was wonderfully powerful, as He ultimately conquered death and the grave in an expression of love for mankind. This power is still changing lives today.

As Christians, we must constantly examine our lives in light of Bible truth. By considering the people and events surrounding Jesus' death on the Cross, we can develop an understanding of the significance of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. We must evaluate our spiritual journeys in light of these truths, beginning with the confidence of salvation and continuing forward in a life of righteous living.

**Lesson Aim**

We must realize that if Christ died for us, we should accept His gift of salvation and then determine to live our lives in a way that would glorify Him.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

* Cultivate a heart of gratitude for the work Jesus accomplished on the Cross.
* Strive to glorify God in all areas of life.
* Determine to stand with God, rather than stand with those who would deny and betray Him.
* Accept the gift of eternal life, if they have not done so already.
* Acknowledge God's purpose for their lives and seek to fulfill it.

**Teaching Outline**

I. A Planned Journey

A. A personal journey

1. Planned between the Father and the Son

2. Planned before the world was known

B. A purposeful journey

1. To give eternal life

2. To glorify God

II. A Painful Journey

A. Personal betrayal

1. Betrayed by Judas

2. Denied by Peter

B. Physical beating

III. A Powerful Journey

A. The power of love

B. The power of humility

1. Crucified between two thieves

2. Offered forgiveness

C. The power of redemption

1. The payment was made.

2. Atonement was accomplished.

**Study Questions**

1. What is the definition of omniscient?

2. How was the journey to the Cross personal for Jesus?

3. What was the first and main purpose of Jesus' death on the Cross?

4. In addition to offering salvation, what other purpose did Jesus' death on the Cross serve?

5. Write out 1 Corinthians 6:20, and list two specific ways in which you can glorify God this week.

6. From whom did Jesus experience personal betrayal?

7. List three practical ways in which you can "stand with Jesus" in a world that denies Hirn.

8. How did Jesus display humility from the Cross?

**Memory Verse**

*and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.* (2 CORINTHIANS 5:15)