

Lesson 1 – Christ’s Earthly Ministry

Student Workbook

Name: _____ Date: _____

Part 1 – Setting the Scene

When we read about Jesus in the Gospels, we are still in a Jewish setting.
The Temple is active and the people are under the Law of Moses.

Key Idea: God is moving forward in His promises to Israel.

✍️ Write in your own words:

Why is it important to remember this is a Jewish setting?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Part 2 – The Angel Visits Mary

Read Luke 1:30–33.

The angel tells Mary several important things about her Son.

Fill in the blanks:

- **The baby’s name will be _____.**
- **He will be called the Son of the _____.**
- **God will give Him the throne of _____.**
- **His kingdom will have _____ end.**

👉 These are promises connected to Israel’s long-awaited King, the Messiah.

Part 3 – What Israel Was Waiting For

God had promised:

- **A nation**
- **A land**
- **A King**

By the time Jesus came, they had the first two.

They were still waiting for the King.

👉 Who is that King? _____

Part 4 – Why Jesus Did Miracles

Read Matthew 11:4–5.

Jesus told John’s followers to report the miracles they saw.

These signs were proof that He was the Messiah.

Circle the miracles mentioned:

Blind receive sight

Storms stopped

Lepers cleansed

Dead raised

Fish multiplied

Deaf hear

(there may be more than one correct answer)

Part 5 – Jesus and the Law

Jesus said He did not come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it.

That means He was bringing God’s promises toward completion.

👉 Why would this be important to Jewish listeners?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Part 6 – What Happened?

Even after all the proof, many people in Israel did not believe.

They rejected Him.

Why?_ _____

Part 7 – God’s Plan Continues

Read Romans 11.

Because of Israel’s rejection, salvation went to the Gentiles.

But God is not finished with Israel. His promises will still be kept.

Lesson Summary (write a short sentence for each)

Jesus came first to:

Miracles showed that He was:

Israel’s response was:

Salvation then went to:

Part 1 – Setting the Scene

(Why is it important to remember this is a Jewish setting?)

Suggested Answer:

Because Jesus was ministering first to Israel and the people were still living under the Law and Temple system.

Short acceptable answers:

- Because God was still dealing mainly with Israel.
- Because the Law and Temple were still in effect.
- Because Jesus first came to the Jewish people.

Quick Teacher Note (optional)

For beginners, accept any answer that shows they understand:

👉 the setting is Jewish

👉 the Law/Temple were still active

👉 Jesus' ministry was first to Israel

Part 2:

Jesus / Highest / David / no (or never)

Part 3:

Jesus (the Messiah / Christ)

Part 4:

Blind receive sight, Lepers cleansed, Dead raised, Deaf hear

Part 5 – Jesus and the Law (From [Matthew 5:17](#))

Because Jewish listeners respected the Law of Moses. They needed to know Jesus was not opposing the Law but fulfilling God's promises through it.

(Short acceptable answer: *Because the Jews were still under the Law and needed to know He was fulfilling it.*)

Part 6 – What Happened?

Answer:

They rejected Him.

(Expanded acceptable answer: *Many in Israel rejected Jesus and sent Him to the cross.*)

Part 7 – God's Plan Continues

(From [Romans 11](#))

Answer:

Salvation went to the Gentiles, but God is not finished with Israel.

Lesson Summary:

Israel / the Messiah (Christ) / rejection / the Gentiles