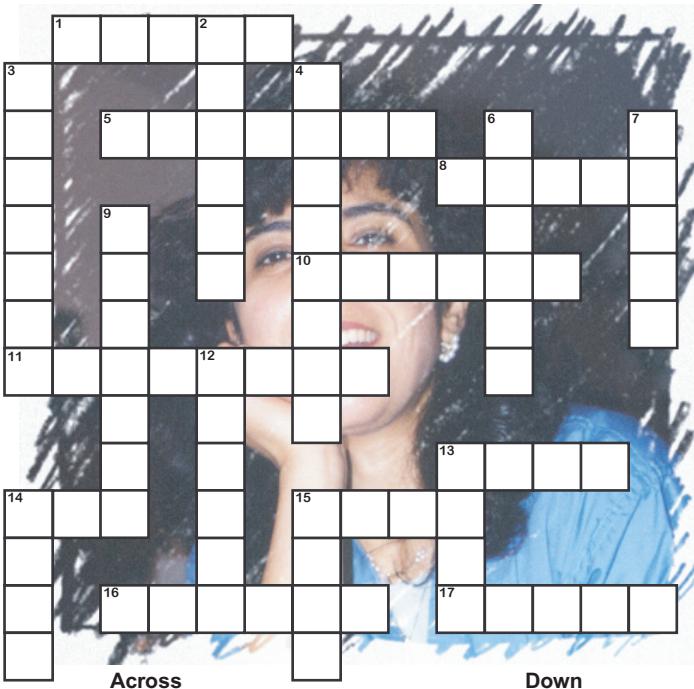


Crossword Puzzle



1. The Lord's calling bring us into the _____ which is the church.
2. The Good Shepherd is the Lord Jesus _____.
5. The Lord Jesus began His _____ ministry at thirty years of age.
8. The Lord Jesus laid down His life for His _____.
10. The Good Shepherd feeds the _____ ones.
11. The Lord Jesus began His earthly _____ at thirty years of age.
13. The Good Shepherd calls us by _____.
14. The Lord Jesus taught the Word of _____.
15. The Good Shepherd came to seek and _____ people who were like lost sheep.
16. The Lord Jesus only did those things that pleased His _____.
17. He recovered the _____ of those who were blind.

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The Person and Life of the Lord Jesus

- Lesson Seven -

The Earthly Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ

I. Overview.

The Lord Jesus began His earthly ministry at age thirty. He ministered for three and a half years, which was the time between His baptism and His crucifixion. His ministry on the earth was to reveal God to man by carrying out the Father's will. It was also to do the work of saving men and bringing them to the full knowledge of the truth.

The Lord Jesus was also like a Good Shepherd to bring all of God's people to salvation. We were like lost sheep who needed



The Lord Jesus found us as the lost sheep and brought us home to the church.

When we are found by the Lord Jesus, He brings us to be with His flock, which is the church. In the flock, He watches over us to protect us and He also feeds us.

II. Memory Verse.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives....”

(Luke 4:18)

III. Lesson.

In His life on the earth, the Lord Jesus only did the Father's will and carried out the Father's work. He did not come in His own name, to speak His own words, to give His own teaching, or to do His own will. He did nothing from Himself. He only did those things that pleased His Father.

The Lord Jesus spoke and taught God's Word as no one on earth has ever done. By His speaking of God's word, He brought good news to the poor. He also released the people who were captive to Satan and his demons. He recovered the sight of those who were blind, both spiritually and physically. Additionally, He loved all men, sympathized with their needs, and had compassion on them.

The Good Shepherd

The Lord's ministry on the earth can be seen in His work as the Good Shepherd. As the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus came to seek and save people who were like lost sheep. When the sheep get lost from the shepherd, they don't know where to go, they may not have anything to eat, and they can often be in danger. The Lord Jesus is like the Good Shepherd to people who are lost without Him.

As the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus heals the wounded ones and feeds the hungry ones. He also laid down His life for

His sheep that they might have eternal life. This means that He died on the cross for our sins that we could be forgiven by God and be together with God forever.

Jesus also rescues and protects His sheep (His people) from thieves and wolves. The thieves would



The Lord Jesus gives us some older ones as shepherds.

steal the sheep and take them away, and the wolves might eat them. Jesus protects us from these kinds of things as our Good Shepherd.

Also, as our Good Shepherd, Jesus calls us by name to follow Him. He knows each one of us, and calls us by name. The Bible says that the sheep hear His voice. This means that the Lord Jesus can speak to us and we know His voice. His voice can come to us when we read God's word (like when we memorize our memory verses), or when our parents or other adults speak to us. The Lord's calling brings us into the flock which is the church.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How long did the Lord Jesus earthly ministry last?

2. Name three things the Good Shepherd does for His sheep?

3. Who's will and work did the Lord Jesus do?

4. Why should we listen carefully and obey our parents, teachers and other adults?
