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This is a self-study course designed to help you discover for yourself, from the Bible, some important basic truths about living the Christian life.

how to study the lesson

- Try to find a quiet spot free from distractions and noise.
 - 2. Read each question carefully.
- 3. Look up the Scripture reference given after each question. Make sure you have found the correct Scripture passage. For example, sometimes you will find yourself looking up John 1:1 instead of I John 1:1.
- 4. Answer the question from the appropriate Bible passage. Write, in your own words, a phrase or sentence to answer the question. In questions that can be answered with a "yes" or "no" always give the reason for your answer . . . "Yes, because. . . ."
- 5. If possible, keep a dictionary handy in order to look up words you don't understand.

- 6. Pray for God's help. You need God's help in order to understand what you study in the Bible. Psalm 119:18 would be an appropriate verse for you to take to God in prayer.
- 7. Class teachers using this course for group study will find some helpful suggestions on page 63.

how to take the self-check tests

Each lesson is concluded with a test designed to help you evaluate what you have learned.

- 1. Review the lesson carefully in the light of the self-check test questions.
- 2. If there are any questions in the self-check test you cannot answer, perhaps you have written into your lesson the wrong answer from your Bible. Go over your work carefully to make sure you have filled in the blanks correctly.
- 3. When you think you are ready to take the self-check test, do so without looking up the answers.
- 4. Check your answers to the self-check test carefully with the answer key given on page 64.
- 5. If you have any questions wrong, your answer key will tell you where to find the correct answer in your lesson. Go back and locate the right answers. Learn by your mistakes!

apply what you have learned to your own life

In this connection, read carefully JAMES 1:22-25. It is only as you apply your lessons to your own life that you will really grow in grace and increase in the knowledge of God.



The First Coming of Christ Foretold

The story of the Bible is: "The Lord is coming." Both Old and New Testament believers have been cheered by the prospect of a soon-coming Christ.

Christ's first coming was foretold in detail

Listed below are a number of Old Testament predictions concerning the coming Christ, together with the New Testament fulfillment of each.

1. In what way was the Lord's birth to be unique?

6. For how much was Christ to be betrayed?
ZECHARIAH 11:12; MATTHEW 26:14, 15
7. How was the betrayal money to be spent?
Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 27:3, 7-10
8. Of what character were the witnesses against the Lord to be
Psalm 35:11; Matthew 26:59, 60
9. How was Christ to be ill treated?
Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67
10. What was Christ to say to His accusers?
Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12-14
11. What mode of execution was foretold?
Psalm 22:16; Luke 23:33
12. How would Christ react to those who slew Him?
Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34
13. What mocking gesture would the bystanders make at Christ'execution?
Psalm 109:25; Matthew 27:39

14. What would the mockers say as Christ died?
Psalm 22:8; Matthew 27:41-43
15. How would they further embarrass the Lord? Pourse 22:17. Magranus 27:26
Psalm 22:17; Matthew 27:36
16. In what words would Christ give expression to His agony?
PSALM 22:1; MATTHEW 27:46
17. What was to be done with His clothes?
Psalm 22:18; John 19:23, 24
18. What would be given Christ to drink?
Psalm 69:21; John 19:29
19. Where would His friends stand?
PSALM 38:11; LUKE 23:49
20. Though His death was to be a violent one, what was to happen to His bones?
Psalm 34:20; John 19:33-36
21. What significant fact is mentioned about His heart?
PSALM 22:14; JOHN 19:34

22. What was to be done to His side?
Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34
23. Although His enemies were going to make His grave with the wicked, how was God going to overrule His burial?
Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60
24. Could the grave really conquer Christ?
PSALM 16:8-10; MATTHEW 28:1-8
The purpose of Christ's first coming
25. What is the very meaning of the name $JESUS$ given to Him at His birth?
Matthew 1:21
26. How was He acclaimed by the angels?
Luke 2:11
27. What did Simeon testify when he looked on Christ?
Luke 2:28-30
28. For what purpose did Christ come into the world?
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John 1:29
29. What were the Lord's own words?
MATTHEW 20:28

What have you learned in this lesson? Review the lesson in the light of the self-check test below. Check carefully any questions you can't answer. Be sure you have filled in the blanks correctly. When you think you are ready, take the test without looking up the answers.

In the right-hand margin write "True" or "False" after each of the following statements.

1. It was prophesied that Christ would be born in Bethlehem.	
2. The first prophecy in the Bible speaks of Noah.	
3. It was predicted that the betrayal money would be spent on riotous living.	
4. It was predicted that people would gamble for the Lord's clothes.	
5. It was foretold that Christ would be given water from Jacob's well at His crucifixion.	
6. It was prophesied that Christ's bones would be broken.	
7. The name Jesus means "Saviour."	
8. Simeon declared that he had seen God's salvation when he looked on the infant Christ.	
9. Christ came to deal with the question of the world's sin.	
10. Christ's forerunner was John the Baptist.	

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Turn to page 64 and check your answers.