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Chapter 25: Jesus, the Son of God

Matthew 17; 21; Mark 8 – 12; 14; Luke 9; 22; John 7 – 8; 11 – 12

Introduction:

In Jesus' day, people enjoyed coming up with theories about who Jesus was. The only one who was crystal clear about the answer to this question was Jesus himself. He waited for the right moment to declare publicly what he had known from before time.

Lesson Breakdown:

- The Son Confessed and Revealed [Matthew 17; Mark 8-9; Luke 9]
- Radical Claims and Dangerous Opposition [John 7-8, 11]
- A Matter of Faith [Mark 10; John 11]
- Coming to a Head [Matthew 21; Mark 11-12, 14; Luke 22; John 12]

Plot Points:

- A massive showdown with the religious leaders seems inevitable.
- Jesus, once again, is affirmed as God's Son by God himself as he speaks with Moses and Elijah on a mountaintop.
- The question of Jesus' identity is emerging as the central concern of Jesus' day and of the Gospels.
- The disciples, despite Jesus' frank proclamations, still do not understand that he will die and be raised again in three days.
- Jesus raises a man three days dead, demonstrating that he is the resurrection and the life.
- The conspiracy to kill Jesus is set in motion with the recruitment of Judas Iscariot.

As you watch the video for Session 25 of *The Story*, notice some of the main points.

- ✓ What's my line?
- ✓ Peter decided to rebuke Jesus.
- ✓ Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
- ✓ "See your king comes to you . . . gentle and riding on a donkey."
- ✓ "Three days later I will rise."

UNDERSTAND THE STORY:

- Mark 8:

Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say I am?" Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus commands him not to tell anyone.

(353) [Mark 8:27-30] [Matthew 16:13-20; Luke 9:18-21]

Jesus prophesies his suffering, death and resurrection. Peter rebukes Jesus for this, and Jesus rebukes him back with ‘Get behind me, Satan’, saying he is mindful only of the things of men, not the things of God.

(353) [Mark 8:31-33] [Matthew 16:21-28; Luke 9:22-27]

Jesus says that anyone who wishes to follow him must take up their cross and follow. Whoever desires to save his life will lose it. (353-354) [Mark 8:34-35]

If anyone is ashamed of Jesus, He will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels. (354) [Mark 8:38]

Jesus says that some standing there will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God. (NIB) [Matthew 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27]

What is the phrase “*some standing there will not taste death*” referring?

Jesus' Transfiguration: (354) [Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36] [2 Peter 1:16–18]

The word “transfiguration” comes from the Latin roots *trans-* (“across”) and *figura* (“form, shape”), and signifies a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state.

“Christ’s Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles’ faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the ‘high mountain’ prepares for the ascent to Calvary.”

~~ Catechism of the Catholic Church - CCC 568

- Matthew 17:

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain and is spectacularly transformed: his face shone like the sun, his clothes become as white as light. (354) [Matthew 17:1-2]

Who appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration?

(354) [Matthew 17:3; Luke 9:30-31]

What is the name of the mountain and what is another event which happened on it in *The Story*? (Judges 4:12; Lesson 8; page 106)

Peter suggested building three shelters, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was so terrified he didn’t know what else to say.

(354) [Mark 9:5-6] [Matthew 17:4] [Luke 9:33]

A bright cloud appears and covers them, and a voice from the heavens declares, ‘This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’

(354) [Matthew 17:5] [Mark 9:7; Luke 9:34-35]

The disciples fall on the floor, full of fear, but when they look up, only Jesus is there. (354) [Matthew 17:6-8] [Mark 9:8]

Jesus tells his disciples not to tell anyone until he has risen from the dead, predicting his death in Jerusalem. (354) [Mark 9:9-10] [Matthew 17:9]

They return to the other disciples. A crowd sees Jesus and runs to see him. (355) [Mark 9:14-15] [Matthew 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-43]

Jesus and the disciples leave and pass through Galilee. Jesus predicts his death in Jerusalem. (355) [Matthew 17:30-32]

- John 7:

Jesus goes to Jerusalem where the Jews were looking for him. (355) [John 7:11-13]

Jesus teaches in the temple. The Jews are astonished since he is not educated. (355-356) [John 7:14-15]

Some try to seize him, but they do not, because Jesus' hour had not yet come. (356) [John 7:25-31]

'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.' (356) [John 7:37-39]

The crowds are divided as to whether Jesus is a true prophet or not. Some wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand on Him. (356) [John 7:40-44]

- John 8:

Jesus says He is the "Light of the world", but the Pharisees said this was not true. (357) [John 8:12-13]

Jesus says its true because He knows where He came from and where He's going. (357) [John 8:14]

Jesus does not bear witness of himself, but the One who sent him is who bears witness. The Father is known through the Son. (NIB) [John 8:18-19]

Jesus will go to glory, they (unless they turn) will die in their sins. Jesus is not of this world. He is from above. (357) [John 8:21-24]

He tells the believing Jews ... *'The truth shall make you free.'* (357) [John 8:30-32]

Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. (NIB) [John 8:34]

Jesus said that if anyone follows His word they will never see death.
(357-358) [John 8:51-53]

Is this similar to the statements in: [Matthew 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27]?

It is the Father who glorifies the Son. (358) [John 8:54-56]

Jesus said He was 'Before Abraham was born.' (358) [John 8:57-59]

- John 11:

Mary and her sister Martha, of Bethany, have a brother, Lazarus, who is sick.
Jesus stays two days *longer* where He was. (358) [John 11:1-7]

Jesus tells the disciples Lazarus had fallen asleep but was actually speaking about his death. Jesus says He was glad he was not there, so that they may believe.
(358) [John 11:11-17]

How far was it from Bethany to Jerusalem? (359) [John 11:18]

How many days had Lazarus been in the tomb when Jesus arrived at Bethany?
(359) [John 11:17]

What was the condition of the body? (360) [John 11:39]

Once Jesus arrived, which sister gave him a hard time? (359) [John 11:20-24]

Jesus says he is the resurrection and the life. (359) [John 11:25]

Being deeply moved when He saw Mary and the Jews weeping, Jesus wept.
(360) [John 11:32-35]

Jesus commands the stone of the tomb to be rolled away. He thanks the Father for hearing him, then commands Lazarus to come forth, which he does. (360) [John 11:39-44]

The Jewish rulers plot Jesus' death, (361) [John 11:47-53]

Jesus no longer openly walks among them and stayed with the disciples in a city called Ephraim. (NIB) [John 11:54]

- Mark 10:

We must be as little children to receive the kingdom of God.
(361) [Mark 10:13-16] [Matthew 19:3-15; Luke 18:15-17]

A rich man is told to sell all he has and follow Jesus because it is more difficult for a rich man to enter heaven than it is for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. (361-362) [Mark 10:17-25] [Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30]

The disciples asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus answers, “... all things are possible with God.” Those who have left family to follow Jesus will be rewarded a hundredfold. (362) [Mark 10:26-31]

Again, Jesus predicts his death in Jerusalem. (362) [Mark 10:32-34] [Matthew 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34]

In Jerusalem, near time for the Passover, people were looking for Jesus. The chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, to report it, so that they might arrest Him. (363) [John 11:55-57]

- Mark 11:

Jesus sends his disciples to bring a colt. He makes a triumphal entry into Jerusalem: The people shout: “*blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*” (363) [Mark 11:1-10] [Matthew 21:1-9; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19]

- Matthew 21:

In Jerusalem, people were asking who he was. (364) [Matthew 21:10-11]

Jesus cleanses the temple a second time, driving out the sellers in the market who were making the house of prayer into a den of robbers (thieves). (364) [Matthew 21:12-13] [Mark 11:12-19; Luke 19:45-48]

Jesus heals the blind and lame; children praise Jesus; the chief priests and scribes become upset. (364) [Matthew 21:14-17]

Jesus curses a fig tree that has only leaves on it, and the fig tree withers. (NIB) [Matthew 21:18-19] [Mark 11:12-14, 20-26]

- Mark 12:

While teaching in the temple, Jesus cites Psalm 110, saying He is the Lord of David, rather than his son. (364-365) [Mark 12:35-37] [Matthew 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44]

Jesus praises a poor widow whose small contribution to the treasury is a great sacrifice. (NIB) [Mark 12:41-44] [Luke 21:1-4]

- John 12:

Jesus says that the hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. God and Jesus have a conversation. Some people who hear it think it had thundered, while others said it was an angel. (365) [John 12:27-29]

Jesus says the voice is not for his benefit, but for onlookers. That He will be lifted up from the earth and draw all people to him. (365) [John 12:30-33]

Who is the “ruler of this world” in verse 31?

People do not believe, despite signs. (365) [John 12:37]

But many people did believe in him, including some of the Jewish leaders. Jesus come as a light to shine in this dark world. (365) [John 12:42-46]

Everyone who rejects Jesus and His message will be judged on the day of judgment. The Son does not speak on His own authority, but only what the Father has commanded. (365-366) [John 12:47-50]

- Mark 14:

Chief priests and scribes want to put Jesus to death but are wary about doing so during the Passover (“Feast of Unleavened Bread”). (366) [Mark 14:1-2] [Matthew 26:1-5,14-16; Luke 22:1-6]

- Luke 22:

Satan enters Judas, who betrays Jesus. (366) [Luke 22:3-6] [Matthew 26:1-5,14-16; Mark 14:1-2,10-11]

At what point did Jesus know Judas would betray Him? (John 6:64)

We now know God’s full plan. He sent his Son, who sat by his side in the Upper Story to come down to the Lower Story to represent us.

NEXT WEEK: ... We’ll look at the powerful story of Jesus’ death and how all of eternity was changed by this one act of sacrifice. Take time before our next class to read chapter 26 of *The Story*: “The Hour of Darkness.”

Matthew 26 – 27; Mark 14 – 15; Luke 22 – 23; John 13 – 14; 16 – 19