

Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke)

Bible Study in Winter 2021

Place: St. Barnabas Church, Long Beach
Teacher: Fr. Bernard Santiago (Associate Pastor)
Assisted by: Fr. Antony Gaspar (Pastor) and the Office Staff
Lesson Day: Thursday from 7 -9 pm for 12 weeks (Jan - March21)

Study materials: Every Tuesday each participant will receive an email with the material for the Thursday Bible Study session and everyone is expected to print their own material beforehand and read through beforehand for better participation. All the chapters (68) from the three gospels will be read and studied. The important themes and hidden meanings in the parables and teachings of Jesus will be explored in detail with biblical, historical and theological background to cull out the core message of Jesus' words and teachings and miracles. The last fifteen minutes will be dedicated for clarification.

Open Bible Quiz: Besides the class material, 6 chapters from the gospels will be assigned for personal reading and weekly Quiz. You are very much encouraged to participate in the quiz.

Purpose of the Study: The study will make an attempt to understand who Jesus is for us personally and what he did for us for our salvation and how we can relive his memory in the celebration of the Holy Mass especially in the liturgy of the word of God.

Study Method: Due to safety concerns of the Covid19, we will again continue the virtual Bible study, live streamed through zoom link, from St. Barnabas Church Rectory. Zoom application meeting ID: 99174147604 Password: 3955

Participation Certificate: At the end of the course, the participants will be awarded with a certificate of participation and excellence. Hence, interest, passion, regularity and continuity are very expected of the participants. Anyone from any parish who desires to join the Bible Study is welcome. Kindly avoid joining in the middle or at the end of the course

Lectio Divina: The bible study will conclude with the Lectio Divina of the following Sunday readings for a meaningful participation of the Sunday Mass.

Contact Email: The bible study email is biblestudy@stbarnabaslb.org The Lesson materials and other informations related to the bible study will be sent through this email. Contact Phone number: 5624248595

Opening Prayer for the Bible Study

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

All: Heavenly Father, I thank you for the wisdom you provide. Open my eyes to the truth of your word. I pray for wisdom and clarity as I prepare to learn more about Jesus in the gospels in this blessed year of St. Joseph. I pray that the gospel truth may transform my heart and mind. May the gospel of Jesus guide me, convict me and correct me. Show me in your word how I am falling short. Search my heart. Set me on the right path again. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, holy is your word. Let me be blessed by your word today as I read and mediate on the gospel truths with my fellow parishioners, families and friends. Bless me that I may walk in the path of your word today and always. I pray the words of my mouth come from your Truth. Let my thoughts be governed by your commandments. Lord Jesus, stay with me this evening and explain your words to me and enlighten my mind and heart so that I may see you and recognize you and have your presence in my life. St. Joseph, Pray for me and bless me and my brothers and sisters who are in need of healing grace at this trying moment.

Leader: Our Father..... Glory.....

12 WEEKS LESSON PLAN FOR THE BIBLE STUDY WITH DATES AND THEMES

<u>Days</u>	<u>Theme</u>
07/01/2021	1st Lesson: An Introduction to the study of the Synoptic Gospels
14/01/2021	2nd Lesson: The Political, Social, Economic and Religious Situations of Palestine around the time of Jesus and the various religious movements.
21/01/2021	3rd Lesson: The Infancy Narratives of Jesus
28/01/2021	4th Lesson: St. Joseph and Blessed Virgin Mother in the Gospels
04/02/2021	5th Lesson: The Sermon on the Mount
11/02/2021	6th Lesson: The Manifesto of Jesus, His Universal and Partial Mission to the people
18/02/2021	7th Lesson: Kingship of Jesus and His teaching on the Kingdom of God
25/02/2021	8th Lesson: Miracles of Jesus
04/03/2021	9th Lesson: Parables of Jesus and their hidden meanings
11/03/2021	10th Lesson: Discipleship and Apostleship
18/03/2021	11th Lesson: Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus
25/03/2021	12th Lesson: Who is Jesus to me? A personal sharing on the lessons learnt from the Bible Study on the Synoptic Gospels