

Mark 15:1 – Luke 2:52**Thursday, March 11 – Mark 15:1-47**

1. Jesus refused the wine mixed with myrrh offered to him before being nailed to the cross and then later accepted it after he said, "I thirst." Why the refusal then later the acceptance of the drink?

Friday, March 12 – Mark 16:1-20

2. Why were the women concerned about the stone that sealed the tomb? What were their expectations on that morning? Take it a step further and reflect on your own life. In what ways have your expectations of Jesus mirrored those of the ladies who walked to the tomb?

Saturday, March 13 – Luke 1:1-25

3. Verse 3 - "*I myself have carefully investigated.*" The early church is agreed that Luke wrote this gospel. Luke spent much time with Paul on his missionary journeys and later in Rome. He may have been with Paul during his two-year prison stay in Judah, which would have given him opportunity to speak with eyewitnesses.

Verse 5 - "*Priestly division of Abijah*"—The priests were divided into divisions, each serving at the temple for about two weeks a year. Otherwise, the majority of priests lived throughout Israel.

Verse 11 - "*Altar of incense*"—A small altar located in the temple in the outer room (the Holy Place) directly in front of the curtain separating the Holy Place from the inner room, the Most Holy Place. There priests offered incense to the Lord, symbolizing the prayers of God's people.

Verse 15 - "*Wine . . . filled with the Holy Spirit*"—John would be a Nazirite from birth. Mentioned here is the fact that he could not drink alcoholic beverages. Other requirements were that he could not touch a dead body or cut his hair. God would give him a special measure of the Holy Spirit to empower him for his work.

Sunday, March 14 – Luke 1:26-56

4. Christians have always confessed the virgin birth of our Savior. What statements in this account make this teaching clear? Why is it so important for us to understand and accept as true the detail about Mary and how she conceived?

5. What did Mary say about each of the following in her song of praise?
- Herself

 - The Lord

 - All who fear him, past and present

 - Abraham

Monday, March 15 – Luke 1:57-80

6. Elizabeth and Zechariah had great joy over the birth of their child. What was at the center of their joy and the joy of all who visited them?

Tuesday, March 16 – Luke 2:1-35

7. What are the two possible reactions to the glory of the Lord? What makes the difference in what reaction a person has?

Wednesday, March 17 – Luke 2:36-52

8. The account of Jesus in the temple is easy enough to understand. We don't look down on Mary and Joseph. Their mistake in leaving Jesus behind was an honest mistake. Yet they made an even greater mistake when they returned to Jerusalem. What was that?
9. How did Jesus reveal his divine nature on this occasion? How did he reveal his human nature?
10. Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. How can we encourage young people today to follow Jesus' example? Both those within our own congregation and those in our own families or extended families?

