



## ***The Life of Jesus***

***The Purpose of this syllabus is to help you in understanding the greatest life that ever lived. Jesus came to us as the Lamb of God, the Savior of the World. These are facts which we are all thankful for and well acquainted with. He also came to show us how to live and walk in harmony with God and our fellow man.***

***In this syllabus, we attempt to follow the chronological order of the life of Jesus. There are times in the Gospels however when the exact course of some events are not revealed. In these instances, placement is made based on the pattern of the preceding and following scriptures.***

***An attempt is made to point out many truths which are frequently passed over. I pray this syllabus will touch your life and help you to come to know the man Christ Jesus in an ever increasingly personal way.***

## ***World Empires***

***Begins the times of the Gentiles (605 B.C. Babylon conquers Judah) and/or the 70 weeks of Daniel, predicting future events relating to Israel.***

- ***Persian Empire. (522 B.C. King Darius defeated Babylon)***
  - Jews returned to Jerusalem to rebuild walls of Jerusalem.
  - Ezra, Nehemiah, and Habakkuk
  - Israel ruled by high priests.
  - Overthrown by Greeks.

- ***Greek Empire (332 B.C. Defeated Darius III Medo-Persian Empire)***
  - Alexander the Great—(son of Phillip II, age 20), rose to throne in Macedonia.
  - Was a student of Aristotle, brought Greek culture to the world. Conquered the known world before his death at age 33.
  - Greek culture promoted prosperity, well-being, equality, education, etc.
  - Upon Alexander's' death, his empire was divided among his 4 generals and eventually conquered by Rome.
  - Antiochus Epiphanes (invisible god) came from the Syrian division. (madman).

## ***Four Hundred Years of Silence***

- No prophet from ***Malachi to John the Baptist.***
- ***No*** new Revelation, no visions or angelic visits. This did not however indicate that God had forgotten His people. Significant events occurring during this time were development of synagogue, rise of Sadducees & Pharisees and domination by Rome.

## ***Malachi 4:1-6***

- “Son of righteousness” - Jesus
- “Elijah” - John the Baptist

## □ ***Roman Empire. (Conquered Jerusalem 63 B.C.)***

- Incorporated some of all cultures into their culture.
- Highly organized and highly mobile.
- Road builders of the world.

- Believed their ruler was incarnate God man.
- Herod became King of Palestine a few years before Jesus was born.

## ***Herod***

- Power hungry, greedy, and vicious.
- Hated by the majority of the Jews.
- Built the Jews a new temple in an attempt to bribe them into obeying him

## ***Religious Sects of the Jews***

### ***Sanhedrin***

- Supreme religious body of Israel.
- Puppets of Rome and Herod.

### ***Pharisees***

- Believed in Jewish racial superiority.
- Legalism
- Believed they were God’s favorites because were descendents of Abraham.

### ***Scribes***

- Associated with Pharisees.
- Copied the scriptures.
- Legalistic interpretation of scripture, left out the spiritual.

### ***Rabbis***

- Gave multiple interpretation of scriptures.
- Their interpretations became the final word in lives of the people.

### ***Sadducees***

- “Modernists” of their day. Wealthy.
- Did not believe in miracles, angels, or resurrection of the dead.
- High priests.