New Testament Volume 3: Life of Christ, Part 3

# **THE SAVIOUR** *Everybody Needs Jesus*

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# Lesson 1 JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES

**Scripture to be studied:** Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-18; John 1:15-51

**The** *aim* **of the lesson:** (1) The Lamb of God is the One who saves from sin. (2) He, the Sinless One, invites those who receive Him as sin-bearer, to follow Him in service.

What your students should *know:* Jesus wants them to come to Him and be His disciples.

What your students should feel: A desire to follow Jesus.

What your students should do:

*Unsaved:* Believe that Jesus, the Lamb of God, died for their sins and receive Him as Saviour.

*Saved:* Tell others that the Lord Jesus is the Lamb of God, the Saviour of the world.

#### Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

- 1. Jesus Christ-the perfect sacrifice (Hebrews 10:4-14).
- 2. Following the Lamb of God (John 1:15-39).
- 3. Bringing others to Jesus (John 1:40-44).
- 4. Recognizing the Son of God (John 1:45-51).

#### The verse to be memorized:

*The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.* (1 John 4:14)

# INTRODUCTION

Earlier in this series we learned of the coming of the Son of God to earth. We have studied about His birth, His death, His resurrection, and His ascension. Is this all there is to know about Him? No, indeed! There is much, much more. Starting with these lessons and continuing through several more volumes, we are going to learn about some of the things that happened between the birth and death of the Lord Jesus.

We know little of His childhood, except that once, when He was 12 years old, He was in the house of God with the religious leaders. (See Luke 2:42, 46.) They listened to Him, asked Him questions, and were "astonished at His understanding and answers" (Luke 2:47). After that we know nothing of Him until He was a grown man, about 30 years old. (See Luke 3:23.) Then

# NOTE TO THE TEACHER

In all of your ministry, you should be careful and prayerful. This is especially important when teaching this volume. Because each lesson points to the Saviour, Satan will try to make the truths ineffective. But "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Satan has power. The Son of God has *all* power.

In this first lesson you will be presenting the Lord Jesus as the Lamb of God. This will need careful explanation. Your students may know nothing about lambs being used as sacrifices. Take sufficient time at the beginning of the lesson to help them to understand the full meaning of John's referring to the Lord Jesus as "the Lamb of God."

Examine your own heart, teacher. Are *you* obediently following the Lord Jesus? Can you say (as did the Apostle Paul), "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1)? You teach more by your life, than by your lips!

for three years the Lord Jesus did so many things that, if they were all "written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." (See John 21:25.)

# THE LESSON

# 1. JESUS CHRIST– THE PERFECT SACRIFICE Hebrews 10:4-14

From the earliest times, we read in the Word of God about lambs. They were used as sacrifices. That is, when a person sinned he had to kill and burn his very best lamb. The lamb was the substitute that took the death punishment which the sinner deserved. (*Teacher:* See Genesis 4:4; 22:7; Exodus 12:3-6; 29:38-42; Numbers 28:9-19, 26, 27; 29:1, 2, 7, 8, 13-36;Leviticus 12:6; 14:10-18.)