

The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and God's People

Chapter 23: Jesus' Ministry Begins

As you read, take note of the cast of characters. Write a short descriptive to help you remember. Who are the main characters?

Write any notes or questions you have.

Review the questions on page 483 in your book to prepare for discussion in class.

This chapter includes a lot, including parables of Jesus, the calling of the disciples, the early plot to kill him. This is an overview, and further study on any section would be good.

Gospels –Overview and history

Mark-

Luke

Q-

Matthew

What purposes did Jesus' baptism and temptation serve?

How would you summarize the main message that Jesus had for the people?

What was it about Jesus that led to such hatred?

What kind of people did Jesus typically reach out to? What kind of people did he oppose?

What are some qualities of people who accept Jesus? Qualities that resist or oppose?

John the Baptist preached “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” What does this mean?

Story of Nicodemis—what does it mean to be born again? (page 326)

John 3:16—For God so loved the world.....

Samaritan Woman and Living Water (page 328). What does Jesus mean that “whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst?”

How is it that different people perceived Jesus so differently?