

CHAPTER 23, JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

DAY 1

1. Review the temptation of Jesus (p. 322). Look up Hebrews 2:14-18 and 4:14-16. How does Jesus' temptation benefit you personally?
2. John the Baptist pointed two of his own disciples toward Jesus (p.324). They "*went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him*" (p. 324). If you could spend the day with Jesus, what would you ask?
3. Both Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman struggled to understand what Jesus meant by eternal life. What do these passages teach you about eternal life? How would explain eternal life to someone else?

DAY 2

1. "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony" (p. 329). What do you suppose she said and why do you suppose it was so effective? Practice sharing your testimony by writing a brief paragraph of what Jesus has done in your life. Finally, pause and pray that the LORD will give you an opportunity this week to share it.
2. What do you learn about the heart of God from Jesus' interaction with the sick, the seekers and the sinners (p. 329-332)? Which group of people could you cultivate a greater compassion for?

DAY 3

1. John began to doubt Jesus when he was in prison (p. 333-334). How have doubts actually strengthened your faith?
2. During his ministry Jesus interacted with followers, doubters, and mockers. If you had met Jesus at this time, which do you think you would have been? Why?