

# Unit 8, Lesson 34, JESUS: A Year of “Popularity”, Part I

**Daily Readings:**

- Day 1: Book of Hope, 3.1-3.5**
- Day 2: Book of Hope, 3.6-3.10**
- Day 3: Book of Hope, 3.11-3.13**
- Day 4: Book of Hope, 3.14-3.16**
- Day 5: Book of Hope, 3.17-3.22**
- Day 6: Book of Hope, 3.23-3.26**
- Day 7: Book of Hope, 3.27-3.30**

For INTRO to “BOOK of HOPE”, see Lesson 33

**INTRO , MARK**

The account of Jesus by the one called “John Mark” in Acts 12:12,25 and 15:37. Called the “son” (in the faith) of Peter (I Peter 5:13), either his convert or disciple. Peter being Mark’s source of authority for the writing, gave the book its acceptance by the early church, though *Mark was not an apostle*. In fact, it was Mark’s seeming weakness as a young disciple that caused his temporary rejection by Paul and subsequent nurturing by Barnabas (Acts 12:25, 13:5, 15:36-41). Through Mark’s (or Paul’s?) growth, Mark is reinstated and “useful” years later.

Written between 55-65. Some say first, some second. (*Discussion of “the Synoptic Problem” later*) Seems to be directed to Gentile audience (Roman?). Genealogies, fulfilled prophecies, law, Jewish customs, all omitted, to focus on the *Servant* Jesus (1-10), and (with nearly 40% of his book) His *sacrifice* (11-16) Almost constant *action*.

QUESTIONS, the YEAR of POPULARITY  
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(Book of Hope Questions 18-28, pp 153-154)

1. In between the first and second “call” of Peter and Andrew, where had Jesus been? (see 2.7, 2.9, then 2.12) \_\_\_\_\_ (a period of 8 months mentioned only by John, which explains the immediacy of their response? They already knew Him)

2. What did the Master Teacher teach as Lesson One? ( 3 . 1 ) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What “new” teaching was next in the Master’s “School”? (3.2) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Was Simon Peter ever married? (3.3) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Everyone’s looking for You! Jesus’ response? (3.4) \_\_\_\_\_

6. What sickness did Jesus refuse to heal? (3.5) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Jesus preached in Galilee. Where were the crowds from? (3.5) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why the warning to the leper? (3.6) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Already Jesus must change his tactics: explain. (3.6) \_\_\_\_\_

10. In the healing of the paralytic, Jesus ties sickness to \_\_\_\_\_. (3.7)

11. Who were “Levi’s” friends? (3.8) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Describe the difference between John’s and Jesus’ disciples, while Jesus was here. (3.9)

13. Who is the Bridegroom, New Garment, and New Wine?! (3.9) \_\_\_\_\_ the days you waited for, fasted for, prayed for, the days of RESTORATION begin with ME. I’m HERE. The Bridegroom is HERE. Let’s CELEBRATE! The New Garment is here! Don’t put me on your old stale Judaism & expect me to fit there! The New Wine is here. I won’t be comfortable in your old wineskins. I’ll smash them! Not applying new life to old forms, not reformation, but regeneration (II Cor. 5:17) Not repairing old, replacing! Not filling old, replacing! Not matchmaker, matchmaker...the bridegroom is here!

14. In the healing at the pool, once more wellness is connected to \_\_\_\_\_(3.10)

*note: end of John 5:3 and all of 5:4 omitted in some manuscripts*

15. What law did Jesus seem to keep “breaking”? (3.10, 3.11)

\_\_\_\_\_16. Who gets to have eternal life? (3.11)

17.Revelation 20:5 & 6 plus section 3.11 indicate that there are two \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Why did the “Jews” think they were saved? (3.12)\_\_\_\_\_19.

How did Jesus know that they were NOT? (3.12)\_\_\_\_\_

20. How did Jesus sum up His 3 examples about the Sabbath? (3.13)

21. Now where are the crowds coming from? (3.14)\_\_\_\_\_

22. What directive did Jesus issue to evil spirits?Why?(tied to Isaiah?)(3.14)\_\_\_\_\_

23. For what 2 reasons did Jesus choose the “1 2”? (3.15)

*note: 12 were(Simon) Peter(Cephas), Andrew, James\*, John, Philip, Bartholomew(Nathanael?), Matthew(Levi)son of Alphaeus,Thomas, James\* son of Alphaeus(brother of Matthew?), Simon the Canaanite (zealot), Judas the son of James\*(aka Thaddaeus/Lebbaeus), Judas Iscariot.*

*\*none of these “James” should be confused with Jesus’ half-brother, at first a skeptic, then a leader in the early church & probably author of the book of James. The brother of John was martyred early.*

24. What is your favorite beati (blessed)tude, and why? (3.16)

25.Does it seem to you that Jesus was addressing the *disciples* with the crowds listening in?(3.16,compare to 3.34)

26. What happens when people see us doing the right deeds? (3.17)

27. Is the teaching of the Law and the Prophets now to be ignored because Jesus came?Explain your answer.(3.18)\_\_\_\_\_

28. Why does Jesus equate anger with murder? Adultery with lust?(3.19,20)\_\_\_\_\_

29. What is the only exception given by Jesus for divorce?(3.21)\_\_\_\_\_

*Note:Divorce-for-any-cause was the trend of the day, taught by the rabbis to the people of God(much like today).*

30.Rather than teaching people to be oath-keepers,He says not to \_\_\_\_\_at all. (3.22)

*note:reminds one of the “I swear to God” plague of our day.*

31. Is the “turn the other cheek” policy for today?Have you tried it?(3.23)\_\_\_\_\_

32. Is perfection possible?(3.24)\_\_\_\_\_ How? ( Galatians 5:16-18)\_\_\_\_\_

33. What is one secret of giving?(3.25)

34. How do many non-Christian religions pray, and why?(3.26)\_\_\_\_\_

35. How would you “outline” the elements of the Lord’s(or the *disciples*’-see John 17 for the *Lord’s*) Prayer?(3.26)\_\_\_\_\_

36. How do “hypocrites” fast?(3.27)

*note:word used for “hypocrite” is word for “actor”!*

37.Where is your heart?(3.28)

38. How can “light” be “darkness”?(3.28)

39.Where can you find clothing that surpasses Solomon’s? (3.29)

40. From *God* there is no condemnation to the saved,but they are *still* “judged” by what measure? (3.30)\_\_\_\_\_