

## The Story of Jesus

### (Lesson 20)

#### Introduction:

1. Growing in the knowledge of Christ is an important responsibility (2 Peter 3:18).
2. Searching the Scriptures is the key to accomplishing this growth (John 5:39).
3. As we examine Scriptures that inform us about the Lord's ministry we see that His primary work was "teaching and preaching" (Matthew 11:1).
4. In His teaching and preaching Jesus addressed many important subjects, one of which was "repentance."

#### Discussion:

- I. JESUS EMPHASIZED REPENTANCE THROUGHOUT HIS MINISTRY
  - A. Jesus began His ministry by calling upon people to repent.
    1. Matthew 4:17
    2. Mark 1:14-15
  - B. During His ministry Jesus said that He came to call "*sinners to repentance*" (Mark 2:14-17).
  - C. Jesus included repentance in the Great Commission (Luke 24:46-47).
  - D. Jesus revealed the fate of those who fail to repent.
    1. Luke 13:1-5
    2. Matthew 11:20-24
- II. IN HIS PARABLES JESUS ILLUSTRATED THE MEANING OF REPENTANCE
  - A. Matthew 21:28-32
  - B. Luke 15:17-19
- III. JESUS SHOWED THAT REPENTANCE PRODUCES JOY IN HEAVEN
  - A. Luke 15:7
  - B. Luke 15:10
  - C. Luke 15:22-24
- IV. JESUS CONNECTED REPENTANCE WITH FORGIVENESS (Luke 17:3-4)