

Jacob's Well**Lesson Title:** The Revelations of Jesus—Redeemer

Key Concept: This series of lessons explores various revelations of the one true God of Israel in the person of Jesus. This lesson examines the revelation of Jesus as Redeemer who paid the price to restore what was lost.

**Scriptures:**

If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

(Leviticus 25:25 *King James Version*)

“The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins,” says the Lord.

(Isaiah 59:20 *New Living Translation*)

Context Scriptures: Genesis 48:16; Exodus 6:6, 15:3; Deuteronomy 7:8; Leviticus 25: 23–55; Ruth 4; Isaiah 43:14; Luke 24:21; 1 Peter 1:18; Galatians 3:13

**Lesson Thoughts:**

The problems of life are common throughout the world and the ages. Danger, bondage, and loss cry out for help. God has provided himself as that help in the form of a Redeemer. The concept of a redeemer is tied to safety (Genesis 48:16), deliverance from bondage (Exodus 15:3; Deuteronomy 7:8), and loss.

Redemption, or regaining that which has been lost, is imbedded in the Mosaic Law (Leviticus 25:23–55). This process of redeeming property is illustrated in the story of Ruth. During their sojourn in Moab, Elimelech and Naomi lost the “old home place,” forcing Naomi and Ruth into a desperate, and possibly deadly, situation. However, Boaz, as a close relative could legally buy the property and restore it to its rightful owners.

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The genealogy of Luke demonstrates that Jesus is related to all humanity, not just the Jews through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but to all of us all the way back to Adam. As a kinsman, he could legally pay the price at Calvary to redeem (buy back) all that mankind had lost in Eden. Now, instead of scrambling for scraps, we can enjoy the full richness of his bounty. Instead of slaves laboring under the lash of sin and death, we now walk in the liberty to which God in flesh has redeemed us. We are bought with a price, not of silver and gold, but the precious blood (1 Peter 1:18) of our kinsman who was willing to make himself poor that we might enjoy the riches of the Kingdom.

As Israel, redeemed from bondage, had to learn how to operate as a free people, so we journey through a process of instruction and discipline to come into full enjoyment of God's bountiful liberty. As we walk with him, we experience an ever-expanding understanding of what redemption means in our lives. Redemption does not increase, but our realization of what we have available grows as we experience the benefits of His sacrifice.

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1) Danger, loss, and bondage are common in humanity. Which of these played a part in bringing you to the Lord? Explain.
- 2) Share a time in your life when God has kept you safe from harm. (Consider all forms of harm: physical, emotional, spiritual, etc.)
- 3) What has God restored in your life that you thought you had lost forever?
- 4) What are some things in your life that still seem lost? Could God be working to restore those as well? Pray over these things as a group before dismissing.

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Notes and Reflections

- 1) Read the story of Exodus from Egypt (Exodus 1–14) and reflect on how God was a Redeemer in delivering Israel from bondage.
- 2) Read the book of Ruth and reflect on both the loss and the redemption provided by God's law.
- 3) What is Jesus currently redeeming you from in his ongoing process of salvation?

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