

Bible Study: Session 3 — The Authorized Biography of Jesus Christ, Part 1

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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- I urged you during our first session to look for Jesus everywhere in scripture throughout all your Bible studies.
- The entire book is about Jesus and His redemption of humanity.
 - Authorized
 - Endorsed, Recognized, Official, and Approved
 - Biography
 - Life Story, History, Profile
 - Jesus
 - The Precious Name above all Names
 - Christ
 - His Title of Anointed, Messiah, Savior, Redeemer

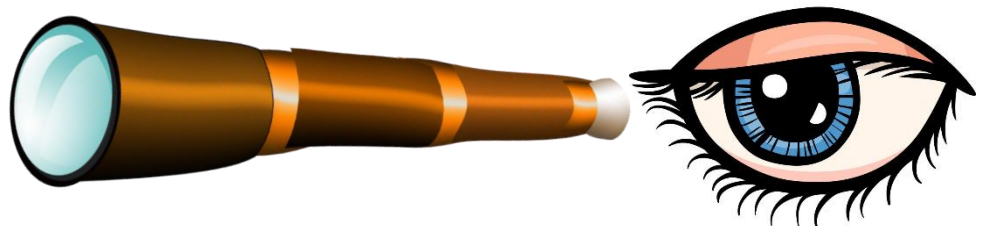
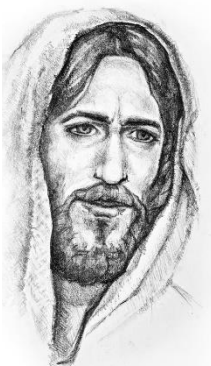
Then he said to them, “**These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, (Luk 24:44-45 ESV)

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, (Joh 5:39 ESV)

Questions to ponder:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Who is Jesus to you?
3. Why do you believe that?
4. Who does scripture say Jesus is? (most important)

- Jesus is referenced in six ways
 - **Type**
 - A model, sign, symbol, or figure of something to come. Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice his son and the lamb with its blood spilling on the altar were types of Jesus, as was Joseph.
 - **Shadow**
 - The outline of an object, animal, or person created by the light that is not the thing itself, but sufficient to see its shape and recognize what it is. The Old Testament laws combined with the sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin was a shadow the grace given to us through Christ.
 - **Christophany** (fancy word, simple meaning)
 - Pre-incarnate (before He was born as a baby in Bethlehem) appearances of the Son of God, such as the “Angel of the Lord” who wrestled with Jacob
 - **Prophecy**
 - The foretelling or predicting of future events.
 - **Narrative**
 - The telling of a story relating events or happenings.
 - **Explanation**
 - The act of interpreting, illustrating, or giving understanding of a passage in scripture, or of an event or person.
- Jesus is mentioned by name 964 times in New Testament (ESV)
 - Also referenced hundreds of times in Old Testament
- Remember the wide telescope we discussed?
 - Today we’ll use that wide telescope, then focus more narrowly on specific examples of **types** and **shadows**.
 - We’ll discuss the other types of reference in future studies.



- Let's use the telescope to view the Biblical Arrangement about Jesus
 - **Jesus is Coming** (Old Testament)
 - Genesis to Deuteronomy
 - Foundation for Jesus
 - Joshua to Esther
 - Preparation for Jesus
 - Job to Song of Solomon
 - Longing for Jesus
 - Isaiah to Malachi
 - Expectation of Jesus
 - **Jesus is Here** (New Testament)
 - Gospels
 - Matthew to John
 - Life and ministry of Jesus
 - **Jesus Made Known**
 - Book of Acts
 - Spreading news of Jesus, growing his church
 - **Jesus Explained**
 - Epistles
 - Romans to Jude
 - How to live for Jesus
 - **Jesus is Coming Again**
 - Revelation
 - Return, reign, and rule of Jesus

Question 1: When was Jesus first referenced in the Bible?

Question 2: When was Jesus last referenced in the Bible?

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (Rev 22:13 ESV)

- This week, we'll look at types and shadows
 - It would take weeks to examine, so we'll use a few examples

Noah's Ark

- World was wicked in days of Noah

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Gen 6:5 ESV)

- But there was one who was righteous

Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. (Gen 6:9 ESV)

- God had a plan for salvation

Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. (Gen 6:14 ESV)

- Gopher wood (cypress) will not rot
- Pitch (tar)
 - Transliteration: kopher
 - Phonetic Spelling: (ko'-fer)
 - Definition: the price of a life, ransom
- World was to be destroyed because of sin, God gave favor

So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (Gen 6:7-8 ESV)

- Just as the ark was a haven against God's judgment for Noah and his family, so is Jesus our protection against God's wrath for our sin
- Noah entered the ark just as we enter into Christ to be saved
- Through Jesus, we will survive the destruction of this world

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and

they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (Rev 21:1-3 ESV)

Isaac, the Sacrificed Son

- Abraham and Isaac = God the Father and God the Son
 - Birth by the Holy Spirit

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. (Gen 21:1-2 ESV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (Mat 1:18 ESV)

- Abraham was to sacrifice His favored son

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." (Gen 22:1-2 ESV)

- Mount Moriah: future location of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem
- Just as Isaac carried his own wood for the sacrifice, so did Jesus bear His own cross while physically able before Simon of Cyrene

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. (Gen 22:6 ESV)

So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. (Joh 19:16-17 ESV)

- Prophetic words

Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb... (Gen 22:8a ESV)

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn,

declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." (Gen 22:13-18 ESV)

- 2,000 years later, God did exactly that

Moses, the Deliverer of his People

"Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." (Exodus 3:10, ESV)

- Moses delivered the Israelites
 - Jesus delivered all God's people
- In one of Moses' final speeches, he gave this messianic prophecy

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—" (Deuteronomy 18:15, ESV)

- Peter affirms Jesus is prophet like Moses in sermon at the temple

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.'" (Acts 3:19-22, ESV)

- Moses was a prophet and a lawgiver
- Moses and Jesus mediated a covenant between God and men
 - Moses the Old Covenant and Jesus the New
- Both narrowly escaped a king bent on murdering babies
- Moses was (adopted) son of a king
 - Jesus is the Son of the Most High
- Moses spent forty years as a shepherd
 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd
- Both led God's people out of captivity
 - Moses led Israel out of physical bondage and slavery in Egypt
 - Jesus, led us out of spiritual bondage and slavery to sin

- Moses stood before Pharaoh and said, “Let my people go”
 - Jesus came free the captives and set the oppressed free

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed“ (Luke 4:18, ESV)

- Moses, unlike many prophets, performed miracles
 - Similar to Jesus’ miracles
 - Controlling the waters
 - Providing food to people in the wilderness

“The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.” (Exodus 16:35, ESV)

Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. (John 6:11, ESV)

- People’s thoughts ran immediately to Moses’ prophecy

“When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”” (John 6:14, ESV)

- Moses held intimate conversations with God

Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. (Exodus 33:11a ESV)

- Jesus also had a special relationship to God

“All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” (Matthew 11:27, ESV)

- Moses constantly interceded for his people

- Jesus is our constant intercessor

- Moses was willing to die for God’s people

“But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”” (Exodus 32:32, ESV)

- Jesus DID die for God’s people

“By this we know love, that he (Jesus) laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” (1 John 3:16a, ESV)

- Both were sent to people who rejected them and would not listen

Hidden Treasure Story

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Mat 13:44 ESV)

- Scripture is alive and filled with infinite meaning

Tabernacle

Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished, and the people of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did. (Exo 39:32 ESV)

- Altar in courtyard
 - Need for Jesus' sacrifice to atone for our sin

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1Jo 2:2 ESV)

- Laver
 - Jesus providing the water of life (John 4:14)

but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Joh 4:14 ESV)

- Lampstand
 - Jesus as the light of the world (John 9:5)

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. (Joh 9:5 ESV)

- Table of showbread
 - Jesus as the bread of life (John 6:35)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger..." (Joh 6:35a ESV)

- Altar of incense
 - Jesus as our heavenly intercessor, continually offering prayers for us

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Rom 8:34 ESV)

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (Heb 7:25 ESV)

- Veil concealing the ark of the covenant
 - Jesus' human flesh

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, (Heb 10:19-20 ESV)

Bronze Serpent

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents (poisonous snakes) among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live." (Numbers 21:4-9, ESV)

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15, ESV)

- Bronze serpent was God's way of saving His people from sin/death
 - Had to be lifted on the pole, people must look up to see it
 - But it wasn't the serpent that saved them
 - No medical properties at all
 - Israelites looked at bronze figurine and saved through faith
- Jesus had to be lifted as well
 - Lifted to the cross in death
 - Lifted to life in the resurrection
 - Lifted to heaven in the ascension

- We look to Jesus in faith and are drawn to Him to live
 “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”
 (John 12:32, ESV)
- The Israelites were drawn to bronze serpent, but for wrong reasons
 - Looked to it for fear, not out of love and worship
 - Turned it to an idol eventually destroyed

He (King Hezekiah) removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). (2 Kings 18:4 ESV)

Manna

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.” (Exodus 16:1-4, ESV)

- Food shortage became painfully obvious in the wilderness
 - Living in the world, we become aware we are not fully equipped
- The name of the barren land they travelled is significant
 - They were literally walking in Sin
 - Pilgrims passing through a harsh and alien land
 - As we walk through a harsh and alien land
 - Toto, we’re not in Eden anymore...
- The people whined and complained to Moses and Aaron
- Typical of grumblers, revised history to intensify present distaste
 - Claimed better to die in Egypt, than starve in the wilderness
- Blamed Moses, but anger was directed towards the Lord
 - Fickle and sinister plot to let them suffer in the wilderness

- God did not become insecure and try to defend Himself
 - Never has to answer any human accusations
- Didn't rain down fire and brimstone, even though they blasphemed
 - Instead rain down grace as bread from heaven
 - Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
 - God provided from heaven

“Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” (John 6:31, ESV)

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35, ESV)

- God provided the bread of heaven in the person of Jesus Christ
 - We take communion symbolized eating from that precious body
 - All our spiritual hunger is filled
- Manna sustained the physical body but only for a time
 - Jesus, the bread of life, sustains us forever

“Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” (John 6:49–51, ESV)

A Multitude More

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| • Angel of God | • Deliverer from injustice | • Elijah's Mantle |
| • Jacob's ladder | • Giver of bread to the hungry | • Shiloh |
| • Melchizedek | • Rest for the weary | • True Temple |
| • Passover Lamb | • Boaz, the Kinsman Redeemer | • Restorer of the kingdom |
| • Burning Bush | • David, the son facing your giants | • Rebuilder of the broken walls |
| • Stone Tablets | • David, pure-hearted shepherd king in exile | • Restorer of broken people |
| • Pillars of cloud/fire | • Powerful Prophet and True King | • Advocate for His people |
| • Water from the rock | • Jonathon, faithful friend | • Mordecai's courage |
| • Cities of Refuge | | • Esther's willing service |
| • Joshua | | • Protector of His people |
| • Commander of the Lord's army | | |
| • Judge and Lawgiver | | |
| • Strength of Samson | | |
| • True Nazarite | | |

- Salvation of Israel
- Ever-living Redeemer
- Mediator between God and man
- Answer to all Job's questions
- Power of Restoration
- Your song in the morning and in the night
- The Lord, your shepherd
- The Lord, your high tower
- The Lord, your redeemer
- The one who hears your cries
- True Wisdom
- Your Hope
- Meaning of life
- True bridegroom
- Author of faithful love
- Song of songs
- Branch of Jesse
- Suffering Servant
- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Restorer of Israel
- The Weeping Prophet
- Watchman
- Glory of God
- Voice of the Almighty
- Fourth man in the Fiery Furnace
- The Crushing Stone
- The Ancient of Days
- Messiah, the coming prince
- The faithful lover pursuing His unfaithful bride
- The forgiving husband
- Restorer of all the locusts have eaten
- Outpourer of the Holy Spirit
- Spirit's power
- Warning of judgement to come
- Arms that carry us
- Deliverer of justice to the oppressed
- Tabernacle of David
- Your burden bearer
- Judge of Evil-doers
- Hope of Zion
- Your Saviour
- Greater missionary, sent by God
- Prophet cast into the storm so you could be brought in
- The one who rose from death to prophesy to the lost
- The ruler from Bethlehem
- The one who casts our sin into the sea
- Promise of peace
- Propheisier of destruction
- Punisher of sin
- Proclaimer of future peace
- Avenger of God's elect
- Your strength and shield
- The Watchman
- The Cry to God
- Strengthener of Faith and Trust
- Plea for revival
- Warrior who saves
- Rebuker
- Encourager
- Restorer
- The One Pierced for Us