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Although the Biblical record of Jesus' life is given in those four New Testament books, Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was first promised in the Old Testament. In fact, Biblical scholars have estimated that there are over 300 references to Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. Remember, the theme of the Old Testament is "Christ is coming." So, let's consider just a couple specific promises that were made about Jesus to recognize His great importance.

To Satan

After Adam and Eve sinned, Genesis 3:14-15 records the punishment God gave to Satan (who was using the serpent). "So the Lord God said to the serpent: 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'"

Although the statements are made directly to the serpent, I believe there is a greater application in this passage. Remember, the serpent was being used by Satan. I believe there is a reference to Jesus in this. As we will see through this lesson, Satan would score a momentary victory against Jesus (who was the offspring of the woman) by putting Him to death on the cross. This would be like a serpent that would bite a person's heel. However, Jesus would crush Satan by providing the way for people to be forgiven of their sins. This would be like a person crushing the head of a serpent.

You see, God was not caught unprepared to deal with sin whenever Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden. Instead, the Bible teaches that God had a plan to redeem people from sin – even before He created the world! Acts 2:23 refers to Christ's death as being according to "God's determined plan and foreknowledge." Ephesians 3:11 says the things that were accomplished through Christ were accomplished according to the "eternal purpose" of God. 1 Peter 1:20 says that Christ was "foreknown

Jesus Christ is, without a doubt, the most prominent figure in Christianity. You often see t-shirts about Jesus, bumper stickers about Jesus, jewelry about Jesus, etc. Even the name "Christian" contains the name of Christ!

As we seek the answers to the most essential questions of life, we must find the right answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?" But, why is Jesus so important? What is so special about Him? What has He done for us? Is He important to everyone or just to a few?

Remember where we concluded our last study. Because of sin, we would all be hopelessly lost. The "wages" of sin is death. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." We could do nothing to save ourselves. We were desperately in need of a Savior. Fortunately for us, that Savior has been provided! His name is Jesus. Jesus Christ is the answer to the problem of sin!

There is much that we could focus on when studying about Jesus. Four books of the Bible are even specifically focused on His earthly life (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Certainly, this lesson will only be able to summarize what the Bible teaches us about Jesus and consider the impact He has made. Therefore, in this fifth lesson, we will seek the answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?"

Jesus Is The Son Of God

before the foundation of the world.” Therefore, God’s plan to redeem people from sin was in place from eternity – before God even created us! Genesis 3:14-15 is the first insight given in the Scriptures about God’s eternal plan of salvation!

To Abraham

Later, in Genesis 12:1-3, God made three main promises to a man named Abraham. The passage says, “The Lord said to Abram: ‘Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’”

Consider the three promises referenced in this passage. First, God promised to make a great nation from this man’s descendants. This was fulfilled through the Israelite nation. Second, God promised to give this man’s descendants a special land. This was fulfilled when God gave the land of Canaan to the Israelites. Third, God promised to bless all peoples of the earth through Abraham’s offspring. This was fulfilled whenever Jesus Christ came into the world through the physical lineage of Abraham. Certainly, Jesus Christ would be the greatest blessing ever to the entire world by offering everyone the opportunity to have their sins forgiven!

Early in the Old Testament, the storyline for the entire Bible is set!

People had sinned (beginning with Adam and Eve) and needed a Savior. Now, we have observed that there was one coming who would defeat Satan and be a blessing to the entire world! The remainder of the Old Testament continues to reveal this story that is foretold in the early part of Genesis (as we’ve just noticed). Many specific prophecies were even made about Jesus (such as where He would be born, what He would do, etc.). Then, this story hits its climax with the birth of Jesus Christ and His life on this earth – in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We will be considering some highlights of this story throughout this lesson.

Before we begin considering the life of Jesus on earth, we must recognize that there is something special about Him. He is not like every other person to be born into this world. You see, the Bible teaches that Jesus is the Son of God and had no beginning.

Passages demonstrating this truth

As we attempt to learn who Jesus is, we must embrace the fact that Jesus Christ is identified as the Son of God. He has a unique relationship with God, the Father. In fact, the Bible says Jesus is the one and only Son of God (that is, He is the only of His kind). So, no one else has this same relationship with the Father.

Notice how Jesus is described this way in John 3:16: “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” In addition, Jesus is identified as the dearly loved (beloved) Son of God. In Matthew 3:17, the Father said concerning Jesus, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.” Again, in Matthew 17:5, the Father said of the Son, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!”

Jesus is God

As we briefly discussed in lesson 1, there are three Beings who all possess the characteristics of being God: The Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. In fact, this is what the Father is telling us whenever He says that Jesus is His Son. Just as an earthly son possesses the same nature as his father, Jesus Christ possesses the same nature as His Heavenly Father! Therefore, Jesus possesses all the nature and characteristics of being God (Deity, “Godhood”)!

For instance, listen to John 1:1-2 and note that Jesus is being called the “Word” in this passage: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” This one passage is, actually, just one of many passages that identify Jesus Christ as possessing the nature of being God. The Bible often

declares this truth. You could also consider John 20:28, Romans 9:1-5, Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 2:9, Hebrews 1:8, and others. Take some time to carefully consider each one of these passages, as they all simply confirm what John 1 teaches about Jesus Christ being God!

Jesus was with God in creation

Being eternal in nature, Jesus was present with the Father whenever all things were created. Contrary to what some believe, Jesus Christ was *not* created by the Father. Instead, Jesus Christ is eternal – just as the Father is eternal. Notice that John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16 both indicate that Jesus created all things – and that nothing was created without Him! John 1:3 says, “All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.” Colossians 1:16 says, “For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through him and for him.”

So, Jesus Christ was involved in creating all things! You can even see this truth from the Genesis record of creation when you notice the plural pronouns in reference to God (“Our” and “Us”). For instance, Genesis 1:26-27 says, “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.” Now, think about it: If Jesus Christ was involved in creating all things (as we have seen), how could Jesus have been the first creation of God? For, if Jesus was a created being, Jesus could not possibly have created *all* things!

Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb

As we will see, Jesus was sent from Heaven to this earth by the Father. For, the Father knew that the only way He could forgive sin was for a sacrifice to be made. Hebrews 9:22 says, “According to the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” But, not just any blood would do. Although the Old Testament Law had a system of

animal sacrifices that were to be made for sin, this was only a temporary solution to the problem. Hebrews 10:4 says, “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

Recognizing this, again, John 3:16 describes God’s solution to the problem of sin. “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” Everything Jesus did on this earth was so that people could be forgiven of their sins, avoid the eternal punishment of Hell, and spend eternity with God in Heaven! For this reason, He is called, “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)! God knew that only His Son could provide the sacrifice that could take away sin. Therefore, God loved us enough to send His Son into this evil world as the sacrifice to save us from the consequences of our own sin!

Romans 5:6-11 should also help you recognize the importance of who Jesus is and what He has done. “For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. For rarely will someone die for a just person – though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. How much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by his blood, will we be saved through him from wrath. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received this reconciliation.”

As we prepare to focus on the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you must recognize just how important Jesus is to you! Without God loving you and Jesus providing Himself as this sacrifice, you could not possibly be saved from your sins. You would have no hope. But, through Jesus, God has provided the gift of eternal life in Heaven. You can now go from being an enemy of God because of your sins to being reconciled and in a right relationship with God. You can go from being lost in your sins to being saved! But, it took Jesus doing all the things we will now begin to discuss.

Jesus Lived On Earth

Although Jesus was and is God, He did not let His Deity prevent Him from obeying the Father's will in coming to this earth. For, the only way God could save us from sin is if Jesus left Heaven and came to earth. Thankfully, that is exactly what Jesus did. So, let's consider a few brief points about Jesus' earthly life.

Christ left Heaven to come to the earth

There are many reasons the Deity of Jesus is significant. One of the points you must consider is the fact that Jesus lived in Heaven with God (the Father). So, He willingly left Heaven and came to earth in order to accomplish God's eternal plan of redemption! Take a moment to consider the place Jesus left (as we briefly discussed in lesson two). It is the place that we all desire to go (the place described in Revelation 21). It is described as a place where there is no crying, sorrow, mourning, pain, or death. It is the place where there is no evil.

So, as we discuss the things Jesus endured while He lived on this earth, consider that Jesus chose to leave Heaven and come to this earth – so that we could be saved from our sins! 2 Corinthians 8:9 summarizes this truth. “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” It is only through Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection that we can be forgiven of our sins and live in Heaven with Him one Day! But, we must remember that everything Jesus went through on this earth directly resulted from His choice to leave Heaven and live on earth – and that He could have chosen just to stay in Heaven!

“God is with us”

Matthew 1:23 records the prophecy that had been made about the birth of Jesus Christ. “‘See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel,’ which is translated ‘God is with us.’” This prophecy said that Jesus Christ would be born of a virgin. Certainly, His birth would be different from every other person who

has ever been or ever will be born. And, this prophecy was fulfilled when He was born to the virgin Mary (Matthew 1:25)!

Matthew 1:23 also tells us something about Jesus' name. His name was to be “Immanuel,” which meant, “God is with us.” So, Jesus Christ did not give up His Deity when He came to the earth. Instead, Jesus maintained the fullness of Deity when He lived on earth. Colossians 2:9 says concerning Christ, “For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ.” Therefore, Jesus was God living as a man! He was both the Son of God and the Son of Man while He lived on this earth. So, we can know exactly how God would live if He was on the earth because that is exactly who Jesus Christ was when He was on earth!

Jesus' mission on earth

Jesus left Heaven and came to the earth for some specific reasons. First, He came to fulfill the Law. Matthew 5:17 shows that Jesus came to the earth to fulfill the prophecies that had been made in the Old Testament about Him, His kingdom, and His new covenant. He said that He did not come to overthrow the Old Testament Law (the Law of Moses), but to fulfill it! He accomplished this and brought the New Covenant into effect (read Colossians 2:14 and Hebrews 8-10 to learn more)! Throughout Jesus' ministry on earth, His teachings were laying the foundation for this new covenant that would be established after His death.

Second, Jesus came to preach the coming of His kingdom. Jesus taught a new law and taught concerning a kingdom that would be established during the lifetime of many who were living at that time. In Luke 9:27, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.” He taught both about the kingdom and about the characteristics of those who would be part of this kingdom. This kingdom (or, church) has now been established (as we will study in lesson seven).

Third, Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Jesus' mission was characterized by His efforts and desire to seek and to save the lost. Luke 19:10 says, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save

the lost.” Ultimately, this is why Jesus accomplished everything He accomplished while He was on earth. Not only did He teach people to follow Him, but this mission also required Jesus to give Himself as the perfect and sinless sacrifice we needed so desperately! For, Jesus was the only sacrifice that could entirely remove the stain of sin.

Jesus performed many miracles

Besides Jesus’ many teachings, one of the most notable things about Jesus’ life was the miracles He performed. Jesus healed the sick, caused the blind to see, made the paralyzed walk, cast out demons, walked on water, raised the dead, and performed many signs and miracles! The purpose of all these miracles was to demonstrate that He was who He said He was (the Son of God)! Just think about it. How would anyone know for sure that Jesus Christ really was the Son of God and believe what He said? One way was by considering all the prophecies that He fulfilled. But, the other way would be through the miracles. Surely, no one other than God would have been able to do the things Jesus did!

In the same way, John 20:30-31 demonstrates that we can now believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God when we read all the miracles that have been recorded in the Bible. “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Jesus’ sinless life was hated by the world

Although Jesus lived in human form and had physical desires, there was something special about His life: He never sinned! Hebrews 4:15 says concerning Jesus, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin.” Although Satan tempted Jesus while He lived on this earth (such as the temptations recorded in Matthew 4:1-11), Jesus never chose to please Himself rather than God. Because of this, Jesus was able to be the perfect sacrifice to take away sin!

Also, because Jesus did not sin, the world hated Him. Jesus told His followers, “If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you” (John 15:18-19). You see, Jesus’ sinlessness exposed the wickedness of other people. This made many people very angry with Jesus. As a result, many people wanted to kill Him. He was often mistreated. He was blasphemed. He experienced all sorts of hatred from the world. Ultimately, He was crucified.

Jesus’ Death

Although Jesus accomplished many important things during His earthly life, ultimately, He was sent as a sacrificial lamb. This required Him to die. So, let’s consider a few brief points about Jesus’ death.

Jesus knew He would die

Remember that Jesus was (and is) God. Therefore, He knew that He was going to die – and how He was going to die. Jesus even foretold His own death and resurrection in Matthew 16:21: “From then on Jesus began to point out to his disciples that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day.” Yet, despite knowing what awaited Him at the end of His life, Jesus came to the earth anyways and went through with it all (also read Philipians 2:5-11)!

When Jesus knew the moment for His betrayal and death was drawing near, He prayed to His Father in the garden of Gethsemane. This prayer demonstrates the weight that the Lord felt as these things were drawing near. In Luke 22:42-44, Jesus prayed, “‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me – nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.’ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. Being in anguish, he prayed more fervently, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.”

Jesus was betrayed and denied by His apostles

After Jesus finished praying, He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot (one of Jesus' own twelve apostles). Judas had went to the chief priests of the Jews, asking them what they were willing to give him if he would deliver Jesus to them. They offered him 30 silver pieces for this (Matthew 26:14-16). From that point forward, Judas sought opportunity to betray Jesus Christ. When the moment arrived, Jesus had just been praying in the garden of Gethsemane. Judas approached Jesus with a great multitude who had swords and clubs. Judas then performed the sign he had given to Jesus' enemies that would identify Jesus to them (a kiss). Jesus was then arrested by the multitude (Matthew 26:47-56).

Although Jesus could have delivered Himself, He allowed Himself to be arrested. When He did, all His disciples fled (Matthew 26:56). Later, Peter (another of Jesus' twelve apostles) was asked three times if he knew and had been with Jesus. Yet, Peter denied his association with or knowledge of Jesus all three times. This happened just as Jesus had said (Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75). When the rooster crowed (as Jesus said it would), Peter recognized what he had done and was sorrowful.

Jesus was mocked, beaten, unfairly tried, spat on, and scourged

After being arrested, Jesus was put on trial by the highest Jewish council, the Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:57-68). They sought false testimony against Jesus so that they might put Him to death. After Jesus affirmed that He was the Christ, the Son of God, He was accused of blasphemy – and the Sanhedrin determined that He deserved to die. Afterward, they spat in Jesus' face, struck Him with their hands, and mocked Him.

When it was day, Jesus was given to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate to be tried (Matthew 27:1-2, 11-31). When He faced His trial, Jesus confirmed that He was the King of the Jews. However, while He was being accused by the Jews, Jesus did not answer to defend Himself, which amazed the governor. Now, it was customary for one

prisoner to be released at the Feast of Passover. So, the governor gave the crowd a choice. They could either release a known prisoner and murderer named Barabbas or Jesus Christ (the sinless Son of God). The multitude of the Jews asked for Barabbas to be released and demanded that Jesus Christ be crucified. Although the governor knew Jesus had done no wrong, he did not want to upset the Jews and let them have their way. Therefore, Barabbas was released and Jesus was flogged (scourged) and delivered over to be crucified.

Please note: The Roman practice of flogging was brutal. The prisoner would often not even live through this punishment! The prisoner would be stripped of his clothing and stretched over a frame in order to make the process more painful. Then, he would be beaten with a whip that would often have pieces of bone or metal woven into it, which would tear at the flesh with every blow.

After being sentenced to death by crucifixion and flogged, Jesus was taken by the soldiers of the governor and the whole unit began to severely mock and mistreat Jesus (Matthew 27:27-31). They mocked Him by stripping His own clothes off Him and clothing Him with a scarlet robe, putting a crown of thorns on His head, and putting a reed in His right hand. They bowed before Him and mocked Him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (Matthew 27:29). Then, they spat on Him and struck Him on the head with the reed they had given Him.

Jesus was delivered over to be crucified

After enduring all of this, they led Jesus away to be crucified. Matthew 27:31 says, "After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him." Crucifixion was considered to be the most horrible form of death and was reserved for the worst criminals. The individual being crucified would be stripped of his clothing and laid upon the cross. His hands were fastened to the cross by having nail-like spikes driven through them. His feet would be fastened to the cross in the same way. The process was full of agony and humiliation and was intended to be prolonged torture rather than a quick execution.

Jesus' crucifixion and death are recorded in Matthew 27:32-56 (as well as in Mark, Luke, and John). We read about several things in Matthew's account. First, people cast lots for Jesus' clothing and sat down and watched Jesus as He was crucified. Second, an inscription containing the accusation against Jesus was written on the cross above Jesus that read "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS" (Matthew 27:37). Third, He was crucified between two thieves. Fourth, the people who passed by Jesus blasphemed and mocked Him. Fifth, as Jesus hung on the cross, He made seven statements (not all recorded by Matthew). Sixth, after a period of time had elapsed, Jesus died.

The last words of Jesus before He died on the cross (as recorded in John 19:30) were: "It is finished." Jesus had been obedient to the Father and had now finished God's eternal plan of salvation by giving Himself as the ransom sacrifice for the sins of the world! He was the perfect sacrifice!

Jesus' burial

Matthew 27:57-60 records that Jesus' body was taken off the cross and buried in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb (who had become one of Jesus' followers). A large stone was rolled in front of the opening of the tomb. Matthew 27:62-66 goes on to describe how the Jews were afraid that Jesus' body would be stolen. Since Jesus had predicted His resurrection on multiple occasions, they were afraid that Jesus' disciples would steal His body and say that He had risen from the dead. Therefore, the Jews asked the governor for guards to be placed at Jesus' tomb. In response, Pilate instructed the Jews to make the tomb as secure as they knew how by sealing the stone and setting the guard.

At this point, we may be asking the questions, "Has Jesus been defeated?" "Has God been defeated?" And, "has Satan just won by putting the Son of God to death?"

Jesus' Resurrection

Thankfully, this is not where the Biblical record about Jesus ends! Despite all the efforts that

had been made to defeat Him, Jesus did raise from the dead! And, it is through His resurrection from the dead that we all have hope of defeating sin and death! So, let's consider a few brief points about Jesus' resurrection.

"He has risen"

Matthew 28:1-10 describes the miraculous events of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. On the first day of the week (the third day), Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to Jesus' tomb. Then, there was a great earthquake as an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it. The angel appeared like lightning, and his clothing was white as snow. The guards even shook for fear of him and they became like dead men.

Notice, then, what the angel told the women, in Matthew 28:5-6: "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Consequently, they were to go and tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead! And, as they went to tell the disciples, Jesus appeared to them. In fact, Jesus Christ appeared to many people after He rose from the dead – including all the apostles. He was even seen by over 500 people at once (1 Corinthians 15:3-9).

Matthew 28:11-15 then goes on to describe how those who had been guarding Jesus' tomb reported the events to the chief priests of the Jews. However, rather than simply accepting the amazing events as being true, the chief priests decided to bribe the soldiers with a large sum of money so they would say that Jesus' disciples had stolen His body. The soldiers agreed.

All of this is essential to us. 1 Corinthians 15:16-19 demonstrates the importance of Christ's resurrection to our salvations – saying, essentially, that if Christ had not risen from the dead, we would have no hope of a resurrection. It says, "For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. If we

have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.”

Jesus ascended back into Heaven

After remaining on earth for a period of time after His resurrection, Acts 1:9-11 records that Jesus was taken up in a cloud out of sight into Heaven. Two men (probably two angels) promised that Jesus would come again in the same way as those individuals had just witnessed Jesus go into Heaven (as we talked about Jesus’ return in lesson two)! Today, Jesus Christ is sitting at the “right hand of God” (a most honored position), awaiting the time for His return.

Listen to Hebrews 10:12-14. “But this man [Jesus], after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God. He is now waiting until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified.”

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the answer to the problem of sin! Now (as the result of Christ’s sacrifice), we can be saved from our sins, avoid the wrath of God, and spend eternity in Heaven. However, we must believe and obey Him (as we will discuss in the next lesson). So, what should you take from this study? (1) A knowledge of why Jesus came to earth. (2) A knowledge of who Jesus is (that He is the Son of God). (3) An understanding of what Jesus did while He lived on earth, including His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. (4) An appreciation of what Jesus’ life, death, burial, and resurrection means for you – which should lead you to make a commitment to live for Him (which we will further discuss in our next lessons). While we could discuss more, I hope that this lesson has helped you understand who Jesus is!

Study Questions

Why is it essential to know the answer to this question?

1. The Promise

What was the promise made to Satan? Did God have a plan in place to redeem man from his sin?

What was the promise made to Abraham?

Explain how the storyline for the entire Bible is set early in the Old Testament.

2. Jesus Is The Son Of God

Identify some passages that show Jesus Christ as God’s Son.

Is Jesus God?

Was Jesus with God (the Father) in creation?

How was Jesus a sacrificial Lamb? Why is this so important?

3. Jesus Lived On Earth

What is the significance of Christ leaving Heaven to come to earth?

What was special about Jesus' birth and His name?

What was Jesus' mission on earth?

What was the purpose of the miracles Jesus performed?

How did the world treat Jesus? Why did this happen?

4. Jesus' Death

Did Jesus have any foreknowledge concerning His death?

What Jesus' apostles do to Him?

What did Jesus endure prior to His death?

How did Jesus die? What was now finished?

Where was Jesus buried? What was done to His tomb?

5. Jesus' Resurrection

What happened in Matthew 28:1-10? Why is this so important?

Where is Jesus today? What is He waiting to do?