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Christ in the Gospels



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4	John 1:8–10		
5	John 1:11–12		
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9	Proverbs 3:3–4		
10	Proverbs 3:5–6		
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13	Proverbs 3:11–13		
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16	Galatians 6:4–6		
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18	Galatians 6:9–10		
19	Galatians 6:1–10		
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21	Ephesians 3:16–17		
22	Ephesians 3:18–19		
23	Ephesians 3:20–21		
24	Ephesians 3:14–21		
25	Philippians 2:2–3		
26	Philippians 2:4–6		
27	Philippians 2:7–8		
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THE ETERNAL CHRIST



Most people in the world do not really understand who Jesus Christ is. Many think that He was a prophet, a very wise and good man sent from God. Others think He was the Son of God but came into existence when He was born in Bethlehem.

The truth is that Jesus was not simply a great man or prophet, nor did He have His "beginning" when He came as a little baby to be born in the manger at Bethlehem. It is true, as the books of Matthew and Luke tell us, that Jesus was born in Bethlehem; but God says that Jesus has always existed.

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

- As you look up each of the following verses, answer the questions below:
 1. Who created the heavens and Earth, according to Genesis 1:1? _____
 2. Who is the Word that was "in the beginning" with God and "was made flesh" to dwell among us? (John 1:1, 14) _____
 3. By whom were all things created according to John 1:3 and Hebrews 1:2? _____
 4. Read Genesis 1:26a and look carefully at the following: "And God (singular) said, Let us (plural) make man in our image, after our likeness." What is this verse telling you about who God is? _____

Explain how we were made in His image after His likeness.

5. First John 5:20 describes Jesus Christ in two ways. According to this verse, who is Jesus Christ? _____

6. Explain the extent of the creation by Jesus Christ according to Colossians 1:16.

TWO IMPORTANT TRUTHS

- For what reasons are the following concepts concerning Jesus extremely important for your life in regards to salvation and understanding who Jesus is?

1. Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1 both use the phrases “in the beginning.” What is important about this? _____

2. First John 5:20 says that Jesus is “eternal life.” What is important about this?

“I AM”

It is very important to God that you understand the principle that Jesus Christ is truly God. God found several different ways to help you know the truth of this concept even though He knows your mind will not completely understand it. For further proof, God showed in different ways that Jesus is the one true God.

- Compare Exodus 3:14 with John 8:58. In each situation, who is talking, and what does He say about Himself?

- What do you think this term means, and what is important about its meaning?

Jesus is saying that, as God, He has no past or future. His life is not involved in the sphere of time as we know it. It is true that Jesus lived on the earth for approximately 33 years of time, but His life in eternity has no time limits whatsoever.

- Now look at John 8:59. What did the Jews try to do to Jesus because of what He said?

- Why do you think they did this?

To truly understand how this phrase helps us to understand that Jesus has always existed, look up the following two verses and find the part of the verse that explains more fully the phrase, "I am."

- Revelation 1:8 _____

- Revelation 1:17 _____

- How do these verses further support what has already been discussed concerning the person of Jesus Christ?

NAMES OF CHRIST

The Bible refers to Jesus in many different ways to show the many, many ways He meets our needs. Only a few of His many titles are given below. Look up each verse and write the term(s) given in each verse that explain who Jesus is.

Verse	Who Jesus Is
Psalm 118:22	
Isaiah 7:14	
Isaiah 9:6	
John 1:29	
John 6:32	
John 8:12	
John 10:11	
John 11:25	
Acts 3:14	
1 Corinthians 10:4	
1 Timothy 6:15	
Hebrews 4:14	
Hebrews 12:2	

MY RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST

- Who do you say Jesus is? _____
- Is this important to you? _____ Why or why not? _____

- Based on the teacher's lesson, how can you "hear" God? _____

- Are you conscious of listening to the voice of God? _____
- In what ways do you hear His voice? _____

- Give an example of a time when He spoke to you in a specific way.

TEACHER'S LESSON NOTES

JESUS' PURPOSE ON EARTH

- " _____

_____ " (1 John 4:14)

RESPONSES TO CHRIST

- Many did not _____ Him (John 1:10)
- Many did not _____ Him (John 1:11)
- Some did receive Him, and they were given _____ (John 1:12)

GOD WANTS TO _____ TO _____

- Through the _____ of _____
- By the _____ within the _____
- Through those placed as _____ in our _____

GOD WANTS _____ TO LISTEN TO _____

- We can _____ His _____
- We can _____ His _____

THE PROPHETIC CHRIST



The word *prophecy* in the Bible has two different meanings. One meaning refers to the proclaiming of the Word of God. A pastor or evangelist who teaches the Word of God and proclaims the need to repent from sin and live life for God is a prophet of God, for he is proclaiming and revealing the Word of God to others. The second meaning refers to the ability to foretell the future by inspiration from God. In this lesson, we will be discussing this second meaning.

There were literally hundreds of prophecies made about the life of Christ in the Old Testament that were fulfilled in the New Testament. Prophecies were made about the lineage or ancestry of Christ, about His birth, and particularly about His betrayal and death on the cross. Detail after detail was foretold about the life of Christ centuries before He walked on the earth.

The Old and New Testaments tell of the promise of God to all people. The Old Testament is a preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world. It prophesies (or foretells) what Christ would do on the earth. The New Testament begins with the birth of Christ and tells of the fulfillment of everything that was told (or prophesied) about Jesus in the Old Testament.

JESUS CHRIST IN PROPHECY

The prophecies of Christ generally fall into one of two categories: prophecies that describe a kingly Messiah and prophecies that show a suffering Savior. Most scholars of the Old Testament were awaiting the king who would rescue them from all their trials and earthly problems. So when Christ came to Earth and suffered on the cross, they did not recognize him as that same king. If they had focused on the entire Scriptures, they would have seen that Jesus, the suffering Savior, was also the kingly Messiah.

- Compare the Old Testament verse to the New Testament verse and explain what prophecy was fulfilled through Christ. Beside each prophecy, write a “K” If the prophecy describes Jesus as King or “S” if the prophecy describes the suffering Savior.

O. T. Verse	N. T. Verse	Prophecy Fulfilled	K/S
Psalms 22:18	Mark 15:24		
Psalms 34:20	John 19:33–36		
Psalms 41:9	Mark 14:10		
Psalms 68:18	Luke 24:51		
Psalms 69:21	John 19:29		
Psalms 110:1	Hebrews 10:12		
Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 6:20		
Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18–23		
Isaiah 9:1–2	Matthew 4:12–16		
Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 27:30		
Isaiah 61:1	Matthew 3:16		
Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16–18		
Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14–15		
Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1 Luke 2:4–6		
Zachariah 9:9	John 12:12–15		
Zachariah 11:12–13	Matthew 26:15		
Malachi 3:1	Matthew 11:7–10		

ISALAH 53

Isaiah 53 was written completely with Jesus in mind. It would be impossible, except for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for the prophet Isaiah to have understood the sufferings of Jesus so completely and as accurately. The Lord knew what Jesus was to suffer and explained what would happen centuries before Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Each verse has several descriptions of some aspect of what Christ did for us. For each verse, find one phrase and explain how it explicitly refers to Christ or our relationship to Christ.

Verse	Phrase	How It Refers to Christ
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		

THE LAMB OF GOD

- When John the Baptist first saw Jesus, he referred to Him in a very interesting way. How did John the Baptist acknowledge Jesus in John 1:29? _____

Now look at the following verses and explain what they have to say about Jesus as the Passover Lamb and sacrifice for our sins.

- 1 Corinthians 5:7— _____

- 1 Peter: 1:19— _____

- Revelation 5:12— _____

Remember, the sacrificing and shedding of the blood of the lamb in the Old Testament did not take away the sins of the people. When they sacrificed a lamb, they were admitting to God that they could not rid themselves of their own sin but needed a Savior. They were trusting God to send Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to sacrifice Himself and shed His own blood for them.

MY RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST

- I understand that the details of the life of Christ are given throughout the Old Testament. This is important to me because . . .

At the core of this lesson is recognizing the integrity of God. This quality is at the root of character strength. Integrity means honesty and truthfulness in every area of our lives. It means we can be trusted; it means that our words mean something; it means that we value

who we are. God is truth. His promises have always been kept. We can always trust Him to mean what He says. He wants this part of His character to be an integral part of our lives.

- What promises or commitments do I have in my life right now?

- Why is it important to keep these promises or commitments?

TEACHER'S LESSON NOTES

DEFINITIONS:

- Testament: A _____ of _____
- Prophecy:
 - The _____ of the _____ of _____ (preaching)
 - The ability to _____ by _____ from _____
- Inspiration: God _____ and _____ people to _____ His message
- The _____ Testament continually says, “_____.”
- The _____ Testament says, “Christ _____.”

The Word of God Is the Story of Jesus Christ

THE PROMISE TO _____ AND _____

- A response of _____
- God made _____ of _____ (Gen. 3:21)

ABRAHAM IS WILLING TO _____ HIS _____

- A _____ of God's _____ of His only _____, _____
- “God will provide _____ a _____ for a burnt offering” (Gen. 22:8)

THE PASSOVER LAMB

- The _____ of the _____ was placed on the _____
- The _____ of the _____ saved the Israelite homes from death

THE BOOK OF _____

- The _____ must be a _____ male
- The _____ from the _____ must be sprinkled on the altar

THE BIRTH AND CHILDHOOD OF CHRIST



For centuries, God had used His Word and His creation to explain that the kingly Messiah and the suffering Savior would be born. Prophets and teachers had proclaimed the coming of the Messiah. Priests had made sacrifices, looking forward to the time when an animal sacrifice would no longer be necessary to symbolize atonement for sin. And now, for approximately 400 years, God had been silent. It was a time of quiet waiting. Then, suddenly, out of eternity, God's voice proclaimed the time had come.

- Galatians 4:4 explains it this way: “ _____

_____.”

THE FIRST PROCLAMATIONS

Very few people have ever seen angels. God says that we may have seen an angel and not even have been aware of who it was we were meeting. Angels are sent by God to minister to us and protect us in ways that we are usually not even aware of.

But now, God sent angels to proclaim or announce the greatest event in history. The Son of God was to be born in order to be the final sacrifice for the sin of man. The fulfillment of the promise given to Adam and Eve and to all those who believed throughout the centuries was to come to pass.

- Find the following verses. Tell whom the angel visited, the purpose of the visit, and the response.

Verses	Who Was Visited?	The Purpose	The Response
Luke 1:5–22			
Matthew 1:18–25			
Luke 1:26–38			
Luke 2:8–17			

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Consider what it would be like to be a teenage young woman who is preparing to marry. You have been raised in very humble surroundings and have been very sheltered. You know from the Scriptures that someday, the Messiah will come to the earth.

How did Mary's life show that she was willing to serve God? Reread the passage regarding Mary's visitation by the angel and then read her response in Luke 1:26–56.

- As you read, think about the character of Mary and list those qualities that showed her relationship with God, and how she fulfilled prophecy.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____
5. _____

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Read the details of the birth of Jesus carefully in Luke 2:1–39.

Joseph loved his wife, Mary, and he understood the great responsibility he had undertaken. He knew that the child she was carrying was the Christ. Joseph took good care of her and protected her. When it was time for the birth of the child, they had to make a long trip to Bethlehem.

- Why was such a trip necessary at this time? _____

- While they were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Where did the birth take place? _____

- Why was this necessary? _____

- How did she take care of the baby under such circumstances? _____

THE SHEPHERDS

- During the night, the angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, and they came to the stable to worship Him. What does God's choice of shepherds tell you about how He sees people? _____

- How did Mary respond to what was happening? _____

A TRIP TO JERUSALEM

- After a period of time, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem. What was the purpose of this? _____

SIMEON AND ANNA

- While they were in Jerusalem, two people recognized Jesus as the Savior. Who first responded to Jesus in this way? _____
- What had God promised him? _____

- How did he recognize the Son of God? _____

- Who was Anna? _____

- What did she do when she saw Jesus? _____

THE WISE MEN AND THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

After presenting Jesus to the Lord in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem. Some events began to take place that could have taken the life of Jesus, but God protected the child. It was not meant that Jesus would die as a child in secret—He was to live His life openly and share many principles before dying on the cross in view of everyone.

- To understand these events, read each section of Scripture given below and explain what takes place. All the verses are from Matthew chapter 2.

Verses	Who Was Involved?	What Took Place?
1-2		
3-6		
7-8		
9-11		
12		
13-15		
16-18		
19-23		

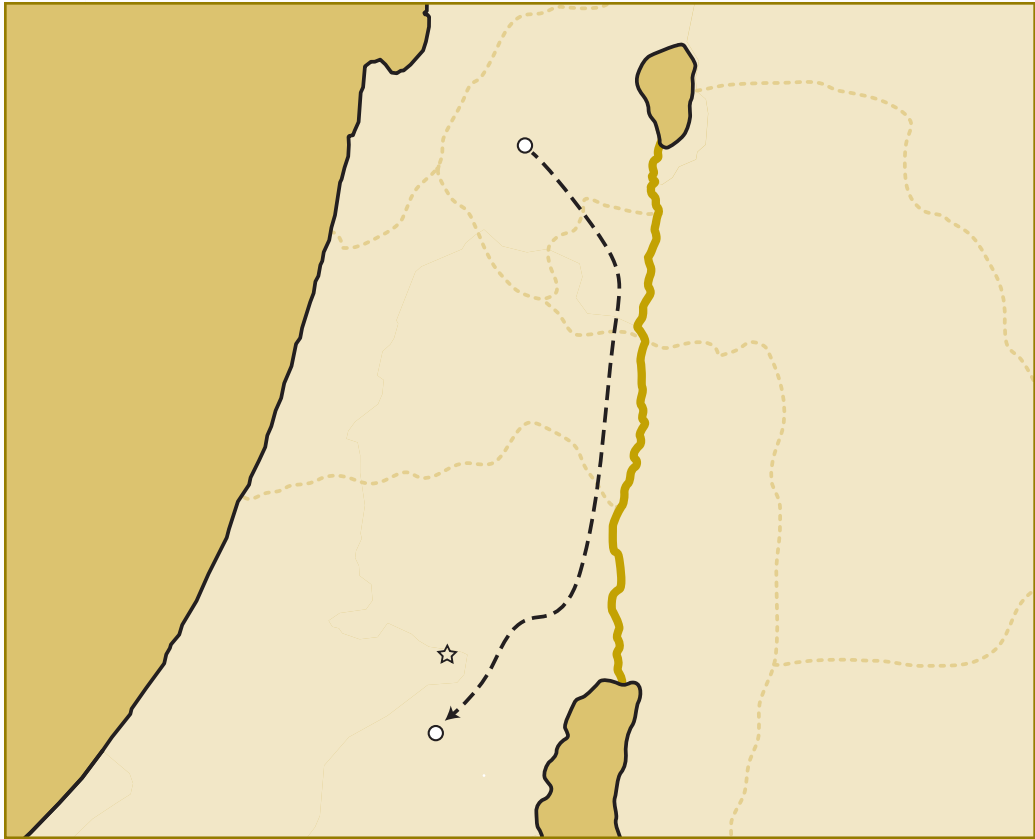
JOURNEYS OF JESUS IN HIS EARLY LIFE

- As another review of the events we have discussed, use the map in this lesson to trace the journeys of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Draw a line from place to place. Begin to learn the places that were important in the life of Jesus.

Verses	Where He Traveled/Lived	Purpose
Matthew 2:1		
Luke 2:22–38		
Matthew 2:13–14		
Matthew 2:19–23		
Luke 2:42–46		
Luke 2:51–52		

JESUS’ JOURNEYS AS A CHILD

- Label the following using a map in your Bible if necessary:
 - Sea of Galilee
 - Dead Sea
 - Jordan River
 - Galilee
 - Samaria
 - Judea
 - Label the cities given above and trace the path showing Jesus’ early life.



MY RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST

- Review the story of the first few years of Jesus' life and explain in what ways God protected Jesus. _____

God had a great plan for Jesus. Jesus' life had a very definite purpose. It is important to understand that while the purpose of our lives can never be compared to the holy and awesome purpose of Jesus' death on the cross, our lives do have a unique purpose in God's plan. He is vitally concerned about our welfare and will protect us so that we can also fulfill our purpose. We must realize that just as Jesus and his family had problems and tribulations that even made them have to flee into Egypt for a while, still God was in control and protected them from harm. In our lives, we also will face problems, but God will be there to protect us through the problems.

- Think about your own life. Describe a time when you believe God was working to protect you in some way. _____

TEACHER'S LESSON NOTES

MATTHEW

- The _____ of _____
- _____ appears to _____
- The _____ of the _____
- The _____ into _____

MARK

Does not refer to the birth of Christ

LUKE

- _____ visits _____ and _____
- _____ about the _____ of _____
- The _____ of the _____
- Jesus is _____ to _____ in Jerusalem
- _____ and _____ recognize the _____

JOHN

“The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” The Word, Jesus, is the Creator of all things.

JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST



The Bible tells us of only one incident in the life of Jesus when He was growing up. This was His visit with His parents to the temple at Jerusalem during Passover. It was during this visit that Jesus talked to the leaders in the temple and evidenced such great knowledge about God that He astonished all who heard Him.

- Other than this, we know only what is said of Him in Luke 2:51–52:

The time came, however, when Jesus was to begin his public ministry. This was when Jesus was approximately 30 years old. Just as God had used angels to proclaim His birth, God had planned a way to proclaim the ministry of His Son. The one who would announce Jesus was John the Baptist.

- Write a short paragraph reviewing the birth of John the Baptist. How was his birth announced? Who were his parents? What were his parents like? What was to be his purpose? (Luke 1:5–25; 57–80)

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John lived much of his life in the desert. When the timing was right, God called him to begin his special ministry.

- Describe how John the Baptist lived. (Matt. 3:4; Mark 1:6) _____

- Describe his ministry. (Matt. 3:1–3, 6, 11; Mark 1:2–4, 7–8; Luke 3:2–6)

- Who heard about John? How did they hear? How did they respond to his ministry? (Matt. 3:5; Mark 1:5; Luke 3:15) _____

- Who did many think John the Baptist was? How did he answer them? (John 1:19–27) _____

- How did John respond to the Sadducees and Pharisees? (Matt. 3:7–8)

- Describe his first meeting with Jesus. (Matt. 3:13–17) _____

THE DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Read the following passages to learn what happened at the end of John the Baptist's life: Matthew 14:3–12 and Mark 6:17–30.

- Why was John imprisoned? _____

- What eventually happened to him? Why did Herod allow this to happen?

It is certainly sad to think of someone like John the Baptist dying as he did. And yet we must realize that as a Christian, God allows all things for a purpose. John had fulfilled God's purpose for his life. Yet, John the Baptist lost his life for having the courage to do what was right. But he has the eternal knowledge that he has done God's will.

- What did Christ say about John the Baptist in John 5:35? _____

- What did He mean by this? _____

THE CHARACTER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist is one of the most interesting men in the Bible and an excellent example for your life. He was a man of outstanding courage who was proud to stand out from the crowd. The reason he was so strong was because he knew that God had a plan and purpose for his life that had been set forth from the beginning of time. You need to realize that

though your name was not prophesied in the Bible, God knew all about you before you were born and has a special plan and purpose for your life too.

- Look up the verses to review John’s life. Explain briefly what happened and then write one of the qualities below that show the character quality that was evident in that situation.

Obedience	Humility	Powerful preacher	Self-denial
Honored by Christ	Full of zeal	Holiness	Courage

Verse	What Happened		Character Quality
Matthew 3:4			
Matthew 3:7 Matthew 14:4			
Matthew 3:15			
Mark 1:5			
Mark 1:7 John 1:19–23			
Mark 6:20			
John 5:35			
Matthew 11:11 Luke 7:24–27			

MY RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST

Now God does not want us to dress like John the Baptist dressed or eat the things he ate. But He does desire that we have the courage to stand for right and truth. As you think through this man's life and the purpose God had for him, consider how God can use the same character qualities in your life.

- How can you demonstrate each of the following characteristics?

- Obedience _____

- Self-denial _____

- Humility _____

- Full of zeal _____

- Courage to stand for right _____

- Holiness _____

TEACHER'S LESSON NOTES

JOHN THE BAPTIST IN THE SPOTLIGHT (JOHN 1:19–26)

Five Questions Asked of John

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Spiritual Condition of Jewish Leaders

- Spiritual _____
- Spiritual _____
- Spiritual _____

John Puts the Spotlight on Jesus (John 1:27–34)

- The _____ of John
- _____ lifted up