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This is a Survey (Overview) of the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ as Revealed in Scriptures, using Summaries, Examples and Excerpts of Biblical Texts.

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- **Jesus' Words are Shown in Red**
- *(Parenthetic Italics) Imbedded within Bible Quotes are Author's Comments.*
- **Bold** and Underlined Text are Author's Emphasis.

Blue Highlights Messianic Representations/Foreshadows/Symbols & Prophecies in Old Testament Fulfill by Jesus Christ.

PART I - WORD OF GOD BECAME FLESH

A. Pre-Existence of Jesus Christ

1. Human Ancestry of Jesus Christ (*Son of Man*)
 - a. Mary's Lineage Luke 3:23-38
 - b. Joseph's Lineage Matt. 1:1-17
 - c. Famous Ancestors:
 - 1) Adam – Created by God Gen. 1:26-31; Gen. 2:7
 - 2) Noah – The Flood Gen. 6 - 9
 - 3) The Patriarchs:
 - a) Abraham (Abram) – Promise Given Gen. 12:2-3
 - “I will make of you a great nation (*Israel*), and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you (*Israel - Abraham's Descendants*) and curse those who curse you. **All the communities of the earth (*Gentile Nations*) shall find blessing in you (*Abraham's Descendant Jesus will Bless the World*).**”
 - b) Isaac – Promise Confirmed Gen. 26:2-5 & 23-24
 - c) Jacob (Israel) – Promise Confirmed Gen. 28:13-15
 - d) Tribe of Judah – Kingly Prophecy Gen. 49:8-12
 - “You, Judah, shall your brothers praise **The scepter shall never depart from Judah (*Everlasting Throne*), In wine he washes his garments his robe in the blood of grapes (*Jesus' Sacrifice*).**”
 - 4) King David – Unites Kingdom
 - a) Promise Given: “..... I declare to you that I, the LORD, will build you a house (*King David's Lineage*); so that when your days have been completed and you must join your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you who will be one of your own sons (*Son of David*), and I will establish his kingdom. He it is who shall build me a house (*Temple*), and **I will establish his throne forever (*Eternal Throne*). I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me (*Jesus Son of God*), I will maintain him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be firmly established forever.” 1 Chron. 17:10c-14**
 - 5) King Solomon – Builds Temple in Jerusalem 1 Kings 5 - 8
 - 6) Kings of Judah from Rehoboam to Jehoniah
 - 7) Zerubbabel – Rebuilds Temple & Altar Ezra 3
 - 8) Jesus Christ is the Rightful Heir to the Throne of Israel & Judah
2. Pre-Incarnate Christ (*Son of God*)
 - a. God of Creation Gen. 1 & 2
 - 1) God Created by His Word: “In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.” (*Gen. 1:1-3*)
 - 2) Triune God in Creation: “Then God said: “**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.** God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.” (*Gen. 1:26-27*)

- b. God Incarnate in Flesh
- 1) The Word of God John 1:1-14
 - a) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.....” (*John 1:1-3*)
 - b) “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” (*John 1:14*)
 - 2) Jesus Christ IS:
 - a) Creator & Sustainer Heb. 1:1-4
 - b) Word of God John 1:1-14
 - c) Light of the World John 8:12
 - d) Son of the Most High God Luke 1:31-32 & 35; John 3:16-17
 - 3) Jesus Christ IS:
 - a) Image of God Col. 1:15-20
 - b) Pre-Creation Glory John 17:1-5
 - c) LORD (“YAHWEH” = “I AM”) John 8:58; Ex. 3:14-15; Phil 2:5-11

B. Entrance of Jesus Christ

1. Old Testament Announcements

- a. Virgin Birth Isa. 7:14
 - 1) “Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (“*God is with Us*”).”
- b. Born in Bethlehem Micah 5:1-4
 - 1) “But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah (“*Bethlehem*” = “*House of Bread*”) too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times....”

2. Birth of Jesus Christ

- a. Conceived Within Mary by the Holy Spirit Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38
 - 1) Angelic Announcement to Mary:
 - a) “..... Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus (“*Yeshua*” = “*Yahweh is Salvation*”). He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father (*Promised Son of David*), and he will rule over the house of Jacob (*Israel*) forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end (*Rules the Lord’s Eternal Kingdom*)” (*Luke 1:30-33*)
 - b) “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you (*Conceived by Holy Spirit*). Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (*Luke 1:35*)
 - 2) Angelic Announcement to Joseph: Matt. 1:19-25
 - a) “..... Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus (“*Yeshua*” = *Yahweh is Salvation*), because he will save his people from their sins.” (*Matt. 1:20-21*)
 - b) Fulfilling the Prophecy: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

(Matt. 1:23)

- Quoting Prophet Isaiah Isa. 7:14
 - 3) God and Man United – Forming Jesus Christ (Son of God & Son of Man)
 - b. Mary’s Visit with Elizabeth Luke 1:39-80
 - c. Jesus Born in Bethlehem Matt. 2:1a; Luke 2:1-7
 - 1) Fulfilling Prophecy: “But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times...”Micah 5:1-4
 - 2) Mary Lays Her New Born Baby in a Manger
 - d. Angelic Proclamation to Shepherds Luke 2:8-19
(*Sheep Symbolize Jesus’ Sacrifice & Shepherds Symbolize His Priesthood*)
 - 1) “..... I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David (*Bethlehem*) a **Savior** has been born for you who is **Messiah** (“*Christ*” = “*Lord’s Holy Anointed One*”) **and Lord.**”
(*Luke 2:10-11*)
 - 2) Shepherds Visit Mary, Joseph & Jesus
 - e. Magi (Wise Men) Seek New Born King Matt. 2:1-12
(*Jesus Destined to Become “King of Jews” & “King of Kings”*)
 - 1) Following a Star Announcing His Birth (*Heavens Declare His Glory*)
 - 2) Go to King Herod the Great’s Palace in Jerusalem
 - a) Looking for the “King of Jews” in a Palace
 - b) Herod the Great Unaware of the Birth of Messiah (*Rival King*)
 - Asks Priests & Scholars Where Messiah is to be Born
 - Answer: “In Bethlehem of Judea” Micah 5:1
 - c) Herod Sends Magi to Find Messiah & Report Back
 - 3) Star Leads Magi to Jesus
 - a) Magi Present Gifts to Jesus & Pay Him Homage
 - Gold = Emblem of Purity & Nobility
 - Frankincense = Incense Used in Sacrifices / Symbolizes Prayer Accepted by God
 - Myrrh = Ingredient in Holy Anointing Oil (Also Used in Embalming)
 - b) Magi Warned in Dream & Return Home by Another Route
3. Jesus Dedicated Back to God
- a. Jesus Circumcised Luke 2:21
 - 1) Initiates Male into Judaism
 - 2) Sign of God’s Covenant with Abraham Gen. 17
 - b. Presentation of Jesus at the Temple Luke 2:22-35
 - 1) Law of Purification Lev. 12
 - 2) First Born Given to God Ex. 13:1-2
 - 3) Simeon’s Word of Knowledge & Prophecy:
 - a) Simeon Takes Infant Jesus in His Arms & Blesses the Lord: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” (*Luke 2:28-32*)
 - Confirming What Angel(s) Told Joseph & Mary
 - b) Simeon Blesses Jesus’ Parents & Says to Mary: “Behold, this child is

destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” (*Luke 2:34b-35*)

- c. Prophetess Anna Luke 2:36-40
 - 1) Confirms Simeon’s Prophecy
 - 2) Witnesses for Jesus

C. Jesus’ Early Life

1. Holy Family’s Flight into Egypt
 - a. Magi and King Herod Matt. 2:1-12
 - b. Flight into Egypt & Massacre of Innocents Matt. 2:13-18
 - 1) Angel Warns Joseph in a Dream to Flee to Egypt
 - 2) Herod Orders the Murder of All Boys in Bethlehem up to Age of 2 Years
 - a) Herod’s Attempt to Destroy a Rival King
 - b) Satan’s Attempt to Kill Christ & Stop Salvation of Man
 - c. Prophetic Word (8th Century BC): “**Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son**” Hos. 11:1
 - 1) Prophet Looking Back (*Old Testament Foreshadow*)
 - a) Israel Goes into Egypt (Refuge from Famine / Death) Gen. 46
 - b) Lord Calls Israel Out of Egypt Ex. 12:37-42
 - After the Death of Egypt’s First Born (Including Pharaoh’s Son)
 - c) To Create a People Particular to God (Israel – God’s Chosen People)
 - 2) Prophet Looking Forward (*New Testament Fulfillment*)
 - a) Christ Jesus Taken into Egypt (Refuge from Murder)
 - b) Lord Calls Jesus Out of Egypt
 - After the Death of King Herod the Great
 - c) To Create a People Particular to God (Christians)
 - d. Holy Family Settles in Nazareth a Town in Galilee Matt. 2:19-23
2. Jesus’ Private Life – Typical Jewish Upbringing in 1st Century
 - a. Lived with Family – Joseph, Mary & Relatives
 - b. Observed Jewish Rituals & Traditions
 - 1) Jesus Would Take the Position of the Eldest Son
 - c. Educated in Synagogue
 - 1) Read & Write, Hebrew, Study of Scripture, Jewish Law, etc.
 - d. Worked with Joseph as a Carpenter
 - 1) Ran Business & Household
 - e. Poetic Description of Jesus’ Character Psa. 1:1-3
 - 1) “Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, Nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the LORD is their joy; God’s law they study day and night.”
 - 2) “They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.”
3. Jesus at the Temple Luke 2:41-52
 - a. Jesus 12 Years Old
 - 1) Age a Jewish Boy Starts Religious Responsibilities (*Age of Accountability*)
 - b. Parents & Jesus Make Pilgrimage to Jerusalem
 - c. Jesus Remains in Jerusalem While Parents Leave to Return Home

- d. Jesus Listens & Questions Temple Priests & Elders
 - 1) Priests & Elders Amazed at His Understanding
 - a) *Jesus Is the Word of God (Embodiment of Holy Scripture)*
- e. Parents Find Jesus on Third Day in Temple Courts
 - 1) Question Jesus: “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” (*Luke 2:48*)
 - 2) Jesus Replies: “**Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?**” (*Luke 2:49*)
 - a) Refers to Temple as His “**Father’s House**”
 - b) Revealing that He Knew Who He Is – Son of the Most High God
- f. Jesus Returns Home & Remains Obedient to His Parents
- g. Jesus Grew in Wisdom, Age & Grace (Love)

PART II - JESUS CHRIST'S EARTHLY MINISTRY

A. Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

1. Baptism of Jesus Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23a
 - a. John the Baptist
 - 1) Called Men to Repentance
 - 2) Baptized in Water Luke 3:3-6
 - 3) Pointed to Jesus – The Messiah (Christ) Luke 3:15-18
 - a) “I (*John*) am baptizing you with water, but one (*Messiah*) mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals (*Symbolizing Messiah's Walk/Ministry*). He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” (*Luke 3:16-17*)
 - b. Jesus' Baptism
 - 1) Jesus Comes to John to be Baptized Matt. 3:13-15
 - a) John Tries to Prevent Him: “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” (*Matt. 3:14*)
 - John Discerns Jesus Did Not Need to Repent of Sin
 - b) Jesus Insists on Being Baptized
 - In Obedience to God
 - An Example to Man (No One Too Good)
 - 2) John Baptizes Jesus
 - 3) Spirit of God Descends upon Jesus - Anointing Him for Ministry
 - a) God Spoke: “**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**” (*Matt. 3:17*)
 - c. Jesus Is the Messiah (Lord God's Holy Anointed One)
 - 1) Anointed Prophet = Speaks Forth God's Word
 - 2) Anointed Priest = Offers Sacrifice & Intercedes to God for Man
 - a) Initiated & Proclaimed by John the Baptist:

(*John was of the House of Aaron, Tribe of Levi – Levitical Priestly Order*)

 - “Behold, the Lamb of God (*Lord God's Sacrificial Offering*), who takes away the sin of the world” John 1:29-30
 - “He (*Jesus*) must increase; I (*John*) must decrease” John 3:28-30
 - 3) Anointed King = Lineage of King David & Kings of Judah
2. Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness Matt. 4:1-17; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13
 - a. Jesus Fasting (*Weaken State*)
 - 1) Tempted by Satan (*Attempt to Destroy God's Plan of Salvation*)
 - a) Turn Stones to Bread (*Pride & Lust of Flesh*)
 - Jesus' Response (Quoting Deut. 8:3): “**It is written: ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’**” (*Matt. 4:4*)
 - b) Parapet of Temple (*Destroy Jesus before His Ministry*)
 - Jesus' Response (Quoting Deut. 6:16): “**Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’**” (*Matt. 4:7*)
 - c) Kingdoms of World (*Submit Under Satan's Authority*)

- Jesus' Response (Quoting Deut. 6:13): **“Get away, Satan! It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”** (Matt. 4:10)
- 2) Jesus Never Yielded to Temptation, Never Sinned
- 3) Jesus Resisted Satan by Using Scripture Eph. 6:10-17
- b. Why was Jesus Christ Tempted? Heb. 4:14-16
 - 1) He Experienced Temptation - Without Yielding to Sin
 - 2) He Understands What We Experience
 - 3) He Has Compassion Toward Us and Can Help Us
- 3. Jesus' Proclamation at Home Luke 4:14-21
 - a. Jesus Stands Up in Synagogue on Sabbath
 - 1) Reads a Messianic Prophecy (Isa. 61:1-2): **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”**
(Luke 4:18-19)
 - b. Jesus Applies this Prophecy to Himself
 - 1) **“Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”** (Luke 4:21)

B. Jesus' Teaching Ministry

Jesus Gave Many Teachings Throughout His Ministry by Example, Word & Deed. This is Only a Brief Overview.

1. Jesus Publicly Teaches the People
 - a. Direct Teaching & Preaching
 - 1) Jesus' Sermon on the Mount Matt. 5 – 7
 - a) The Beatitudes Matt. 5:3-12
 - Jesus Had Proclaimed His Ministry (See II.A.3 Above)
Isa. 61:1-2; Luke 4:1-13
 - Here Jesus Christ Gives an Invitation to People:
 - **“Blessed are the”** (Christ Identifies Human Need)
 - **“They shall”** (Christ Meets & Satisfies that Need)
 - Recipients Are Blessed
 - Example (Matt. 5:3): **“Blessed are the poor in spirit (Totally Dependiant Upon Lord), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”**
(Poor in Spirit are Blessed, Because in Jesus they Obtain the Kingdom of God)
 - b) Value and Ministry of Christ's Followers Matt. 5:13-16
 - We are the Salt of the Earth
 - We are the Light of the World
 - Why? Because We Represent Christ Jesus on Earth
 - c) Jesus Fulfills All the Law & Prophets (Old Testament) Matt. 5:17-20
 - **“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.....”**

- d) Spiritual Application of the Law Matt. 5:21-48
(Christ's Laws are Contrary to Human Knowledge & Experience)
- Form Used by Christ:
 - “You have heard that it was said” (*Referring to the Law*)
 - “But I say to you” (*Christ's Application of the Law to His Kingdom*)
 - Example (*Matt. 5:27-28*): “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart”
 - Christ's Challenge (*Matt. 5:48*): “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (*Christ's Laws Require Guidance by Holy Spirit*)
- e) The Life of Christ's Followers (*Life in the Spirit*) Matt. 6
- True Worship and Alms Giving Matt. 6:1-4
 - True Prayer Matt. 6:5-15
 - Example (*Matt. 6:9-13*): “This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.”
 - True Fasting Matt. 6:16-18
 - True Riches Matt. 6:19-34
 - Example (*Matt. 6:33*): “... seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”
- f) Christ Calls His Followers to Live a Life of Faith Matt. 7:1-27
- Avoid Judging Others Matt. 7:1-6
 - Trust in the Lord as Your Source Matt. 7:7-11
 - Example (*Matt. 7:7-8*): “Ask (the Lord in Faith) and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”
 - Trust the Lord in Our Relationships Matt. 7:12-23
 - Example (*Matt. 7:12*): “Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets.”
- g) Christ Calls Believers to Obedience Matt. 7:24-27
- 2) Way of Salvation (*Salvation in Christ Jesus*)
- a) Example: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word (*Jesus' Words as Recorded in Scriptures*) and believes in the one who sent me (*Father God*) has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.” John 5:24
- 3) Ways of God
- a) Example: “Be merciful, just as (also) your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.....” Luke 6:36-37
- 4) Principles of God's Kingdom
- a) Example: “The first (*Greatest Commandment*) is this: ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all

your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31

- 5) Promises of God
 - a) Example: “I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God” Luke 12:8
- 6) God’s Love
 - a) Example: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him” John 3:16-17
- 7) Jesus Declares Who He IS:
 - a) “I AM the Bread of Life” John 6:35
 - Hungry & Thirsty = Result of Sin
 - Spiritual Nourishment & Life in Christ Jesus
 - b) “I AM the Light of the World” John 8:12
 - Darkness = Sin
 - Light of World = Christ Jesus is the Light unto Salvation
 - c) “I AM the Gate” John 10:9
 - Jesus is the Entrance into God’s Safety / Salvation
 - Find Pasture = Providence of God
 - d) “I AM the Good Shepherd” John 10:11, 14-15
 - Jesus Lays Down His Life for Our Salvation
 - Personal Relationship with Christ Jesus
 - e) “The Father and I are One.” John 10:30
 - Jesus Is One with Father God / Creator
 - f) “For the Son of Man (Jesus) is Lord of the Sabbath.” Matt. 12:8
 - God the Creator Is Lord of the Sabbath Gen. 1:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11
(Sabbath is the Day God Rested from Creation & Made Holy)
 - g) “Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be , I AM” John 8:58
 - Jesus Claims to Have Existed Before Abraham (Before 2000 BC)
 - Jesus Takes the Personal Name of God “I AM” (Yahweh) Ex. 3:13-15
 - h) Plus Many Others
- b. Jesus Taught Using Parables
 - 1) Purpose of Parables
 - a) To Arouse Interest
 - b) To Teach Basic Truths - Each Parable Tells One Major Truth
 - c) Withhold Mysteries to be Revealed by the Holy Spirit 1 Cor. 2:10-16
 - “..... the natural person does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually. The spiritual person, however, can judge everything but is not subject to judgment by anyone.....”
 - 2) Lists of Parables:
 - a) Instructive Parables
 - (1) Nature & Development of God’s Kingdom
 - The Seed / Sower Matt. 13:4-8; Mark 4:1-8; Luke 8:4-8
 - The Weeds Matt. 13:24-30

- The Mustard Seed Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19
 - The Leaven Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:20-21
 - The Treasure and the Pearl Matt. 13:44-46
 - The Net Matt. 13:47-50
 - The Seed Grows of Itself Mark 4:26-29
- (2) Service & Rewards
- The Laborers in the Vineyard Matt. 20:1-16
 - The Silver Pieces Matt. 25:14-30
 - The Sums of Money Luke 19:11-27
- (3) Prayer
- The Friend at Midnight Luke 11:5-8
 - The Corrupt Judge Luke 18:1-8
- (4) Love of Neighbor
- The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
- (5) Humility
- The Lowest Seat at the Feast Luke 14:7-11
 - The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14
- (6) Worldly Wealth
- The Wily Manager Luke 16:1-9
 - The Rich Fool Luke 12:16-21
 - The Great Supper Luke 14:16-24
- b) Evangelistic Parables
- (1) God's Love for the Lost (*Sinners*)
- The Straying Sheep Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-7
 - The Lost Coin Luke 15:8-10
 - The Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32
- (2) Gratitude of the Redeemed
- The Two Debtors Luke 7:41-43
- c) Prophetic & Judicial Parables
- (1) Watchfulness for Christ's Return
- The Ten Virgins Matt. 25:1-13
 - The Need for Watchfulness Luke 12:41-48
- (2) Judgment
- The Two Sons Matt. 21:28-32
 - The Tenants Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19
 - The Barren Fig Tree Luke 13:6-9
 - The Wedding Banquet Matt. 22:1-14
 - The Merciless Official Matt. 18:21-35
- 3) A Closer Look at Two Parables
- a) The Mustard Seed Matt. 13:31-32
- (1) "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."
- Mustard Seed = Faith
 - Sowed = Faith Put into Action/Works
 - Result: Blossoming Beyond Human Expectations

(2) Confirmation: “Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Matt. 17:20

b) The Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

(1) “Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- Lost Coin = Lost Soul / Sinner
- Diligently Seek & Save Lost Sinners
- Rejoice Over Salvation of Repentant Sinner

(2) Confirmation: “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

Luke 19:10

2. Jesus Privately Teaches His Disciples

a. Private Interpretations of His Parables

Example:

1) Jesus Teaches Parable of Sower to People:

Luke 8:5-8

a) “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

2) Disciples Ask Jesus the Parable’s Meaning

Luke 8:9-10

a) Jesus Answers: “Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you (*Jesus’ Disciples / Followers*); but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that ‘they may look but not see, and hear but not understand (*Isa. 6:9*).”

- Why? A Person’s Heart Must be Open to the Spirit of God to Receive the Word of God

3) Jesus Explains Parable to Disciples

Luke 8:11-15

a) “This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.”

b. Teaching of His Suffering, Death & Resurrection

Example:

Mark 10:32b-34

- 1) “Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him. ‘Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.’”

c. Teaching Who He IS (His Divinity)

Examples:

- 1) Peter’s Confession of Faith & Jesus’ Affirmation

Matt. 16:13-20

a) Simon Peter: “You are the Messiah (*Christ*), the Son of the Living God (*Equal with God*).”

b) Jesus’ Approval: “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it....”

- 2) Jesus Declares Who He IS to his Disciples

a) Privately to Martha: “I AM the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26

- Jesus IS Life Itself
- All Believers Who Die will be Resurrected
- All Believers Alive When He Resurrects the Dead will Never Die
1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-17

b) “I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

- Jesus IS the Only Way to Father God Acts 4:11-12
- Jesus IS Truth Itself
- Jesus IS Life Itself

c) “I AM the True Vine” John 15:1 & 5

- Jesus IS the Source of Our Life, Spiritual Nourishment & Ministry
Acts 17:28

d. Brief Overview of Jesus’ Teaching at the Last Supper

John 13 –16

(See Part III.A.1.f “Jesus Teaches His Disciples During Supper” Below)

- 1) Jesus Washes His Disciples’ Feet

John 13:1-17

a) Teaching Them to Minister to One Another in Humility

- 2) Acceptance of Jesus & His Disciples

John 13:20

a) Whoever Accepts Jesus’ Witnesses - Accepts Jesus

b) Whoever Accepts Jesus as Lord - Accepts Father God

- 3) Christ’s Glory & New Commandment

John 13:31-35

a) Jesus Christ will be Glorified by His Death & Resurrection Phil. 2:5-11

b) God is Glorified by Manifesting His Love to Mankind John 3:16

c) “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

- Christ Calls His Disciples/Followers to the Same Love

- 4) Jesus Christ’s Father’s House (
- Heavenly Home*
-)

John 14:1-11

a) Jesus Promises to Return for His People

John 14:1-4

- To Live with Them Eternally
- b) Jesus IS the Way to Father God's House John 14:5-7
 - "I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)
- c) Jesus IS One with Father God John 14:8-11
 - "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:11)
- 5) Jesus Challenges His Disciples / Followers John 14:12-14
(Gifts of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:4-11)
 - a) "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)
 - Perform Same Works as Christ Jesus
 - Perform Greater Works than Christ Jesus
 - b) Pray in Jesus' Name
- 6) Promise of the Holy Spirit John 14:15-21
 - a) "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (God the Holy Spirit) to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you." (John 14:15-17)
 - b) Jesus IS One with God the Holy Spirit
- 7) The Indwelling Holy Spirit – Peace of God John 14:22-31
(Teaching of Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 2:10-6)
(Temple of God. 1 Cor. 3:16)
 - a) "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) will come to him (Each Believer) and make our dwelling with him (Promise of the Indwelling Holy Spirit)" (John 14:23)
 - The Holy Spirit will Indwell Us:
 - Corporately as Christ's Church 1 Cor. 12, Eph. 2:19-22
 - Individually as Believing Christians 1 John 4:15
 - The Holy Spirit will Guide, Direct & Teach Us
 - The Holy Spirit will Reveal Christ to Us
 - b) Jesus Imparts His Peace Upon Us
- 8) Jesus Is the Vine & We are the Branches (Psa. 80:9-20) John 15:1-8
 - a) "I AM the True Vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." (John 15:1-2)
 - Jesus Christ is the Life Source of His Church
 - Father God Prunes Us to Yield More Fruit
(Fruits of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22)
 - b) Jesus Charges Us to Remain Faithful
 - As We Grow & Mature in Christ We Produce Greater Works
 - Without Christ We Can Do Nothing
 - c) God is Glorified through Our Faith & Good Works
- 9) Jesus Christ Confirms His Commandment John 15:9-17
 - a) "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." (John 15:12)

- b) “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:13-14)
 - Jesus is the Ultimate Expression of God's Love John 3:16-17
 - Jesus Voluntarily Lays Down His Life for Our Salvation
 - We Prove Our Love for Christ by Following & Obeying Him
- 10) The World's Hate John 15:18 – 16:4a
 - a) Jesus Warns His Disciples of the World's Hate John 15:18-22
 - b) Jesus Indicts the World for Hating God John 15:23-25
 - c) Jesus Warns of Religious Persecution John 16:1-4a
- 11) Jesus' Departure and Coming of the Holy Spirit John 16:4b-16
- 12) Jesus Teaches His Resurrection – The Joy of the Church John 16:17-33
 - a) “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.” (John 16:33b)
- f. Other Teachings & Works John 21:25
 - 1) “There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.”

C. Jesus' Prophetic Ministry

Christ's Predictions of Future Events.

Office of Prophet and Prophecy of Jesus

Deut. 18:15-22

- *Recognizing the Lord's Prophet: “If you say to yourselves, ‘How can we recognize an oracle which the LORD has spoken?’, know that, even though a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if his oracle is not fulfilled or verified, it is an oracle which the LORD did not speak....”*
- *Prophecies Spoken by the Lord's Prophets are Always Fulfilled!*

1. Jesus' Predictions of Himself and His Life Here on Earth

- a. Sign of Jonah Matt. 12:38-41
 - 1) Example: “..... Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man (Christ Jesus) be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights (Predicting His Burial & Resurrection).....”
- b. His Passion, Death & Resurrection
 - 1) Predictions
 - Matt. 16:21-23; Matt. 17:22-23; Matt. 20:17-19; Matt. 26:1-2; Mark 8:31-33; Mark 9:30-32; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 9:22, 43-45; Luke 18:31-34; John 3:14-15
 - a) Example: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and everything written by the prophets about the Son of Man (Jesus Christ) will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon; and after they have scourged him they will kill him, but on the third day he will rise.” (Luke 18:31-32)
 - 2) Fulfillment Matt. 26 – 28; Mark 14 – 16; Luke 22 – 24; John 18 – 21
 - a) See Below: Part III - Jesus Christ's Passion & Sacrifice, and Part IV – Jesus Christ's Victory.
 - Jesus & Disciples Go to Jerusalem
 - Jesus Arrested & Tried by Jewish Authorities
 - Jews Hand Jesus Over to Gentile Authorities
 - Gentiles Tried, Scourged, Mocked & Spit Upon Jesus

- Jesus Executed by Crucifixion
 - Jesus Rises from Dead on Third Day
- c. Peter's Denials
- 1) Predictions Matt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38
 - a) Example: "Jesus said to him (*Peter*), 'Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times.'" (Mark 14:30)
 - 2) Fulfillment Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18 & 25-27
 - a) Example: ".....bystanders said to Peter once more, 'Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean.' He began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know this man about whom you are talking.' And immediately a cock crowed a second time" (Mark 14:70-72)

2. Predictions About Immediate Events (First Century)

- a. Coming of the Holy Spirit
 - 1) Predictions John 14:16-18; John 16:5-26; Acts 1:4-9
 - a) Example: "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)
 - 2) Fulfillment at Pentecost Acts 2:1-4
 - a) "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."
- b. Peter's Death
 - 1) Prediction John 21:18-19
 - a) "Amen, amen, I say to you (*Simon Peter*), when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go....."
 - 2) Fulfilled When Peter was Executed by Crucifixion
- c. Destruction of the Temple
 - 1) Predictions Matt. 24:1-29; Mark 13:1-2
 - a) Example: "While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, he (*Jesus*) said, 'All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.'" Luke 21:5-6
 - 2) Fulfilled When Roman Legions Destroyed the Jewish Temple in 70 AD
- d. Siege & Fall of Jerusalem
 - 1) Prediction Luke 21:20-24
 - a) "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is at hand. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Let those within the city escape from it, and let those in the countryside not enter the city, for these days are the time of punishment when all the scriptures are fulfilled."
 - b) "They (*Jewish People*) will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken as

- captives to all the Gentiles** (*Dispersed Among Gentile Nations*);
- c) “**and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled** (*Jews Will Recapture Jerusalem*).”
- 2) Fulfilled When Roman Legions Sack Jerusalem in 70 AD
 - a) Jewish Revolt Frees Jerusalem 132 – 135 AD
 - b) Rome Captures Jerusalem & Disperses Jews to Gentile Nations 135 AD
 - c) Israel Becomes a Nation (1948 AD) & Recaptures Jerusalem (1967 AD)
3. Predictions of Long Range Events (Future)
- a. The Church Age and His Second Coming
 Matt. 24; Mark 13:5-31; Luke 17:22-37; Luke 21:25-28
 - 1) Church Age Excerpt: “**See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and they will deceive many. You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end.**” (*Matt. 24:4-6*)
 - 2) Second Coming Excerpt: “**..... the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man (*Jesus Christ*) will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**”(*Matt. 24:29-30*)
 - b. Judgment of the Nations Matt. 25:31-44
 - 1) Excerpt: “**When the Son of Man (*Jesus Christ*) comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.....**”
4. Conclusion: His Words are True! Matt. 24:35
- a. Jesus Says: “**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**”

D. Jesus’ Miraculous Ministry

1. Background
 - a. Authority / Dominion Over Earth and Nature
 - 1) Originally Given to Man by God Gen. 1:26-28
 - a) “**..... God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: ‘Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.’”**
 - 2) Lost by Man Because of Sin - Curse of Sin Gen. 3:17-19
 - a) “**To the man He (*God*) said: ‘Because you ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat, Cursed be the ground because of you! In toil shall you eat its yield all the days of your life.....; For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return (*Death*).’”**
 - 3) Regained by Jesus Christ Matt. 28:18-20
 - a) Jesus: “**All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.....**”
 - b. Miracles in the Old Testament
 - 1) Sign of God’s Anointing

- 2) Performed by Men of God (e.g. Moses, Elijah, Elisha)
 - a) Examples of the Prophet Elisha's Miracles:
 - Multiplies Loaves of Bread 2 Kings 4:42-44
 - Cures Naaman of Leprosy 2 Kings 5
 - Brings a Dead Boy Back to Life 2 Kings 4:18-37
 - 3) Points to Miracles of the Coming Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One)
 - a) Examples of Jesus Christ's Miracles:
 - Multiplies Loaves of Bread & Fish Luke 9:12-17
 - Cures Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19
 - Raises a Widow's Son from the Dead Luke 7:11-16
- c. Christ Often Used Miracles to Teach About Himself
 - 1) Example: Jesus Teaches He Is the Bread of Life John 6
 - a) Jesus Multiplies Bread & Fish Feeding 5000 People John 6:1-15
 - b) Moses Had Provided Manna (Bread) from Heaven John 6:22-31
 - People Ask Jesus: "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Ex. 16
(People Had Eaten the Bread Jesus Multiplied the Day Before.)
 - c) Jesus IS the Bread of Life from Heaven John 6:32-59
 - Jesus Answers: "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven." (John 6:32)
 - Jesus Teaches: "..... I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:48-51)
 - 2) Example: Jesus Teaches He Has Authority to Forgive Sin Mark 2:1-12
 - a) Jesus in a House Surrounded by a Heavy Crowd
 - Four Men Bring a Paralytic - Unable to Get Him to Jesus
 - Men Open the Roof & Let Paralytic Down on a Mat
 - b) Jesus Says to Paralytic: "Child, your sins are forgiven"
 - Religious Scribes Ask Themselves: "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?"
 - c) Jesus Knowing their Mind Addresses those Scribes:
 - "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?'"
 - "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"— he said to the paralytic, 'I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.'"
 - d) Paralytic Immediately Healed – Picks Up His Mat & Walks

2. Non-Healing Miracles Performed by Jesus Christ

- a. List of Jesus' Miracles Recorded in Scripture:
 - 1) Multiplying Food to Feed 5000
Matt. 14:15-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14

- 2) Multiplying Food to Feed 4000 Matt. 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9
 - 3) Raising the Dead:
 - a) Jairus' Daughter
Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-24 & 35-43; Luke 8:41-42 & 49-56
 - b) Nain Widow's Son Luke 7:11-16
 - c) Lazarus John 11:1-45
 - 4) Stilled the Storm Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
 - 5) Walked on Water Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:19-21
 - 6) Cursed a Fig Tree Matt. 21:17-22; Mark 11:12-14 & 20-24
 - 7) Money from a Fish Matt. 17:24:27
 - 8) Draught of Fishes:
 - a) First Time Luke 5:1-11
 - b) Second Time John 21:1-14
 - 9) Turned Water into Wine John 2:1-11
 - 10) Arose from the Dead Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20
- b. A Closer Look at Two Miracles
- 1) Jesus Stills the Storm (*Showing His Authority Over Nature*) Mark 4:35-41
 - a) Jesus Asleep in Boat During a Violent Storm
 - b) Disciples Wake Jesus: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"
 - c) Jesus Wakes Up & Rebukes the Wind: "Quiet! Be still!"
 - The Wind Immediately Ceases & the Sea Calms
 - d) Jesus Asks Disciples: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"
 - e) Disciples in Awe: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"
 - 2) Getting Money from a Fish (*Jesus Christ is Our Source*) Matt. 17:24-27
 - a) Tax Agents Question Peter: "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"
 - Temple Census Tax Paid by Israelites Ex. 30:11-16
 - b) Jesus Asks Peter (Before Peter Brings Up Tax Issue): "What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects (Sons / Citizens) or from foreigners?"
 - c) Peter Answers: "From foreigners"
 - d) Jesus Says: "Then the subjects (Citizens in God's Kingdom) are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you."
 - e) Peter Gets Money from a Fish & Pays their Taxes

3. Healing Miracles Performed by Jesus Christ

- a. Jesus the Healer
 - 1) Jesus is the Healer of the Entire Man Luke 4:14-21
(Physical, Emotional, Mental & Spiritual)
 - a) Jesus Reads Scripture (Isa. 61:1-2) in His Home Town Synagogue: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to:
 - Bring Glad Tidings to the Poor
 - Proclaim Liberty to Captives
 - Recovery of Sight to the Blind
 - Let the Oppressed Go Free,
 - Proclaim a Year Acceptable to the Lord."
 - b) Jesus Declared: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

- 2) In Jesus' Name there is Life, Health, Joy & Peace John 10:10
 a) "I (*Jesus*) **came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.**"
- b. List of Jesus' Healings Recorded in Scripture:
- 1) Cast Out Demons (*Authority Over Spiritual / Demonic Forces*):
 - a) Demons into Swine Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39
 - b) Demoniac Man Mark 1:23-26; Luke 4:33-36
 - c) Blind & Dumb Demoniac Matt. 12:22; Luke 11:14
 - d) Dumb Demoniac Matt. 9:32-33
 - 2) Woman with Issue of Blood Matt. 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48
 - 3) Paralytic at Capernaum Matt. 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26
 - 4) Leper at Gannosrat Matt. 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15
 - 5) Peter's Mother-in-law Matt. 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39
 - 6) Withered Hand Restored Matt. 12:9-13; Mark 3:1-5; Luke 6:6-11
 - 7) Lunatic Child Matt. 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42
 - 8) Blind Bartimaeus Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
 - 9) Syrophenician Girl Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
 - 10) Centurion's Servant Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10
 - 11) Two Blind Men Matt. 9:27-31
 - 12) Deaf Mute Matt. 7:31-37
 - 13) Blind Man at Bethsaida Mark 8:22-26
 - 14) Woman with 18 Year Infirmary Luke 13:10-17
 - 15) Man with Dropsy Luke 14:1-6
 - 16) Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19
 - 17) Ear of Malchus Luke 22:49-51
 - 18) Nobleman's Son at Cana John 4:46-54
 - 19) Lame Man at Bethesda John 5:1-16
 - 20) Man Born Blind John 9:1-8
 - 21) Multitudes Healed Matt. 4:23-25; Matt. 8:16-17; Matt. 12:15; Matt. 14:13-14; Matt. 14:34-36; Matt. 15:29-31; Matt. 19:1-2; Matt. 21:14; Mark 1:32-34; Mark 3:7-11; Mark 6:53-56; Luke 4:40; Luke 5:15; Luke 6:17-19; Luke 7:21; Luke 8:1-3; Luke 9:11
- c. Jesus Exercised His Authority by Healing with a Command! (*Word = Act*)
- 1) Examples from Gospel of Luke (A Physician):
 - a) Jesus Casts Out Demons Luke 4:33-35
 - Demons Possessing a Man Recognize Jesus as Holy One of God!
 - Jesus Rebukes Demons: "**Be quiet! Come out of him!**"
 - Demons Obey & Come Out of Man
 - b) Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law from Severe Fever Luke 4:38-39
 - Jesus Rebukes the Fever
 - Fever Leaves Peter's Mother-in-law Who Gets Up & Serves Them
 - c) Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy Luke 5:12-13
 - Man Pleads with Jesus: "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."
 - Jesus Touches Man Saying: "**I do will it. Be made clean.**"
 - Leprosy Immediately Left Man
 - d) Jesus Brings Dead Girl Back to Life Luke 8:51-55
 - Jesus Takes Dead Girl by Hand Ordering Her: "**Child, arise**"
 - Breath Returned & She Immediately Arose

- d. A Closer Look at Two Specific Healings
- 1) Jesus Restores a Man's Withered Hand Mark 3:1-5
 - a) Jesus Sees a Man with a Withered Hand in Synagogue
 - Calls the Man Forward: "Come up here before us."
 - b) Jesus Addresses Synagogue Leaders: "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"
 - Leaders Remain Silent
 - c) Jesus Orders Deformed Man: "Stretch out your hand."
 - Man Stretches Out His Hand which is Restored
 - 2) Jesus Heals a Roman Centurion's Servant Matt. 8:5-13
 - a) A Centurion Appeals to Jesus: "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully."
 - b) Jesus Answers: "I will come and cure him."
 - c) Centurion Replies in Faith: "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."
 - Centurion Recognizes Jesus' Authority
 - d) Jesus Amazed at His Faith: "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west (i.e. Gentile Believers), and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom (Unbelieving Israelites) will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."
 - e) Jesus Says to Centurion: "You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you."
 - Centurion's Servant was Healed at Jesus' Command

E. Jesus' Personal Encounters

1. Personal Encounters with People
 - a. Jesus Dealt with People with Wisdom and Love
 - 1) He Discerned their Motives
 - 2) He Drew Upon their Faith & Built Upon it
 - 3) He Showed the Love of God
 - b. Jesus Dealt with People Where They Were:
 - 1) From the Educated to the Uneducated
 - 2) From the Intellectuals to those Mentally Challenged
 - 3) From Professional to Peasants
 - 4) From the Wealthy to the Poor
 - 5) Those Honestly Seeking the Kingdom of God
 - 6) Skeptics and Those Who Criticized & Harassed Him
 - 7) And Everyone Else
 - c. Jesus Never Lorded it Over People Mark 10:42-45
 - 1) "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be

- your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”
- 2) “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- d. Jesus Ministered to their Needs (He Really Cared):
- 1) Physical
 - 2) Spiritual
 - 3) Relationships
 - 4) Etc.
- e. Jesus Our Example: “So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God
.....”
Eph. 5:1-2
2. First Example of Jesus Dealing with Individuals – Nicodemus John 3:1-21
- a. Nicodemus is a Pharisee & Member of Jewish Sanhedrin
 - b. Nicodemus Recognizing Jesus is from God, Questions Him
 - c. Jesus Answers: “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above (*Born Again*).”
(*Our Hearts & Minds Can Not Naturally Discern / See the Kingdom & God*)
 - d. Nicodemus Responds Naturally
 - 1) Thinking Jesus is Talking About a Physical Rebirth
 - e. Jesus Reiterates Explaining Salvation (*Born Again*)
 - 1) “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” (*We Can Not Naturally Enter the Kingdom of God*)
 - a) “Water” = Baptism of Repentance
 - b) “Spirit” = Indwelling Holy Spirit
 - 2) “What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit.....”
 - a) “Born of Flesh” = Our Natural Physical Birth
 - b) “Born of Spirit” = Our Spiritual Birth
 - 3) “The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
 - a) “Wind” = The Holy Spirit
 - b) Effects are (*Born Again*) Lives Centered on Christ
 - f. Jesus Explains His Source of Knowledge / Authority
 - 1) Reproves Nicodemus for Not Understanding this Precept
 - 2) “Amen, amen, I say to you, we (*Jesus by the Holy Spirit*) speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony.”
 - 3) “If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”
 - 4) “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man (*Jesus Christ – Son of God*).”
 - g. Jesus Uses Old Testament Reference Familiar to Nicodemus
 - 1) “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
 - a) Jesus Uses an Analogy of Moses & Bronze Serpent to Allude to His Crucifixion
Num. 21:4-9
 - People Sinned Against God

- Lord Sent Serpents that Bit & Killed People (*Curse of Sin*)
 - People Repent & Moses Intercedes to Lord
 - Lord Instructs Moses to Make a Bronze Serpent & Mount it on a Pole (*Symbol of Christ Bearing Our Sins on Cross*)
 - The Dying People Who Look (*Act of Faith*) Upon the Bronze Serpent (*Crucified Christ*) are Healed & Live (*Born Again*)
- h. Jesus' Teaching on Salvation
- 1) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (*Jesus – Son of God*), so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
 - a) God's Perfect Gift of Salvation – His Son Jesus Christ
 - b) Believe (Trust, Rely) on Jesus & Receive Salvation
 - 2) "Whoever believes in him (*Jesus – Son of God*) will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God....."
 - a) No Condemnation for People Who Trust in Jesus as their Savior
 - b) Mankind Already Condemned because of Sin
 - Remain in Sin Without Christ Jesus
3. Second Example of Jesus Dealing with Individuals - Samaritan Woman John 4:4-42
- a. Jesus & Disciples Stop at Town of Shechem in Samaria
 - 1) Site of Jacob's (Israel's) Well Gen. 33:18-20
 - 2) Jesus Rests at Well Alone
 - a) Disciples Go into Town to Buy Provisions
 - b. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
 - 1) Jesus Asks the Woman for a Drink of Water
 - 2) Woman Contends with Jesus
 - a) Emphasizing Differences between Jews & Samaritans
 - 3) Jesus Turns a Request into an Opportunity to Witness
 - a) "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
 - "God's Gift" = Jesus Messiah & Son of God
 - "Living Water" = Salvation
 - 4) Woman Challenges Jesus (*Replying in the Natural*)
 - a) He has No Bucket & Well is Deep
 - b) Where Do You Expect to Get this Living Water?
 - c) Are You Greater than Our Ancestor Jacob?
 - 5) Jesus Explains with a Promise (*Replying in the Spiritual*)
 - a) "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
 - "Thirst" = Spiritual Need
 - "Water" = Holy Spirit (*Cleansing of Salvation*)
 - Satisfies and Overflows into Eternal Life
 - 6) Woman Asks for Jesus' "Living Water" (*Thinking in the Natural*)
 - 7) Jesus Explores and Builds Her Faith
 - a) She Answers Honestly – Confessing Her Sins

- b) Jesus Reveals Her Sinful Past & Commends Her Honesty
- 8) Woman Acknowledges Jesus as a Prophet
 - a) Raising a Controversy between Jews & Samaritans
 - Proper Location to Worship God
- 9) Jesus Explains Spiritual / Personal Relationship with God
 - a) Jesus Confirms that Salvation is from the Jews (*His Lineage*)
 - b) “..... the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.”
- 10) Woman Confesses Belief in Coming Messiah (*Lord’s Holy Anointed One*)
- 11) Jesus Reveals that He is the Messiah
- c. Disciples Return with Provisions
- d. Result of Jesus’ Discussion with Samaritan Woman
 - 1) Woman Believes Jesus, Returns to Town & Witnesses
 - 2) Entire Town Accepts Christ because of Her Testimony
 - 3) Jesus Remains & Teaches the Samaritans

F. Jesus Transfigured

1. Jesus Transfigured Matt. 17:1-10; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36
 - a. Jesus Takes Peter, James & John to High Mountain
 - b. Jesus Transfigured Before their Eyes
 - 1) Face Became Dazzling as Sun
 - 2) Clothes Became Radiant as Light
 - 3) Moses and Elijah Appeared & Talk with Jesus
 - c. Peter’s Exuberant Comment: “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” (*Matt. 17:4*) (*Making the Three Equal*)
 - d. Bright Cloud Overshadows Them
 - 1) Father God Speaks Audibly: “**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**” (*Jesus is Superior to Moses & Elijah*) (*Matt. 17:5*)
 - 2) Peter, James & John Fall to Ground Overcome with Fear
 - 3) Jesus Lays His Hand on Them: “**Rise, and do not be afraid.**” (*Matt. 17:7*)
2. Peter, James & John Witness Jesus Transfigured Matt. 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27
 - a. See Christ in His Glory
 - b. Realize Who Jesus Christ Is – The Son of God
 - c. Prepare them for What was to Occur – His Death and Resurrection
3. Transfiguration is Focal Point of Jesus’ Ministry
 - a. Transfiguration Points Back to the Past (Old Testament)
 - 1) Moses Represents the Law
 - 2) Elijah Represents the Prophets
 - 3) Jesus Christ Fulfills Both the Law & the Prophets (*The Entire Old Testament*):
 - “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.”

Matt. 5:17-18

- b. Transfiguration Points at the Present
- 1) Jesus Our Glorified Christ
 - a) John's Vision of Glorified Christ (See Section V.B Below) Rev. 1:9-20
 - Addresses John: **“Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.....”** (Rev. 1:17-18)
 - 2) Jesus Christ Reigns Over All Heaven & Earth Matt. 28:18-20
 - a) “..... When he (*Jesus Christ*) had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.” Heb. 1:1-4
 - b) “..... God greatly exalted him (*Jesus Christ*) and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil. 2:6-11
- c. Transfiguration Points Toward the Future
Previews Christ's Second Coming to Establish His Kingdom
- 1) Jesus Declares: **“I AM the Resurrection and the Life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.....”** John 11:25-26
 - 2) Jesus is Coming for His Church (*See Part V.C.1 Below*) 1 Thess. 4:13-17
 - a) Jesus is Coming to Receive His Own
 - All Believers Who had Died will be Resurrected
 - All Believers Alive When He Resurrects the Dead will Never Die
- Translated / Changed from Mortal to Immortal Bodies
 - They Will Live with Christ Jesus Forever
 - b) Moses Represents Those Who Died and Went to Heaven Deut. 34:5-6
 - c) Elijah Represents Those Who Remain Alive – Translated into Heaven 2 Kings 2:9-12

G. Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection All Took Place During the Passover Festival being Celebrated by Jewish Communities.

The Passover Festival Commemorates the Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Bondage.

1. Historical Background

Ex. 11 - 13

- a. *Israel was Enslaved in Egypt*
- b. *The Lord Appointed & Anointed Moses as Israel's Deliverer*
- c. *The Lord Visited 10 Plagues on Egypt by Moses' Hand*
 - 1) *Pharaoh Refuses to Allow Israel to Leave*
 - 2) *The 10th Plague was Death of First Born*
- d. *Passover Festival was Given to Moses for Israel*
 - 1) *Each Household Procures a Paschal Lamb*
 - 2) *Paschal Lamb Slaughtered*
 - 3) *Lamb's Blood Spread on Doorposts & Lintels of Israelite Dwellings*
 - 4) *Israel Celebrated 1st Passover on Night the 10th Plague was Executed*

- e. *The Lord Executes the 10th Plague*
 - 1) *Angel of Death Goes throughout Egypt Killing All First Born*
 - 2) *Seeing the Blood, the Angel of Death "Passes Over" Israel's Dwellings*
 - f. *Pharaoh Releases Israel from Slavery & Expels them from Egypt*
 - 1) *Israel Leaves Egypt for Promise Land (Exodus)*
 - g. *Israel's First Born are to be Set Apart (Consecrated) to Lord*
2. *Overview of Passover Festival Prescribed by Law* *Ex. 12:12-13; Lev. 23:4-14*
Passover is Celebrated During the 1st Month in the Jewish Calendar.
Passover is an Eight Day Celebration (Israel's Day Begins at Sundown)
- a. *Preparation for Passover*
 - 1) *Households are Purified*
(Cleansed from All Leaven - Symbol of Sin)
 - 2) *Israelite Households Procure a Lamb*
(Paschal Lamb Must be Pure without Spot, Wrinkle or Blemish)
 - *Purchased on 10th Day*
 - *Lamb Examined for 4 Days*
 - b. *First Feast – Feast of Passover*
 - 1) *Celebrated at Sundown on 14th Day*
 - 2) *Paschal Lamb Sacrificed before Evening*
 - c. *Second Feast – Feast of Unleavened Bread*
 - 1) *Celebrated at Sundown on 15th Day*
 - 2) *Unleavened Bread Eaten 7 Days*
 - d. *Third Feast – Feast of First Fruits*
 - 1) *Commemorates First Harvest in Promise Land*
 - 2) *Celebrated on the Day Following Sabbath (i.e. Sunday)*
1. *Palm Sunday – Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem*
Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19
- a. *Jesus Anointed for Burial* *John 12:1-8*
Anointing Symbolizes Lord's Acceptance of Jesus as His Pure Paschal Lamb.
 - 1) *Jesus & Disciples in Bethany*
 - a) *Six Days Before Passover (Day Before He Entered Jerusalem)*
When Jews were Cleansing their Houses of Leaven (Sin) in Preparation for Passover Feasts.
 - 2) *Mary (Lazarus' Sister) Anoints Jesus' Feet with Costly Perfumed Oil*
Feet Symbolize Lord's Favor on Jesus' Walk – His Imminent Passion & Death
 - a) *Drying His Feet with Her Hair*
 - b) *Judas Iscariot Complains About the Cost*
 - 3) *Jesus Replies: "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial..."*
 - b. *Next Day Jesus Sends Two Disciples to Fetch a Particular Colt*
 - 1) *Colt Brought to Jesus & Disciples Lay their Cloaks On It*
 - 2) *Jesus Mounts the Colt*
 - c. *Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Capital of Judaism) as Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One)*
 - 1) *Large Crowd Gathers*
 - a) *Throw their Cloaks on Road before Jesus*
 - b) *Cut Branches from Trees Strewing them on Road before Jesus*
 - c) *Disciples & People Proclaim Jesus as Savior: "HOSANNA ("O Save"),*

Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord” Psa. 118:26

- d) Jesus Accepts the People’s Praise
 - Pharisees Ask Jesus to Rebuke His Disciples’ Praise
 - Jesus Replies: **“I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!”**
(*Luke 19:40*)
- 2) Old Testament Prophecy Fulfilled
 - a) **“Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.”** Zech. 9:9
- 3) Jesus Enters the Temple Area
This First Palm Sunday was the 10th Day of 1st Month. The Day Jewish People Purchase their Paschal Lamb, which they will Examine for 4 Days. Jesus Presents Himself to the People & Religious Authorities as the Lord’s Paschal Lamb for their Examination.
- d. Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem – Knowing They Will Reject Him Luke 19:41-44
 - 1) **“If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. (Jesus Predicts Roman Destruction in 70 AD) For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”**

2. Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Matt. 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48; John 2:13-22

- a. Old Testament Background
 - 1) Temple (Tabernacle of God) (*God’s Dwelling Place on Earth*)
 - a) Outer Court – Sacrificial Altar
 - People Gather to Present Offerings, Worship, etc.
 - Priests Sacrifice Animals
 - b) Inner Court – Holy Place
 - Levites/Priests Minister Daily
 - c) Holy of Holies – Shekinah Glory of God
 - High Priest Enters Once a Year to Make Atonement for Sin
 - 2) Custom in Jesus’ Time
 - a) People Exchange Money for Temple Money (*Secular Money Considered Unclean being Inscribed with Images of Caesar / Pagan Symbols, Etc.*)
 - b) Use Temple Money to Purchase an Offering (*People Would Purchase their Paschal Lamb on 10th Day of 1st Month During Passover*)
 - c) Offering Given to Priest to Sacrifice
 - 3) Role of High Priest on the Day of Atonement Lev. 16
(*Day of Atonement “Yom Kippur” Celebrated on 10th Day of 7th Month*)
 - a) High Priest Cleanses Himself with a Sin Offering
 - b) Purifies the Temple with Blood
 - c) Atones for the Peoples’ Sins with Sacrifices
- b. Jesus Enters the Temple Precincts
 - 1) Engages Merchants Exchanging Money & Selling Sacrificial Animals
 - a) Makes a Whip of Cords
 - b) Drives Animals Out of Temple Area

- c) Turns Over Merchants' Tables – Spilling their Coins
- d) Chastises the Merchants (*Matt. 21:13*):
 - “It is written: ‘My house shall be a house of prayer (*Psa. 56:7*),’ but you are making it a den of thieves (*Jer. 7:11*).”
- 2) Reaction of People
 - a) Blind & Lame Approach Jesus & He Heals Them
 - b) Children Cry Out: “Hosanna to the Son of David,”
- 3) Religious Leaders Confront Jesus
 - a) “Do you hear what they (*i.e. Children*) are saying?”
 - Jesus Answers (*Matt. 21:16*): “Yes; and have you never read the text, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise?’” (*Psa 8:2/3*)
 - b) Question Jesus' Authority: “What sign can you show us for doing this?”
 - Jesus: “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” (*John 2:19*)
 - Leaders Reply: “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?”
 - Jesus Was Speaking About the Temple of His Body (*God's Presence on Earth – Messiah – Son of God*)
- c. *Spiritual Perspective*
 - 1) *Passover: Jesus (Without Sin) Symbolically Purifies the Temple*
 - a) *He Is God's Pure & Holy Paschal Lamb*
 - b) *He (as Lord's Paschal Lamb) Will Offer Himself as a Sacrifice for Sins*
 - 2) *Day of Atonement: Jesus Becomes Our Eternal High Priest Heb. 4:14-16*
 - a) *Making Constant Intercession for Us 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:14-18*
 - b) *We Become God's Tabernacle (God's Dwelling Place on Earth) 1 Cor. 3:16-17*
- 3. Jesus Openly Teaches in Temple Precincts (*Over Next 4 Days – Days of Examination*)

“During the day, Jesus was teaching in the temple area, but at night he would leave and stay at the place called the Mount of Olives. And all the people would get up early each morning to listen to him in the temple area.” Luke 21:37-38

(Who Will Accept & Who Will Reject God's Holy Paschal Lamb?)

 - a. Question of Jesus' Authority Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8
 - 1) Jewish Authorities Ask Jesus: “By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?”

(i.e. Rode Triumphantly into Jerusalem, Accepted People's Praise, Disrupted Temple Merchants, Called Temple His Father's House, Cured the Sick, etc.)
 - 2) Jesus Asks Those Authorities: “I shall ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I shall tell you by what authority I do these things. Where was John's baptism from? Was it of heavenly or of human origin?” (*Matt. 21:24-25*)
 - a) If They Did Not Accept John as Lord's Anointed Prophet,
 - b) If Their Hearts Were Not Open to Receive John's Baptism of Repentance;
 - c) Then, They Would Not Have Accepted John's Testimonies of Jesus:
 - As The Lamb of God, Who Takes Away the Sin of the World. John 1:29
 - As Messiah (Holy Anointed One of Israel) – Possessing that Authority

Matt. 3

- 3) Authorities Reply: “We do not know.”
 - 4) So, Jesus States: “**Neither shall I tell you by what authority I do these things.**”
(*Matt. 21:27*)
- b. Teaching on Israel and their Messiah Matt. 21:28 – 22:14; Mark 12:1-12
- 1) Jesus Tells Parable of the Tenants: Luke 20:9-19
 - a) “**(A) man (Lord God) planted a vineyard (Symbolizing Israel), leased it to tenant farmers (Israel’s Priests / Authorities), and then went on a journey for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant (Prophet) to the tenant farmers to receive some of the produce of the vineyard (Result of Faith & Good Works). But they beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. So he proceeded to send another servant (Prophet), but him also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. Then he proceeded to send a third (Prophet), but this one too they wounded and threw out.**”
(*Israel Persecuted the Prophets – Spokesmen Sent by Lord God of Israel*)
 - b) “**The owner of the vineyard (Lord God) said, ‘What shall I do? I shall send my beloved son (Messiah – Son of God); maybe they will respect him.’ But when the tenant farmers saw him they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him that the inheritance may become ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him (Jesus will Die Outside Jerusalem).**”
 - c) “**What will the owner of the vineyard (Lord God) do to them? He will come and put those tenant farmers to death and turn over the vineyard to others (Christ’s Church).**”
 - d) People Respond: “Let it not be so!”
 - e) Jesus Looks at them and Asks: “**What then does this scripture passage mean: ‘The stone (Lord’s Messiah) which the builders (Israel’s Leaders) rejected has become the cornerstone’ (Foundation of God’s Kingdom)? (Quoting Psalm 118:22) Everyone who falls on that stone (Rejects Messiah – Rock of Salvation) will be dashed to pieces (Condemned); and it will crush anyone on whom it falls (Jesus a Stumbling Block to Jews is Lord God’s Messiah & Supreme Judge).**”
 - f) Authorities Knew Parable Applied to Them
 - Sought to Apprehend Jesus but were Afraid of People
- c. Contending with the Jewish Authorities
Matt. 22:15 – 23:39; Mark 12:13-44; Luke 20:20 – 21:4
- 1) Attempts to Trap Jesus
 - a) Trick Jesus into Sedition Against Rome Matt. 22:15-22
 - Pharisees (*Religious Authorities*) & Herodians (*Political Authorities*)
Ask Jesus: “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”
 - Jesus Recognizes their Malice: “**Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax.**”
 - They Hand Jesus a Roman Coin
 - Jesus Asks: “**Whose image is this and whose inscription?**”
 - They Reply: “Caesar’s.”
 - Jesus Says: “**Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.**”
 - They Were Amazed at Jesus’ Answer & Went Away

- b) Test Jesus' Knowledge of Mosaic Law Mark 12:28-31
- Scribe (*Religious Lawyer*) Asks Jesus: "Which is the first of all the commandments?"
 - Jesus Replies: "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' (Deut. 6:4-5) The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' (Lev. 19:18) There is no other commandment greater than these."
 - Scribe Agrees: "Well said, teacher. You are right And to love him (*Lord God*) with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
 - Jesus Replies: "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
 - No One Dare Ask Him Any More Questions
- 2) Jesus Questions the Authorities Matt. 22:41-46
- a) Jesus Asks the Pharisees: "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"
- b) They Reply: "David's." (*Recalling Lord's Covenant with King David to Establish a Perpetual Kingship Over Israel. 2 Sam. 7:8-17*)
- c) Jesus Retorts: "How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him 'lord,' saying: 'The Lord (*Yahweh – Father God*) said to my lord (*Messiah*), Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet'? (Psa. 110:1) If David calls him 'lord,' how can he be his son?" (*Messiah is Superior to King David*)
- d) No One was Able to Answer Jesus
- e) No One Dare Ask Jesus Any More Questions
- 3) Jesus (*Israel's Lord & Messiah*) Chastises the Authorities Matt. 23; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47
- a) Jesus Advises the People Matt. 23:1-12
- Obey Religious Authorities: "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you,"
 - Warns Against Following Authorities' Example: "but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice."
 - Unnecessarily Burden the People
 - Full of Pride & Self-Importance
 - Love Titles of Respect/Honor Reserved for God & Messiah
 - Principle of God's Kingdom: "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."
- b) Jesus Denounces Hypocrisy of Religious Authorities Matt. 23:13-28
- "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites."
 - Elitist & Legalistic
 - Honor the Material & Ignore the Spiritual
 - Neglect Justice, Mercy & Good Faith
 - Lord's Call to Repentance
 - "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like

- whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside (Holy Appearance), but inside are full of dead men's bones (Full of Evil & Hypocrisy) and every kind of filth (Sin)....."*
- c) Guilty of Persecuting Lord's Anointed Prophets Matt. 23:29-36
- Sons of Officials Who Murdered the Prophets: "...now fill up what your ancestors measured out!" (*Complete their Task by Murdering Messiah*)
 - Jesus' Condemnation: "You serpents, you brood of vipers (*Symbols of Satan & Sin*), how can you flee from the judgment of Gehenna (*Hell*)?"
 - Jesus Predicts their Persecution of His Church: "I (*Messiah*) send to you prophets and wise men and scribes (*Jesus' Disciples & Followers*); some of them you will kill and crucify, some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that there may come upon you all the righteous blood shed upon earth..... Amen, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation."
 - Completing Fathers' Task of Persecution & Incurring their Guilt
- d) Messiah's Anguish Over Jerusalem Matt. 23:37-39
- "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I (*Son of God*) yearned to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you were unwilling!"
 - Predicts Destruction of Jerusalem: "Behold, your house will be abandoned, desolate." (*Fulfilled by Rome 70 AD*)
 - Jesus Leaves Presence of Jewish Authorities: "I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Psa. 118:26).'" (*Repeating the Crowd's Proclamation when He Triumphantly Entered Jerusalem - Referring to His Second Coming when Jewish Authorities Will Recognize & Mourn Over their Messiah. Zech. 12:10*)
- d. Teaching on His Coming Kingdom Matt. 24 – 25; Mark 13; Luke 21
- 1) Jesus Predicts Destruction of Temple Matt. 24:1-2
- a) Disciples Admire Temple Precincts
- Jesus Replies: "You see all these things, do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."
- b) Rome Destroyed Temple in 70 AD
- One Generation Following Jesus' Prediction
 - Giving those Witnessing Jesus' Ministry an Opportunity to Accept Him
 - Providing a Transitional Period Between Old & New Covenants
- c) Destruction of Temple Ends Jewish Sacrificial Worship
- Ushers in Christ's New Covenant "Time of the Gentiles"
 - Gospel of Christ to be Spread Among Gentile Nations Matt. 28:18-20
- 2) Jesus Explains His Church Age Matt. 24:3-14
- a) Disciples Privately Ask Jesus: "Tell us, when will this happen (*Destruction of Temple*), and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age (*Second Coming & Establishment of His Messianic*)"

- Kingdom)?”*
- b) Jesus Prophecies Church Age (*Gathering People into His Kingdom*)
- Spiritual Warfare: False Messiahs, Impostors & Deception
 - Warfare Among Nations & Kingdoms
 - Intensification of Famine, Pestilence & Natural Disasters
 - Persecution of the Church & Individual Christians
 - Increase of Evil
 - Promise of Redemption
 - Conclusion of the Church Age: “..... **And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.**” (*Purpose of Church Age is to Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to All the Nations of the Earth – Giving Them an Opportunity to Accept Him before He Comes to Judge & Establish His Messianic Rule*)
- 3) Jesus Warns Israel of a Final Struggle Matt. 24:15-28
- a) Sign of Pending Disaster: “**When you see the desolating abomination (Antichrist) spoken of through Daniel the prophet (e.g. Dan. 11:28-45) standing in the holy place (Temple Site), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains**” (*Advises His Brethren to Flee*)
- b) Warns of a Great Tribulation Period: “..... **for at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will be.....**”
- c) Warns of False Messiahs & Prophets
- d) Promise of His (True Messiah’s) Return to Rescue Israel
- “**For just as lightning comes from the east and is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.**”
- 4) Jesus Teaches of His Second Coming Matt. 24:29-35
- a) “**Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**”
- Jesus Will Return from Heaven in Glory
- b) “**And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**”
- Jesus Will Return with Great Power & Authority
- c) “**And he will send out his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.**”
- Jesus Will Gather His Followers into His Kingdom
- d) Jesus Teaches the Signs of His Coming
- “**Learn a lesson from the fig tree (Representing Israel). When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves (Symbol of Young Maturing Nation), you know that summer is near.**”
 - “**In the same way, when you see all these things (Establishment of Israel as a Nation, their Wars, Tribulations, etc.), know that he (Messiah) is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation (Who Witnesses these Events) will not pass away until all these things have taken place.**”
 - “**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**”

- 5) Jesus Advises His Church to Faithfully Watch for His Return
Matt. 24:36 – 25:30
- a) Jesus' Coming will be Like Noah's Flood Matt. 24:36-42
- “But of that day and hour (of Jesus' Second Coming) no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.”
 - “For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man”
 - People Living Life Normally
 - Unconcerned by Noah's Preaching/Prophecies
 - Caught Unawares by Flood
 - “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”
- b) Jesus Comes as a Thief in the Night Matt. 24:43-51
- “Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
 - Faithfully Continue the Lord's Work
 - Faithful Servants Rewarded
 - Worthless Servants Punished
- c) Parable of the Ten Virgins Matt. 25:1-13
- Jesus Christ is the Bridegroom of His Church
 - Virgins are Individual Church Members
 - Wise Virgins have Oil in their Lamps (*Lives Filled with Holy Spirit – Born Again. John 3:1-8*)
 - Foolish Virgins have No Oil in their Lamps (*Hearts Not Open to Holy Spirit – Haven't Been Born Again. John 3:16-18*)
 - Bridegroom Comes for His Betrothed = Jesus Comes for His Church
1 Thess. 4:14-17
 - Takes Wise Virgins to Wedding Feast Consummating Marriage
 - Rejects & Leaves Foolish Virgins
- d) Parable of the Silver Pieces (Talents) Matt. 25:14-30
(Parable of God's Kingdom Law of Use - Applied to Church Age)
- Master Goes on Journey = Christ Ascends into Heaven
 - Entrusts His Servants with Talents/Graces (*Abilities, Resources, Spiritual Gifts, Revelations, etc.*)
 - Faithful Servants Use Talents to Expand Christ's Kingdom
 - Unfaithful Servants Bury (*Reject, Ignore, Stifle, etc.*) Talents
 - Master Returns from Journey = Christ Returns to Earth (2nd Coming)
 - Faithful Servants Rewarded (*Judges in Light of Privilege*)
 - Unfaithful Servants Condemned
- 6) Christ Jesus' Judgment of the Nations Matt. 25:31-46
- a) Jesus Declares Himself to be Lord God's Supreme Judge: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”
- Sheep Rewarded by Inheriting Kingdom of God

- Showed Compassion (Love) to Christ's Brethren
 - Aiding the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom on Earth
 - Goats Condemned to Hell with Satan
 - Showed No Compassion to Christ or His Brethren
 - Obstacles to the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom on Earth
- e. Jesus' Coming Hour (As Savior of Mankind) John 12:20-36
- 1) Jesus Lays Down His Life for the Salvation of All Mankind
 - a) Greeks (*Representing the Gentile Nations*) Ask to Meet Jesus
 - b) Jesus Answers: "**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**"
 - It is God's Appointed Time for Messiah to be Sacrificed
 - c) Jesus Uses an Analogy to Explain His Death: "**Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground (*Seed Planted in Soil*) and dies (*Germinates*), it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit (*Grows into a Full Stalk Producing Many Grains Used for Food & Future Crops*).**"
 - Jesus' Death will Produce Salvation & Eternal Life for Multitudes
 - d) Jesus is Our Example: "**Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.**"
 - Jesus Loves Us More than Life (Willingly Dying for Us)
 - Jesus Calls Us to Love Him More than Life – To Die to Self
 - e) Jesus' Promise: "**Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.**"
 - 2) Jesus is God's Ordained Paschal Lamb
 - a) Jesus: "**I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.**"
 - Jesus Knows it is His Appointed Time ("**Hour**") to Suffer & Die
 - To be God's Holy & Perfect Paschal Lamb
 - Offering Himself for the Atonement of Sin
 - b) Jesus Cries Out: **Father, glorify your name.**"
 - Totally Submitting Himself to the Will of God
 - c) Father God Spoke: "**I have glorified it and will glorify it again.**"
 - God's Name Glorified in the Old Covenant (Law & Prophets)
 - Jesus - Messiah Shall Fulfill All of the Old Covenant Matt. 5:17 (*Including its Prescribed Sacrifices & Offerings*)
 - God's Name will be Glorified in Christ Jesus & His New Covenant
 - d) Crowd of Bystanders Hear God's Voice
 - Some Thought it Thundered & Others Said an Angel Spoke
 - e) Jesus' Answer:
 - "**This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.**"
 - God's Voice Confirms that Jesus is Messiah to the People
 - "**Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world (*Satan*) will be driven out.**"
 - Sinful Man Judged by Christ Jesus' Sacrifice (*God's Judgment Falls on His Son Jesus – Who Bears Our Penalty for Sin.*)
 - Satan Defeated by Jesus' Victorious Sacrifice
 - "**And when I am lifted up (*Crucified*) from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.**"
 - Jesus' Sacrifice will Draw Men from Every Generation & Nation

- f) People Object – Messiah Supposed to Live Forever
- g) Jesus' Answer: **“The light will be among you only a little while (*Jesus - The Light of the World - Will Die that Week*). Walk while you have the light, so that darkness (*Unbelief & Sin*) may not overcome you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light.”**
- f. Israel Rejects God's Sacrificial Gift John 12:37-43
- 1) Many People Refuse to Believe in Jesus
- a) In Spite of Signs He Performed (*e.g. Multiplying Food, Healing Sick, Exorcising Demons, Raising Dead, etc.*)
- b) In Spite of God's Voice from Heaven (See Above John 12:28)
- c) Fulfilling Prophecy:
- **“Lord, who has believed our preaching (*Jesus' Word of Testimony*), to whom has the might of the Lord been revealed (*Those Who Witnessed & Experienced Jesus' Works*)?”** Isa. 53:1
 - **“He (*Messiah*) blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not see with their eyes and understand with their heart and be converted, and I would heal them.”** Isa. 6:10
 - Unbelievers Blinded by Pride, Legalism, Selfishness & Sin
 - Preparing the Way for Christ's Gospel to be Spread to Gentiles
Rom. 11:25
- d) Some People & Authorities Believe in Jesus
- Refused to Admit their Faith in Jesus
 - Afraid of Pharisees & Expulsion from Synagogue
 - Preferred Praise of Man Over the Glory of God
- g. Jesus Concludes His Public Ministry John 12:44-50
- 1) Jesus' Loud Proclamation
- a) Jesus is One with Father God: **“Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.”**
- Accept Jesus – Accept Father God
 - Look Upon Jesus – See Father God
- b) Jesus is God's Pure Light Sent into World: **“I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness (*Spiritual Ignorance & Sin*).”**
- c) Everyone is Personally Responsible before God Almighty:
- **“And if anyone hears my words (*Spoken by Him, Recorded in Bible or Proclaimed by Church*) and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world.”**
 - Every Person a Sinner Before God Rom. 3:23
 - Jesus Offers Salvation to Every Person John 3:16
 - Jesus Came to Save Not Condemn John 3:17
 - **“Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day,”**
 - People Already Condemned Because of Sin John 3:18
 - Reject/Ignore Jesus' Words & Remain in Sin John 3:19-21
 - People in Sin Judged & Condemned by Jesus' Words (*That Offered Salvation*)

- “because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me (*Jesus’ Words are Eternal Life & Truth*).”

PART III - JESUS CHRIST'S PASSION & SACRIFICE

On the 14th day of the 1st Month in Jewish Calendar, the Jews Celebrate the Passover Supper – the First Feast of the Passover Festival (Lev. 23:4-5). The Jewish Day Begins at Sundown. On that Single Day, Jesus: 1) Celebrated the Feast of Passover (“Last Supper”) with His Disciples, 2) went through Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani, 3) was Arrested, 4) Tried by Religious and Civil Authorities, 5) Beaten, Mocked and Scourged, 6) Crucified, 7) Died, and 8) was Buried.

Passover Commemorates the Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage: Ex. 11 & 12:1-36

- 1) *Israel was Enslaved in Egypt*
- 2) *God’s Tenth Plague on Egypt - Death of First Born*
- 3) *Paschal Lamb Slaughtered*
- 4) *Lamb’s Blood Spread on Doorposts & Lintels*
- 5) *Death “Passed Over” Dwellings Covered with Blood*
- 6) *Israel was Released from Bondage*

Jesus Christ Fulfills Israel’s Passover:

- 1) *Mankind Enslaved in Sin*
- 2) *Jesus Christ – First Born*
- 3) *Jesus Sacrifices His Body (God’s Paschal Lamb)*
- 4) *Jesus’ Blood Covers Our Sins*
- 5) *Jesus Gives Us Eternal Life (Death “Passes Over” Us)*
- 6) *In Jesus We are Free from the Curse of Sin*

A. Night of Preparation

Jesus’ Public Ministry is Complete.

Jesus Takes His Disciples Aside to Celebrate this Last Passover Supper.

Jesus Gives His Disciples a Final Teaching to Prepare them for His Passion & Victory, and Equip them to Lead His Church.

1. Jesus Celebrates Passover Feast (Last Supper) with His Disciples

Matt. 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-31; Luke 22:7-38; John 13 - 16

- a. *Room Prepared for Jesus & Disciples to Celebrate Passover Supper*
 - 1) *Cleansed from Leaven (Representing Sin)*
 - 2) *Passover Table Set*
- b. *Jesus Reclined at Table with His Disciples*
 - 1) *Jesus Addresses His Disciples: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it (again) until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 22:15-16)*
- c. *Jesus Identifies & Dismisses His Betrayer*
 - 1) *Judas Iscariot*
- d. *Jesus Institutes Holy Eucharist (Communion) Matt. 26:26-29*
 - 1) *Jesus Takes Unleavened Bread Used in Passover Ceremony*
 - a) *Blesses the Bread (Traditional Jewish Blessing): “Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who bringest forth bread from the earth.”*
 - b) *Breaks & Gives Bread to His Disciples: “**Take and eat; this is my body.**”*
 - 2) *Jesus Takes Ceremonial Cup of Wine (Cup of Redemption)*
 - a) *Blesses the Cup (Traditional Jewish Blessing): “Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.”*

- b) Gives Cup to His Disciples: “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.”
- c) “I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.”
- e. Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denials
- f. Jesus Teaches His Disciples During Supper John 13 – 16
- 1) Jesus’ Example of Service in God’s Kingdom John 13:1-17
- a) Jesus Rose from Meal
- Took Off His Cloak & Tied a Towel Around Himself
 - Poured Water in a Basin
 - Washes Disciples’ Feet Drying them with the Towel
- b) Jesus Puts His Cloak Back On & Reclines at Table:
- “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.”
 - “I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.”
 - Minister to One Another in Love
- 2) Acceptance of Jesus & His Disciples John 13:20
- a) “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”
- Whoever Accepts Jesus’ Witnesses - Accepts Jesus
 - Whoever Accepts Jesus as Lord - Accepts Father God
- 3) Jesus Christ is Glorified by His Sacrifice John 13:31-35
- a) After Judas Departs to Betray Him, Jesus Declares: “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him,) God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once.”
(John 13:31-32)
- God is Glorified by Jesus’ Death because it Reveals God’s Love for Us
- b) Jesus Will Die Soon Leaving His Disciples
- c) Jesus’ New Commandment: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”
- Jesus Calls Us to Love One Another as He Loves Us
 - Evidence of Discipleship: “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
- 4) Christ Jesus’ Father’s House (*Heavenly Home*) John 14:1-11
- a) Jesus’ Promise of an Eternal Home
- “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”
 - “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?”
 - “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”

- b) Jesus Is the Way into God's Holy Presence
- **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**
- c) Jesus Christ is One with Father God
- **"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."**
 - **"Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves."**
- 5) Jesus Challenges His Church John 14:12-14
- a) **"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."**
- Perform Same Works as Jesus Christ
 - Perform Greater Works than Jesus Christ
- b) **"And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."**
- Jesus Tells Us to Pray in His Name
- 6) Jesus' Promise of the Holy Spirit John 14:15-27
(Enabling His Followers to Continue His Work on Earth. Acts 1:8)
- a) **"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (Paraclete / Counselor / Holy Spirit) to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you."**
- The Holy Spirit Will Live Within Us
- b) **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."**
- Jesus IS One with God the Holy Spirit
- c) **"In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."**
- We are United with God by the Holy Spirit
- d) **"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."**
- Holy Spirit Dwells in Us as Temples of God 1 Cor. 3:16
- e) **"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you."**
- The Holy Spirit will Guide, Direct & Teach Us
 - The Holy Spirit will Reveal Christ to Us
- f) Jesus Comforts His Disciples: **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."**
- 7) Jesus Prepares His Disciples for His Suffering & Death John 14:28-31
- 8) Jesus Is the True Vine John 15:1-8
- a) **"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit....."**
- Christ Jesus is the Life Source of His Church
 - Jesus' Followers are the Branches & Fruit are Our Good Works

- Father God Prunes (*Refines*) Us to Yield More Fruit
- b) “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.....”
 - As We Grow & Mature in Christ We Produce Greater Works
 - Without Christ We Can Do Nothing
- c) “If you remain (*Live*) in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”
- 9) Jesus Confirms His Commandment John 15:9-17
 - a) “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.....”
 - b) “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”
 - c) “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.....”
 - Jesus is the Ultimate Expression of God's Love John 3:16-17
 - Jesus Voluntarily Lays Down His Life for Our Salvation
 - We Prove Our Love for Christ by Following & Obeying Him
- 10) Jesus Warns of the World’s Hatred & Persecution John 15:18 – 16:4
- 11) Jesus’ Departure & Coming of the Holy Spirit John 16:5-16
 - a) “But now I am going to the one who sent me (*Jesus will Die & Return to Father God*), because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts.”
 - b) “But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate (*Holy Spirit*) will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”
 - c) “And when he (*Holy Spirit*) comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation:
 - “sin, because they do not believe in me; (*Remaining in their Sins*)
 - “righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; (*Jesus – God’s Righteous One – Returns to Heaven*)
 - “condemnation, because the ruler of this world (*Satan*) has been condemned.”
 - d) “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he (*Holy Spirit*) comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.”
- 12) Jesus Teaches of His Resurrection – The Joy of the Church John 16:17-33
 - a) “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn (*At Jesus’ Suffering & Death*), while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy (*At Jesus’ Resurrection*).”
 - Gives an Analogy of a Woman in Labor Who Rejoices in Her Newborn
(*Disciples Who Mourn at Jesus’ Suffering & Death, will Rejoice at His Resurrection & Birth of His Church*)
 - b) Jesus Emphasizes Importance of Praying in His Name (*Power of Attorney*)
 - “Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”
 - c) “Do you believe me now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me

alone (*Jesus Must Suffer Alone – Only He is Worthy to be God’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice for Sin.*) **But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.**”

- d) **“I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the World.”**
- g. Jesus & Disciples Depart to Mount of Olives
- 1) After Singing Hymn (*Concluding Passover Supper*)
2. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemani Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46
- a. Jesus & His Disciples Go to Garden
- 1) Instructs Disciples: **“Sit here while I pray.”** (*Mark 14:32*)
 - 2) Takes Peter, James & John Deeper into Garden
 - a) **“My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.”** (*Mark 14:34*)
 - b) The Fate of All Humanity Rest on Jesus’ Total Obedience to God
 - c) He Needs to Prepare Himself through Earnest & Effectual Prayer
 - d) He Can Not be Interrupted Until He Fully Completes His Prayer
 - 3) Jesus Goes Further into Garden by Himself (*Alone with Father God*)
 - a) Falls Prostrate before Father God (*Attitude of Total Submission*)
 - **“Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.”** (*Mark 14:36*)
(*Totally Yielding to Father God’s Will*)
 - b) In Order to Bring Salvation to Mankind, Jesus Must Voluntarily Go through Humiliation, Torture, Crucifixion & Death (*Holy Sacrifice for Sin*)
 - Without Defense
 - Without Complaint
 - Without Hatred for His Accusers & Persecutors
 - Without Crying Out for Mercy
 - Without Sin or Any Appearance of Sin
 - Etc.
 - c) In Order to Provide Total Salvation, Jesus Had to:
 - Take Upon Himself the Sins of the World
 - Take Upon Himself all the Effects of Sin (*e.g. Diseases*)
 - Take Upon Himself the Curse of Sin (*Death*)
 - Conquering them All
 - d) He Presents & Prepares Himself as God’s Holy Sacrifice Luke 22:43-44
 - “And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him.”
 - **“He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.”**
 - e) He Intercedes for Those People Who Would Believe/Trust in Him
- b. Jesus Raises His Eyes to Heaven and Prays John 17
(*Face to Face with Father God*)
- 1) Jesus Completed His Ministry on Earth John 17:1-8
 - a) **“Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him.....”**
 - His Time has Come to be Sacrificed

- Prays that Father God will Glorify Him (*Accept His Sacrifice*)
 - He Will Glorify Father God by His Sacrifice
 - Father God Gave Him Authority Over All People to Grant Eternal Life
- b) “I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.”
- He Successfully Completed His Ministry/Work – Glorifying God
 - He (*God the Son*) Remembers & Requests His Pre-Incarnate Glory
- c) He Entrusted His Disciples with the Gospel (*Good News of Jesus Christ*)
- He Revealed Father God to His Disciples
 - Disciples Believed & Accepted His Testimony
 - They Understood that He Came from God
- 2) Jesus Intercedes for His Disciples (*Church Leaders*) John 17:9-19
- a) “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.”
- His Disciples Belong to Father God
- b) He is Leaving this World & Returning to Heaven
- c) “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are
- Prays for His Disciples’ Unity
- d) Prays Father God will Protect & Preserve His Disciples
- e) Prays Disciples will Share His Joy
- f) He Entrusted His Disciples with His Word
- Prays Disciples Remain in the World to Propagate His Word
 - Prays Disciples will be Sustain by His Word
- g) “Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”
- Prays that Father God will Consecrate His Disciples
(*To Declare Holy/Sacred, to Set Apart/Devote to God’s Service*)
 - Jesus (*God the Son*) Consecrates Himself for His Disciples
- 3) Jesus Intercedes for All Believers (Us) John 17:20-26
- a) “I pray not only for them (*Disciples*), but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. ”
- He Applies the Petitions He Prayed for His Disciples to All Believers
 - Prays for Unity Among All Believers (*All Generations/Denominations*)
 - Prays His Followers be Perfected & United with God
- b) “And I have given them the glory (*Holy Spirit*) you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one,
- He Gives the Holy Spirit to All Believers
- c) “Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

- Prays that All of Us will be with Him in Heaven to See & Experience His Glory (*Beatific Vision*)
- d) Prays that Father God's Love for Him will Also Live in Us
- c. Jesus Returns Finding His Disciples Asleep (*No Human Support*) Mark 14:41-42
 - 1) “**Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.**”
 - 2) “**Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand.**”

B. Jesus' Arrest & Trials

1. Conspiracy and Betrayal

- a. Background: Official Conspiracy Against Jesus
 - 1) Growing Conspiracy Throughout Jesus' Public Ministry
Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11; John 5:18
 - a) Example: Jesus Heals Man with Withered Hand on Sabbath Mark 3:1-6
 - Jesus Asks: “**Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?**”
 - Officials Remained Silent
 - Jesus Orders Man: “**Stretch out your hand.**”
 - Man Stretches Out His Hand and was Healed
 - “The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against him to put him to death.”
 - 2) Conspiracy Intensifies After Jesus Raises Lazarus from Dead John 11
 - a) Special Session of Sanhedrin (Jewish High Court) John 11:46-54
 - Some Witnesses Report Jesus' Miracle to Pharisees
 - Pharisees & Chief Priests: “What are we going to do? This man (*Jesus*) is performing many signs. If we leave him alone, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation”
 - Caiaphas the High Priest: “You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.” (*As High Priest, Caiaphas Prophesied that Jesus will Die for the Nation & People of Israel*)
 - “So from that day on they planned to kill him.”
 - 3) Conspiracy Enacted After Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem
Matt. 26:3-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 19:47-48
 - a) “Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they consulted together to arrest Jesus by treachery and put him to death” (*Matt. 26:3-4*)
 - b) *This Conspiracy Occurred between the 10th and 14th Days of the 1st Month in the Jewish Calendar. During this Time, Jewish Families Examine their Paschal Lamb to See if it is Pure (Without Blemish, Wrinkle, etc.) before Offering it as a Sacrifice.*
 - *Jesus Presented Himself as the Lord God's Paschal Lamb on 10th Day.*
 - *Jesus Publicly Taught in Temple Precincts During the 4 Day Examination Period.*
 - *During this Time, the Jewish Authorities Rejected Jesus as Messiah.*

b. Jesus Betrayed

- 1) Judas Iscariot's Pact with Conspirators Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:1-6
 - a) "Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over." Matt. 26:14-16
 - b) Fulfilling Prophecy: *"The sheep merchants (Israel's Chief Priests) who were watching me understood that this was the word of the LORD. I said to them, 'If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, let it go.' And they counted out my wages, thirty pieces of silver." Zech. 11:11-12*
- 2) Judas' Betrayal (See Section 2. "Jesus Arrested" Below)
- 3) Consequences of Judas' Betrayal Matt. 27:3-10
 - a) "Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned (See Section 3. "Jesus' Trials" Below), deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.'"
 - b) Chief Priests & Elders Reply: "What is that to us? Look to it yourself."
 - c) "Flinging the money into the temple, he (*Judas*) departed and went off and hanged himself."
 - Prophecy Fulfilled: *"But the LORD said to me, 'Throw it in the treasury, the handsome price at which they valued me (Israel's Lord).' So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the treasury in the house of the LORD." Zech. 11:13*
 - d) Chief Priests Use Money to Purchase a Potters Field for Foreigners
 - "That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood."

2. Jesus Arrested Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-14

- a. Judas Iscariot Leads Large Crowd from Chief Priests to Garden
 - 1) Temple Guards Armed with Swords & Clubs
- b. Judas Identifies Jesus with a Kiss: "Hail, Rabbi"
 - 1) Jesus Replies: **"Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"** (*Luke 22:48*)
- c. Guards Bind & Arrest Jesus
- d. Jesus Allows Himself to be Arrested
 - 1) A Disciple Draws a Sword & Cuts Off an Ear of High Priest's Servant
 - 2) Jesus Admonishes Disciple: **"Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions (About 72,000) of angels? But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?"** (*Matt. 26:52-54*)
 - 3) Jesus Heals the High Priest's Servant
- e. Jesus Addresses the Crowd: **"Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled."** (*Matt. 26:55-56*)
- f. Jesus' Disciples Flee into the Night

3. Jesus' Trials

- a. Jesus Tried Before Jewish Religious Authorities (*Tried as Son of God*)
Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:63-71; John 18:12-14 & 19-24
 - 1) Inquiry Before Annas – High Priest Emeritus John 18:19-24
 - a) Guards Take Jesus to Annas John 18:12-14
 - b) Annas Questions Jesus About His Disciples & Doctrine
 - c) Jesus Answers: “I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.”
 - Challenges Annas to Bring Formal Charges Against Him, Collaborated by at Least 2 Witnesses, as Required by Jewish Law Deut. 19:15
 - d) Temple Guard Strikes Jesus
 - e) Jesus Replies, Reminding Him of the Law: “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”
 - f) Annas Sends Jesus Bound to Caiaphas – Ruling High Priest
 - 2) Jesus' Trial Before Caiaphas & Sanhedrin
 - a) High Priest Caiaphas Presiding Over the Sanhedrin – Council of 70 Jewish Religious Leaders
 - b) Intent of Trial Matt. 26:59
 - Obtain False Testimonies Against Jesus
 - Sentence Jesus to Death
 - c) Chief Priests Call Witnesses to Testify Against Jesus
 - No Two Witnesses Agree (*Jewish Law Requires Testimony of Two Witnesses. Deut. 19:15-21*)
 - Jesus Remains Silent
 - d) High Priest Confronts Jesus: “I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” (Matt. 26:63)
 - e) Jesus' Confession / Testimony About Himself: “You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man (Messiah) seated at the right hand of the Power (Son of God) (Referring to Psa. 110:1)’ and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven (Quoting Dan. 7:13)’.” (Matt. 26:64)
 - f) High Priest Tears His Robes: “He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?” (Matt. 26:65-66a)
 - g) Sanhedrin's Sentence: “He deserves to die!” (Matt. 26:66b)
 - Spit in Jesus' Face; Strike, Blindfold & Mock Him
 - “Prophesy for us, Messiah: who is it that struck you?” (Matt. 26:68)
- 3) *Jesus' Trial was a Mockery* Psa. 109:1-7
 - a) “..... wicked and treacherous mouths attack me. They speak against me with lying tongues; with hateful words they surround me, attacking me without cause.”
 - b) “In return for my love they slander me, even though I prayed for them. They repay me evil for good, hatred for my love.”
 - c) “My enemies say of me: ‘Find a lying witness, an accuser to stand by his right hand, That he may be judged and found guilty’”

- 4) Simon Peter Denies Jesus During His Trial
 Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18 & 25-27
 - a) Christ's Chief Disciple Becomes an Unfaithful Witness
 - Fulfilling Jesus' Prophecy
 Matt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38
 - b) Peter Repents & Weeps Bitterly
- b. Jesus Tried Before Civil Authorities (*Tried as Son of Man*)
 Matt. 27:1-2 & 11-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28 – 19:16
 - 1) Inquiry Before Pilate - Roman Governor of Judea Luke 23:1-7
 - a) Jewish Leaders Take Jesus Bound to Pilate
 - b) Charge Jesus with Sedition Against Rome
 - "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Messiah, a king."
 - c) Pilate Asks Jesus: "Are you the king of the Jews?"
 - d) Jesus Answers: "You say so."
 - e) Pilate Learns Jesus is a Galilean & Sends Him to Herod
 - Galilee Under Herod's Jurisdiction
 - 2) Trial Before Herod Antipas - Tetrarch of Galilee Luke 23:8-12
(Son of Herod the Great) (Murderer of John the Baptist. Matt. 14:1-12)
 - a) Herod in Jerusalem for Passover
 - b) Herod Questions Jesus
 - Jesus Remains Silent
 - c) Herod and His Soldiers Insult & Mock Jesus
 - d) Jesus Returned to Pilate
 - 3) Trial Before Pontus Pilate
 - a) Pilate Summons Jewish Leaders Luke 23:13-15
 - "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, no capital crime has been committed by him."
 - "Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."
 - b) Pilate Offers to Release a Prisoner for Passover - Implying Jesus
 - c) Crowd Demands Pilate Release Barabbas – Insurrectionist & Murderer
(Jesus Takes the Place - Death Sentence - of a Sinner)
 - d) Crowd Shouts for Jesus to be Crucified (*Crucifixion Typically Reserved for Execution of Insurrectionists, Rebellious Slaves & Hardened Criminals*)
 - e) Pilate Orders Jesus Scourged (*To Extract a Confession*)
 - Jesus Suffers a Roman Scourge (Referred to as the "1/2 Death")
 - Securely Tied Exposing His Entire Body
 - Soldiers Systemically Whip Every Surface of His Body Using a Multi-Thong Instrument of Torture
 - Soldiers Spit in Jesus' Face, Beat & Mock Him
 - Crown Him with Thorns
 - Throw Purple Robe on His Torn Body
 - Slap Him Proclaiming: "Hail, King of the Jews" (*John 19:3*)
 - Fulfilling Prophecies:
 - *"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and*

- spitting. (Isa. 50:6)*
- *“Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.” (Isa. 53:4-6)*
- f) Jesus Remains Silent Throughout this Ordeal
- Did Not Confess to Crimes He Did Not Commit
 - Did Not Plead His Case
 - Did Not Cry for Man’s Mercy
 - *“Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. (Isa. 53:7)*
- g) Pilate Further Interrogates Jesus
- Jesus Remains Silent
 - Pilate Asks Jesus: “Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?” *(John 19:11)*
 - Jesus Answers: **“You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one (Chief Priests) who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”** *(John 19:12)*
 - Jesus Voluntarily Lays Down His Life
- h) Pilate Passes Judgment on Jesus John 19:12-16
- Pilate Presents Jesus to Crowd: “Behold, your king”
 - Jesus Thoroughly Scourged, Beaten, Crowned with Thorns, Wearing a Purple Robe with a Reed Scepter in His Hand
 - *“Even as many were amazed at him— so marred was his look beyond that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals” (Isa. 52:14)*
 - Crowd Shout: “Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!”
 - Pilate Says: “Shall I crucify your king?”
 - Chief Priests Answer: “We have no king but Caesar.” *(Disavowing the Lord God of Israel as their King)*
 - Pilate Washes his Hands: “I am innocent of this man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.” *(Matt. 27:24)*
 - Pilate Orders Jesus Crucified

C. Jesus’ Crucifixion & Death

1. Jesus Christ’s Way to the Cross

Matt. 27:32-34; Mark 15:21-23; Luke 23:26-31; John 19:17

a. Soldiers Order Simon of Cyrene to Carry Jesus’ Cross *(Represents Man Carrying the Burden of Sin)*

- 1) Jesus Physically Weakened from Brutal Beating & Scourging
- 2) Wanted to Make Sure Jesus had Enough Strength to Undergo Crucifixion

- b. Large Crowd Follows Jesus
 - 1) Women Mourning Over Jesus
 - 2) Jesus Tells Women to Mourn Over Jews Luke 23:28-31
 - a) Who Rejected their Messiah
 - b) Predicts Destruction of Jerusalem – *Fulfilled by Rome in 70 AD*
- c. Arrive at Place of Execution – Golgotha (“Skull Place”)
 - 1) Fulfilling Prophecy: *“Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people” (Isa. 53:8)*
 - 2) Soldiers Offer Jesus Wine Drugged with Myrrh (*Lessen Pain & Extend Dying*)
 - a) Jesus Refuses to Drink
 - He Will Not Compromise the Full Measure of His Sacrifice
 - He Will Not Yield Control Over His Life

2. Jesus Christ Crucified

Matt. 27:35-50; Mark 15:24-36; Luke 23:32-46; John 19:18-30

a. Roman Crucifixion

- 1) Victim Nailed to a Cross by their Hands & Feet
 - a) Fulfilling Prophecy: *“Many dogs (Gentiles) surround me; a pack of evildoers (Sinners) closes in on me. So wasted are my hands and feet [‘they pierced my hands and my feet’ KJV Psa. 22:16b] that I can count all my bones.” (Psa. 22:17-18a)*
- 2) Victim Usually Naked
- 3) Victim Dies of Slow Suffocation from His Own Body Weight
 - a) Fulfilling Prophecy: *“Like water my life drains away; all my bones grow soft. My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me. As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue sticks to my palate; you lay me in the dust of death.” (Psa. 22:15-16)*

b. Events of Jesus’ Crucifixion

- 1) Jesus Christ Nailed to Cross & Elevated (9:00am)
 - a) Jesus’ Proclamation: **“..... when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” (John 12:32)**
 - Crucified Christ is the Central Point in All Human History
- 2) Jesus: **“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)**
(*Jesus Forgives His Persecutors – Without Hatred, Bitterness or Malice*)
- 3) Plaque Placed Over Jesus’ Head “King of the Jews”
- 4) Roman Soldiers Divide His Clothes by Casting Lots
 - a) Fulfilling Prophecy: *“They stare at me and gloat; they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots.” (Psa. 22:18b-19)*
- 5) Jesus Mocked
 - a) By the People: “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.”
(*Mark 15:29-30*)
 - b) By the Elders & Chief Priests: “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” (*Mark 15:31-32*)
 - c) By the Soldiers: “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” (*Luke 23:37*)
 - d) Fulfilling Prophecy: *“All who see me mock me; they curl their lips and*

jeer; they shake their heads at me: 'You relied on the LORD—let him deliver you; if he loves you, let him rescue you.' (Psa. 22:8-9)

- 6) Jesus Crucified Between Two Criminals - Revolutionaries Luke 23:39-42
 - a) Fulfilling Prophecy: *"A grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, Though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood."* (Isa. 53:9)
 - b) Jesus and the Crucified Criminals (*Sinners*)
 - First Criminal Reviles Jesus: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." (*Unrepentant*)
 - Second Criminal Rebukes the First: "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." (*Repentant*)
 - Second Criminal Speaks to Jesus: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
 - Jesus Replies: "**Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**" (*Promise of Salvation to Repentant Sinner*)
- 7) Jesus' Followers at the Cross John 19:25-27
 - a) Jesus' Mother (Virgin) Mary
 - b) Mary Wife of Clopas – Virgin Mary's Sister
 - c) Mary Magdalene
 - d) His Disciple John
 - d) Jesus Addresses His Mother & John:
 - To His Mother: "**Woman, behold, your son.**"
 - Releasing Her into John's Care
 - To John: "**Behold, your mother.**"
 - John Takes Mary into His Home
- 8) Darkness Covers the Whole Area from Noon to 3:00pm
 - a) Eclipse of the Sun
- 9) Jesus Loudly Cries Out: "**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**" which means, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**" (*Quoting Scripture Psa. 22:1*)
(*Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34*)
(*Jesus Christ Became Our Sin on the Cross. Father God, Who Can Not Look Upon Sin, Turns Away from Jesus; So He Will Not Turn Away from Us Sinners When We Repent and Come to Him Accepting Jesus' Sacrifice.*)
- 10) Jesus: "**I am thirsty**" (*Jesus Thirsts for Sinners*) John 19:28
 - a) Soldiers Soak Sponge in "Common Wine" (Vinegar)
 - Place it on Hyssop & Raise it to Jesus' Lips
 - b) Fulfilling Prophecy: *"Instead they put gall in my food; for my thirst they gave me vinegar."* (Psa. 69:22)
- 11) Jesus Proclaims: "**It is finished**" John 19:30
 - a) *Jesus Christ has Fully Completed His Earthly Life, Ministry & Sacrifice.*
 - b) *Jesus Christ has Fulfilled All the Law (Including its Sacrificial Offerings) and the Prophets.*
 - c) *Jesus Christ has Experienced & Conquered Every Human Temptation, Emotion, Disease & Spiritual Onslaught.*
- 12) Jesus Releases His Spirit & Dies: "**Father into your hands, I commend My spirit**" (*Quoting Scripture Psa. 31:6*) Luke 23:46

- a) *Having Finished His Mission – Jesus Voluntarily Releases His Spirit*
- b) *Promises Fulfilled: “But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity”*
Why Did Jesus’ Suffering & Death Please the Lord?
- *“If he (Messiah) gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants (Believers) in a long (Eternal) life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him (God’s Justice Satisfied).”*
 - *Because of his (Messiah’s) affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days (His Upcoming Resurrection & Exaltation); Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Jesus Carries Our Sins to the Cross).”*
 - *Therefore I (Lord God) will give him (Messiah) his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty (His Coronation as King of Kings & Lord of Lords), Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; And he (Jesus Our Savior) shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.”*
Isa. 53:10-12

3. Death of Jesus Christ

Matt. 27:50-56; Mark 15:37-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:31-37

a. Jesus Christ Dies on the Cross

- 1) Temple Veil Torn from Top (*Heaven*) to Bottom (*Earth*)
 - a) Veil that Isolated the Holy of Holies (*God’s Dwelling Place on Earth*) from the Rest of the Temple
 - b) God’s Presence (Holy Spirit) Available to All Believers 1 Cor. 3:16
- 2) Physical Earthly Manifestations (*Creation Groans – Its Creator Dies*)
 - a) Earth Quakes & Rocks Split
- 3) Tombs Open (*Jesus Christ Died for their Sins*)
 - a) Righteous Dead Raised & Set Free (*Released from Curse of Sin*)
- 4) Effects on Witnesses
 - a) Jews Returned Home Beating their Breasts
 - b) Roman Soldier: “Truly this man was the Son of God!” (*Mark 15:39*)

b. Jesus’ Side was Pierced with a Lance John 19:31-37

- 1) Jewish Officials Ask Pilate to Break Legs of the Men Being Crucified (*Hastening Death*) & Remove their Bodies from Crosses
 - a) Do Not Want Bodies Hanging on Crosses on Passover Sabbath (*Sabbath is the Feast of Unleavened Bread that Starts at Sundown*)
 - b) Soldiers Break Legs of Two Criminals
 - c) Soldiers Saw Jesus was Already Dead & Did Not Break His Legs
 - No One Took Jesus’ Life
 - Jesus Voluntarily Dies after Fully Completing His Work of Salvation
 - Promise Fulfilled: *“God watches over all their bones; not a one shall be broken.” (Psa. 34:21)*
- 2) Soldier Thrusts Lance into Jesus’ Side (*Proving He is Dead*)
 - a) Blood & Water Flows Out
 - Water Represents Baptism Mark 16:15-16
 - Blood Represents Holy Eucharist Matt. 26:26-29

4. Burial of Jesus Christ

Matt. 27:57-66; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

- a. Pilate Gives Joseph of Arimathea Permission to Take Jesus' Body
- b. Joseph & Nicodemus Take Jesus' Body Off the Cross
 - 1) Wrapped Body in Linen Shroud
 - 2) Buried Jesus' Body in a New Tomb Hewn in Rock
 - 3) Rolled Large Stone at Entrance of Tomb
- c. Soldiers Dispatched to Seal & Guard Jesus' Tomb

On the 15th day of the 1st Month in the Jewish Calendar, the Jews Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Lev. 23:6) - the Second Feast of the Passover Festival. On that Day, the Dead Body of Jesus Christ ("The Bread of Life") Lays in the Tomb.

PART IV - JESUS CHRIST'S VICTORY

A. Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead

The Third Feast of the Passover Festival is the Feast of First Fruits, which is celebrated on the first day (Sunday) of the week following the Passover Sabbath (Lev. 23:9-14).

Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the Feast of First Fruits. Jesus is the First Fruits of those to be Resurrected from the dead, fulfilling that feast (1 Cor. 15:20-26).

1. Jesus Christ IS Risen from the Dead Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20
 - a. Jesus' Empty Tomb Matt. 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-9; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10
 - 1) Women Go to Tomb to Anoint Jesus' Body
 - a) First Day of the Week (Sunday)
 - b) Found Stone Rolled Away from Tomb Entrance
 - c) Found Jesus' Tomb Empty
 - d) Saw Angel of the Lord
 - Angel Addresses Women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." (Matt. 28:5-6)
 - Angel Instructs Them to Tell Jesus' Disciples
 - e) Ran and Told Jesus' Disciples
 - 2) Peter & John Run to Jesus' Tomb
 - a) Peter Enters & Sees Jesus' Burial Clothes by Themselves
 - b) John Enters, Sees Empty Tomb & Believes
 - 3) Conspiracy to Cover-Up Jesus' Resurrection Matt. 28:11-15
 - a) Tomb Guards Report to Chief Priests & Elders (Jesus' Accusers)
 - b) Chief Priests & Elders Bribe Guards
 - Say that Disciples Stole Jesus' Body
 - b. Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene at Tomb Site John 20:11-18
 - 1) Instructs Mary to Testify of His Resurrection to His Disciples
 - 2) Mary Tells Disciples: "I have seen the Lord"
 - c. Jesus Appears to Two Disciples on Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35
 - 1) Two Disciples Walking on Road
 - a) Discussing Events that Transpired
 - 2) Jesus Walks Along with Them Unrecognized
 - a) Asks What They are Discussing
 - 3) Disciples Answer: "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,"
 - a) Chief Priests Handed Him Over to be Crucified
 - b) People Hoping He was the Messiah Who Would Redeem Israel
 - c) "Some women from our group, were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive."
 - d) "Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him (Jesus) they did not see."
 - 4) Jesus Replies: "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"
 - a) "Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them

what referred to him in all the scriptures.”

(Jesus Christ Fulfills All the Law and the Prophets. Matt. 5:17)

- 5) Disciples Invite Jesus to Stay for Supper
 - a) Jesus Blesses & Breaks the Bread
 - b) Disciples Recognize Jesus
 - Jesus Vanishes
 - c) Disciples’ Testimony: “Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”
 - Return to Jerusalem
 - Testify of Jesus’ Resurrection to Other Disciples
- d. Jesus Appears to His Disciples in Jerusalem Luke 24:36-53; John 20:19-31
 - 1) Jesus Appears that Sunday Evening
 - a) Disciples Behind Locked Doors
 - b) Jesus Stands Among His Disciples
 - Greets Them: **“Peace be with you”**
 - c) Disciples Startled – Thinking They See a Ghost
 - Jesus Shows Them His Hands & Side: **“Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” (Luke 24:39)**
(Jesus Bodily Rose from the Dead)
 - Jesus Demonstrates His Body Functions by Eating Fish
 - d) Jesus Commissions His Disciples: **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21)**
 - e) Jesus Breathes on His Disciples (*Imparting the Holy Spirit*): **“Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (John 20:22)**
 - Jesus Opens their Minds to Understand the Scriptures
 - 2) Thomas Absent when Jesus Appeared to Other Disciples John 20:24-25
 - a) They Witness to Thomas: “We have seen the Lord.”
 - b) Thomas Rejects their Testimonies: “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”
 - 3) Jesus Appears a Week Later John 20:26-29
 - a) Disciples Behind Locked Doors
 - b) Thomas with Other Disciples
 - c) Jesus Stands Among His Disciples
 - Greets Them: **“Peace be with you”**
 - d) Jesus Addresses Thomas: **“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”**
 - e) Thomas’ Declaration of Faith: “My Lord and my God!”
 - f) Jesus’ Response: **“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”**
 - 4) Jesus Performs Many Signs Witnessed by His Disciples John 20:30-31
 - a) “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book (*Gospel of John*).”
 - b) “But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in

- his name.”
- e. Jesus’ Resurrection Fulfills Prophecy
- 1) David’s Prophetic Psalm Psa. 16:10-11
 - a) “For you (*Father God*) will not abandon me to Sheol (*Nether World*), nor let your faithful servant (*Messiah – Son of David*) see the pit (*Physical Corruption*). You will show me the path to life (*Resurrection*), abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever (*Eternal Life at God’s Right Hand*).”
 - David Died & His Body Decayed
 - Prophecy Concerning Promised Messiah–Son of David
 - 2) Jesus Predicted His Own Resurrection Matt. 16:21; Matt. 17:22-23; Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 8:31; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-33; Luke 9:22
 - a) Example: “**The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death he will rise.**” (*Mark 9:31*)
2. Jesus’ Appears to His Disciples in Galilee John 21
- a. Disciples Fishing on Sea of Tiberias in Galilee John 21:1-14
(*Returning to Their Occupation / Livelihood*)
 - 1) Out on Sea All Night Without Catching Any Fish
 - 2) Jesus Stands on Shore at Dawn
 - a) Yells to Disciples: “**Children, have you caught anything to eat?**”
 - b) Disciples Answer: “No”
 - c) Jesus Says: “**Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.**”
 - d) Disciples Obey & Catch Abundance of Fish
 - 3) John Recognizes Jesus: “It is the Lord”
 - 4) Disciples Bring Boat to Shore
 - 5) Disciples Eat Breakfast with Jesus
 - b. Jesus Charters His Church John 21:15-23
 - 1) Jesus Questions Simon Peter: “**Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?**” (*Jesus Asks Peter if He Loves Him More than His Livelihood*)
 - a) Peter Answers: “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
 - b) Jesus Instructs Him: “**Feed my lambs.**” (*Teach & Serve Christ’s People*)
 - 2) Jesus Questions Peter Second Time: “**Simon, son of John, do you love me?**”
 - a) Peter Answers: “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
 - b) Jesus Instructs Him: “**Tend my sheep.**”
(*Become a Shepherd – Pastor - to Christ’s Church*)
 - 3) Jesus Questions Peter Third Time: “**Simon, son of John, do you love me?**”
 - a) Peter Hurt that Jesus Asked him 3 Times if He Loved Him, Answers: “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”
 - b) Jesus Instructs Him: “**Feed my sheep.**”
(*Teach & Serve Clergy, Religious & Lay Workers of Christ’s Church*)
 - 4) Jesus Tells Peter the Consequences of Following & Serving Him:
 - a) “**Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.**”
 - b) Indicating that Peter Would be Crucified
 - c) Jesus Instructs Peter: “**Follow me.**” (*In Spite of the Consequences*)

- 5) Peter Asks About John's Fate
 - a) Jesus Answers: "What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours? You follow me."
 - c. An Eye Witness' Testimony: "It is this disciple (*John*) who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true." John 21:24
3. Jesus Appeared to 500 People Over a 40 Day Period
 - a. Luke's Testimony: "..... He (*Jesus*) presented himself alive to them (*Disciples*) by many proofs after he had suffered (*and Died*) , appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." Acts 1:1-3
 - b. Paul's Testimony: "..... Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Kephaz, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, he appeared to me (*i.e. Jesus Appeared to [Saul] Paul on the Road to Damascus*. Acts 9:1-9)." 1 Cor. 15:1-8

JESUS CHRIST AROSE FROM THE DEAD!
JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE!

B. Jesus' Ascension into Heaven

1. Jesus Prepared His Disciples to Evangelize the World
 - a. He Provided the Way of Salvation
 - b. He Prepared His Disciples to Proclaim His Gospel ("Good News") of Salvation
 - c. He Then Commissions His Church:
Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8
 - 1) "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
(Matt. 28:18-20)
 - d. He Promised to Send Us the Holy Spirit John 14:12-17; John 16:5-15; Acts 1:4-8
 - 1) To Live Within Us. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you." (John 14:15-17)
 - 2) To Anoint Us for Service. "While meeting with them (*After His Resurrection*), he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit'." (Acts 1:4-5)
2. Jesus Ascends into Heaven Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11
 - a. 40 Days After His Resurrection
 - b. Jesus (Messiah & God the Son) Returns to Father God & the Holy Spirit in Heaven
 - 1) Jesus Commissions His Disciples/Church: "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

- 2) Jesus Ascends into Heaven: “When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” (*Acts 1:9*)
- 3) Promise of Jesus’ Return: “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments (*Angels*) stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven’.” (*Acts 1:10-11*)

C. Jesus Christ’s Glorification

1. Jesus Christ Glorified

- a. Jesus Christ Ascended into Heaven and was Glorified / Exalted Above All Creation
 - 1) Jesus Christ Exalted Because of His Obedience Phil. 2:6-11
 - a) “Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.”
 - b) “Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
 - 2) Jesus Christ Enthroned at Right Hand of God Almighty Heb. 1:1-4
 - a) “In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence (*Reflection*) of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word.
 - b) “When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”
 - 3) Answering Jesus’ Prayer the Night He was Betrayed John 17:4-5
 - a) “I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.”
- b. All Power and Authority in Heaven and Earth Given to Jesus Christ

PART V - JESUS CHRIST & HIS KINGDOM

A. Jesus Christ & His Church

1. Jesus Christ's Church

- a. Disciples Keep Jesus' Instructions Acts 1:12-26
 - 1) "..... he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit'." (Acts 1:4-5)
 - 2) Disciples Stay in Jerusalem
 - a) Devoting Themselves in Prayer
 - Group of 120 Believers, Including Mary the Mother of Jesus
 - All in One Accord
 - b) Replace Judas Iscariot with Matthias as One of the Apostles
 - c) Waiting for the Promised Holy Spirit
- b. Feast of Pentecost Acts 2

Jews celebrate the Feast of Pentecost 7 Weeks + 1 Day (50 Days) after the Feast of First Fruits (Lev. 23:15-22). Feast of Pentecost celebrates completion of the Spring (First Fruits) Harvest, and commemorates the Lord giving Moses the Law (Old Covenant) on Mount Sinai (Ex. 19 - 31).

Jesus Christ Fulfills the Feast of Pentecost (50th Day after His Resurrection) by sending the Holy Spirit - Giving Us a New & Better Covenant (Heb. 8 - 10)

 - "I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Jer. 31:33)
 - 1) Glorified Christ Pours Out the Holy Spirit Upon His Church Acts 2:1-13
 - a) 50 Days after Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead
 - b) 10 Days After Jesus Ascended into Heaven
 - c) Christ's Church is Born
 - Descent of Holy Spirit: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." (Acts 2:2-4)
 - 120 Believers Baptized with the Holy Spirit & Fire (Zeal) *(Fulfilling Jesus' Promise. Acts 1:4-5 & 8)*
 - Jews from Other Nations Visiting Jerusalem
 - Heard their Native Tongues Spoken by 120 Believers
 - Ask: "What does this mean?"
 - 2) Peter (*Anointed by Holy Spirit*) Preaches the Gospel to Jews Acts 2:14-41
 - a) Explains Manifestations of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:14-21
 - Quotes Old Testament Prophecy (Joel 3:1-5): "It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams and it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of

- [the Lord.](#)” (Acts 2:17 & 21)
- b) Peter Preaches Christ Crucified Acts 2:22-23
 - Accuses them of Killing Jesus
 - c) Peter Preaches Christ Resurrected & Alive Acts 2:24-35
 - “But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it (Death)” (Acts 2:24)
 - “Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you (both) see and hear.” (Acts 2:33)
 - d) Peter Proclaims Jesus Lord & Messiah Acts 2:36
 - Convicts them of Crucifying their Messiah
 - e) Peter’s Call to Repentance Acts 2:37-41
 - “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)
 - 3,000 Jews Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior that Day and were Baptized into the Church
- c. Christ’s Church Established & Growing Acts 2:42-47
2. Christ the Head of His Church – His Body 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 4:1-16
(Christ’s Universal Church Consisting of All the People in the World Who have Repented of their Sins and Accepted Jesus Christ as their Personal Lord & Savior throughout the Christian Era.)
- a. “He (Jesus Christ) is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross (through him), whether those on earth or those in heaven.” Col. 1:18-20

B. Jesus Christ Today

1. John’s Vision of Christ and His Church Rev. 1:9-20
- a. John’s Vision of Glorified Christ: “..... I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man (*Jesus Christ Stands at the Center of His Churches*)
 - 1) “wearing an ankle-length robe (*Christ is High Priest*) with a gold sash around his chest (*Christ is King*).”
 - 2) “The hair of his head was as white as white wool or as snow (*Christ is Eternal*), and his eyes were like a fiery flame (*Christ is Omniscient - All Knowing*).”
 - 3) “His feet were like polished brass refined in a furnace (*Christ is Immutable – Never Changing – He is Perfect!*), and his voice was like the sound of rushing water (*Christ Speaks with Divine Authority*).”
 - 4) “In his right hand he held seven stars (*Jesus is Lord of His Church*).”
 - 5) “A sharp two-edged sword came out of his mouth (*Word of God – The Creative Force*), and his face shone like the sun at its brightest (*Christ’s Divine Majesty*).”

- b. John Prostrates Himself Before Jesus Christ: “When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He (*Jesus Christ*) touched me with his right hand and said, ‘**Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last (Creator & Sustainer), the one who lives (Eternal Living God). Once I was dead (Crucified & Died), but now I am alive forever and ever (Resurrected, Living & Eternal Christ). I hold the keys to death and the netherworld (Christ is Righteous & Final Judge).....**”
- c. The Christian Age: “**This is the secret meaning of the seven stars you saw in my right hand, and of the seven gold lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**”
- 1) Seven is the Number of Perfect Completion
 - 2) Seven Stars in Christ’s Hand (*Presiding Spirits to the Church*)
 - 3) Seven Golden (*Belonging to God*) Lampstands (*HOLDERS of Light*) Represent the Entire Christian Church (*All Denominations, Nations & Generations*) throughout this Age.

2. Jesus Christ Our High Priest

Exclusive Duties of High Priests Under the Old Covenant:

- *Offer Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sins*
- *Intercede to Lord God in Behalf of the People of Israel*

Jesus Fulfills the Duties of High Priest Under His New Covenant:

- *Offered Himself as a Holy & Perfect Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sins*
- *Intercedes for Us at the Right Hand of Father God*

- a. Jesus Christ is God’s Sacrificial High Priest Heb. 2:14-18
- 1) “Now since the children share in blood and flesh, he (*Son of God*) likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life.”
 - 2) “..... he had to become like his brothers (*Believers*) in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate (Atoned / Pay the Penalty for) the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.”
- b. Jesus Christ is High Priest & Intercessor Heb. 4:14-16
- 1) “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens (Direct Access to Father God), Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.”
 - 2) “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.”
 - 3) “So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.”
- c. Jesus Christ is Mediator Between God & Man 1 Tim. 2:5-6
- 1) “For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all.....”

3. Christ at Work Through His People

- a. Jesus is Alive & Working Through His People
Matt. 18:18-20; John 14:23; John 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 3:16

- 1) Jesus the Author & Perfecter of Our Faith Heb. 12:2
- 2) "In him we live and move and have our being," Acts 17:28
- 3) "..... I have been crucified with Christ (*i.e. Died to Self & Sin*); yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me."
Gal. 2:19-20
- b. Giving Us the Grace to Live the Christian Life
 - 1) Acknowledge Jesus Christ as Our Lord and Savior Matt. 10:32-33
 - a) "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father....."
 - 2) Resist Sin and Draw Closer to God James 4:7-8
 - a) "So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you....."
 - 3) Do Good Works to the Glory of God James 2:14-18
 - 4) Love One Another John 15:12
- c. Anointing Us to Perform the Works of Christ
(Term "Christian" Means "Anointed Ones")
 - 1) "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."
John 14:12-13
 - 2) Evangelize: Witness to Unbelievers Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18
 - a) By Example: The Way We Live Our Lives
 - b) By Word: Proclaiming Jesus Christ / Our Personal Testimonies
 - c) By Deed: Our Good Works
 - 3) Edify: Encourage & Build Up Believers in Faith John 15:12
- d. The Blessed Hope of the Church – The Return of Jesus Christ
 - 1) "For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ"
Titus 2:11-13
 - 2) "In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ" (Excerpt from Catholic Mass)

C. **Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

Excerpts from Catholic Mass Regarding the Second Coming of Jesus Christ:

- *Profession of Faith: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end."*
- *"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."*
- *"When we eat this bread and drink this cup, We proclaim your death Lord Jesus until you come in Glory."*

1. **Jesus is Coming for His People** (Referred to as the "Rapture" or "Catching Away")

- a. Jesus is Coming to Receive His Own Matt. 24:36-42; 1 Cor. 15:51-58
 - 1) Jesus' Declaration: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25-26

- 2) Jesus' Promise: **“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you (*In Heaven*), I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”** John 14:1-3
- 3) St. Paul's Prophecy 1 Thess. 4:13-17
- a) “We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep (*Christians Who Died*), so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him (*From Heaven*) those who have fallen asleep (*Souls of Christians Who Died*).”
- b) “Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.”
- All Believers Who Died will be Bodily Resurrected When He Returns
 - All Believers Who Remain Alive When He Returns will be Translated (*Changed from Mortal to Immortal Bodies*)
 - Together They Will Live with the Lord Forever
- b. Jesus is Coming:
- 1) To Judge and Reward Us 2 Cor. 5:6-10; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Tim. 4:7-8
- a) “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” (*2 Cor. 5:10*)
- 2) To Give Us the Eternal Life He Promised John 6:37-40
- 3) To Unite Us with Himself Forever
- a) The Wedding Feast Rev. 19:1-10
(*Heavenly Matrimony Eternally Uniting Christ with His Church*)
- “Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder (*Christian Saints from All the Nations*), as they said: ‘Alleluia (*Praise the Lord*)! The Lord has established his reign (*Jesus is Eternal King*), (our) God, the almighty (*Jesus is Our God & Omnipotent Lord*).”
 - “Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb (*Jesus Christ – Our Savior & Bridegroom*) has come, his bride (*Christ's Church*) has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment.’ (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)”
 - “Then the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These words are true; they come from God.’” (*Rev. 19:6-9*)
- c. Jesus is Coming as Our Lord and Savior

2. Jesus is Coming to Judge the World

a. Christ Jesus' Descent to Earth

- 1) Universal Nature of Christ's Second Coming: "Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen." Rev. 1:7
- 2) Revelation of Jesus Christ: "Then I saw the heavens opened (*Christ Returns from His Heavenly Throne*), and there was a white horse (*Christ the Conqueror*); its rider was (called) 'Faithful and True.' He judges and wages war in righteousness (*Executes God's Perfect Judgment*)." Rev. 19:11-17
 - a) "His eyes were (like) a fiery flame (*Christ is Omniscient*), and on his head were many diadems (*Crowned with Full Authority*)."
 - b) "He had a name inscribed that no one knows except himself (*Mystery: Unrevealed Dimension of Christ*)."
 - c) "He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood (*Christ Our Sacrificial Redeemer*), and his name was called the Word of God (*Creative Force*)."
 - d) "The armies of heaven followed him (*Christ Commands the Forces of Heaven*), mounted on white horses (*Conquerors with Christ*) and wearing clean white linen (*Saved/Purified by Christ Jesus*)."
 - e) "Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations (*Christ Judges the Nations by His Word*)."
 - f) "He will rule them with an iron rod (*Christ Rules with Supreme Authority*), and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty (*Christ - Omnipotent Warrior - Executes God's Judgments*)."
 - g) "He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh (*Sign of the Lord's Covenants Fulfilled by Christ*), 'King of kings and Lord of lords.'"
- 3) Christ's Conquest of Earth: "Then I saw an angel standing on the sun." Rev. 19:18-21
 - a) "He cried out (in) a loud voice to all the birds flying high overhead, 'Come here. Gather for God's great feast, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military officers, and the flesh of warriors, the flesh of horses and of their riders (*Mankind's Authorities & Might*), and the flesh of all, free and slave, small and great (*Unrepentant Mankind*).'"
 - b) "Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies (*Antichrist & His Allies*) gathered to fight against the one riding the horse and against his army (*Final Confrontation between Mankind & God "Battle of Armageddon"*)."
 - c) "The beast was caught and with it the false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery pool burning with sulfur (*Eternal Damnation*)."
 - d) "The rest (*Mankind's Armies*) were killed by the sword that came out of the mouth of the one riding the horse (*Christ Pronounces Judgment*), and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh (*Mankind's Rebellion Completely Devoured – Cleansing the Earth*)."
- 4) Jesus Descends to the Mount of Olives: "Lo, a day shall come for the LORD when the spoils shall be divided in your midst. And I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem for battle (*"Battle of Armageddon"*): Then the LORD shall go forth and fight against those nations, fighting as on a day of battle. That day his feet shall rest upon the Mount of Olives, which is opposite Jerusalem to the east. The Mount of Olives shall be cleft in two from east to

west by a very deep valley, and half of the mountain shall move to the north and half of it to the south. And the valley of the LORD'S mountain shall be filled up when the valley of those two mountains reaches its edge; Then the LORD, my God, shall come, and all his holy ones with him." Zech. 14:1-5

- b. Jesus is Coming:
 - 1) To Destroy Evil, Satan and Sinful Men 1 Cor. 15:20-28
 - 2) To Judge the World Matt. 25:31-46
 - 3) To Cleanse the World from the Curse of Sin Rom. 8:18-23
 - 4) To Establish His Kingdom Forever Zech. 14:6-11
- c. Jesus is Coming as Righteous Judge, God and King of Kings

- 4. Christ's Kingdom Rev. 20 –22
 - a. Christ Rules on Earth 1,000 Years (*Millennial Kingdom*) Rev. 20:1-10
 - 1) Satan is Judged & Eternally Damned
 - b. Christ Will Judge the Living & the Dead Rev. 20:11-15
(*The Great White Throne Judgment*)
 - 1) Death & Hell are Judged & Eternally Damned
 - c. New Heavens & New Earth Rev. 21:1 – 22:5
 - 1) "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more."
 - 2) "I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
 - 3) "I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God).'"
 - 4) "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away. The one who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" (Rev. 21:1-5)

Jesus' Testimony: "Yes, I am coming soon." Rev. 22:20

Our Response: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"