

The Unified Scriptures

The Story of the Bible

North Hixson church of Christ

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Lesson 10: Christ, God's Great Plan (Part I):

"Immanuel: God With Us"

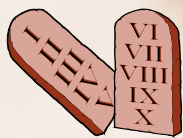
Course Objectives

- To grow in our knowledge and understanding of the facts, themes, and principles of scripture. (2 Tim 3:15)
- To gain confidence in the inspiration of the Bible and its power to change our lives. (Heb. 4:12)
- To increase our faith and hope in God and His wisdom. (1 Peter 1:21)
- To equip ourselves with the ability to tell the story of the Bible to others. (Mark 16:15)





Moses



Beginning

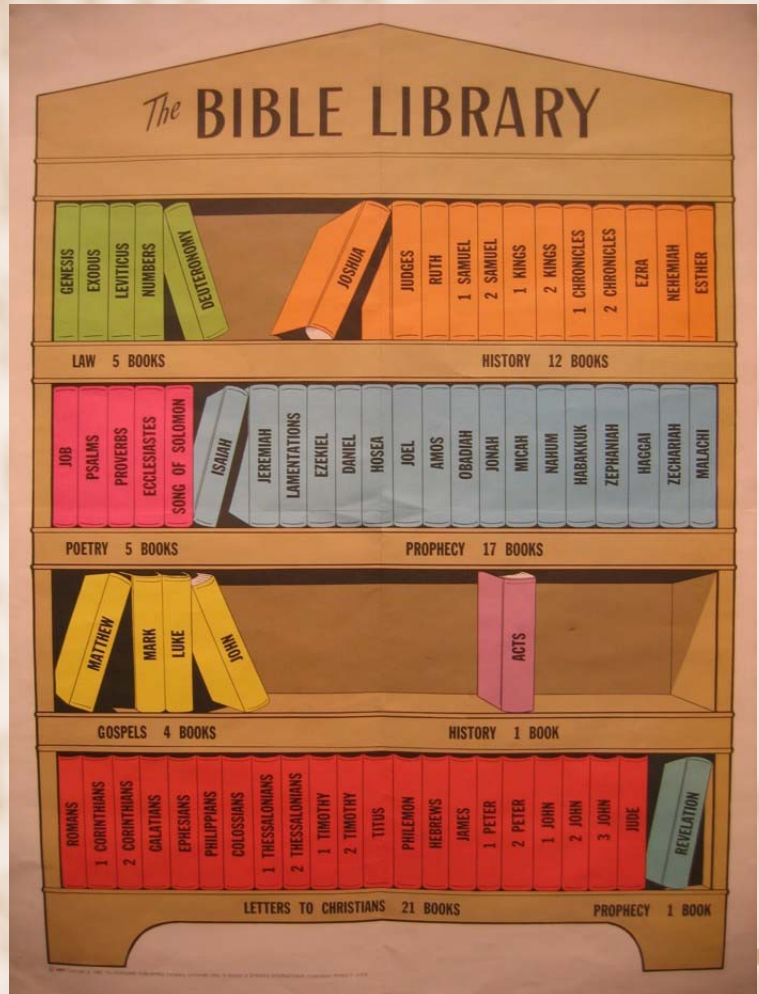
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**The message of
the Old
Testament:**

**The Messiah is
coming**



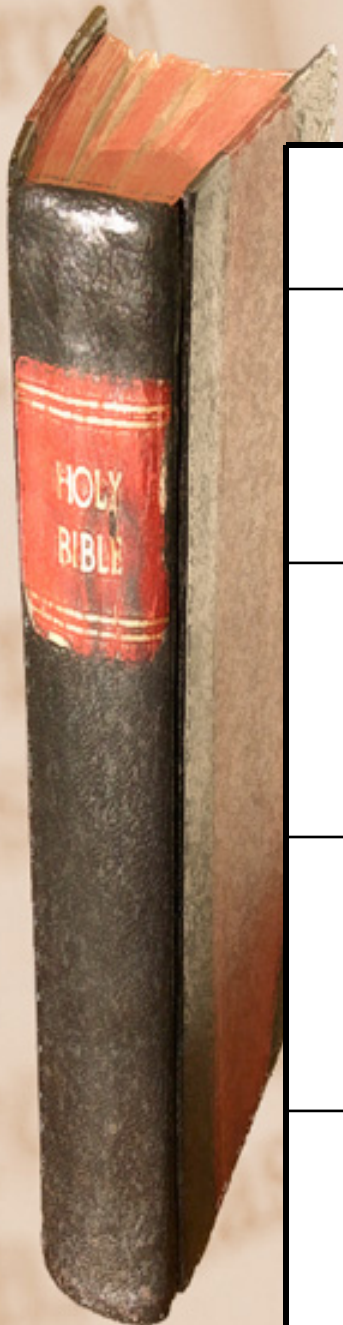
The Messiah

- Descendent of Abraham (Gen 12:3)
- Descendent of David (2 Samuel 7:12)
- Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:12)
- Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- Called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1)
- He will be:
 - A Prophet (Deut. 18:18)
 - A Priest (1 Sam 2:35, Ps. 110:4, Zech. 6:13)
 - A King (Ps. 2:6, Isa 9:7)
 - A Son (Ps 2:7)
 - God incarnate (Isa 7:14, 9:6, Micah 5:2)



Gospels at a Glance

	Audience	Order	Characteristics
<i>Matthew</i>	Jews	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasizes kingship of Christ and OT connections• Generally topical (typical of Jewish literary style)
<i>Mark</i>	Gentiles	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasizes Action/Power of Christ• Focused on miracles
<i>Luke</i>	Gentiles	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasizes common people (gospel for all)• Accurate historical account
<i>John</i>	Universal	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniquely styled• Emphasizes deity of Christ and promotes belief leading to life



Gospel of Matthew

- Theme: “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham...” (Matt 1:1)

14 Generations

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Judah

Perez

Hezron

Ram

Amminidab

Nashon

Salmon

Boaz

Obed

Jesse

David

14 Generations

Solomon

Rehoboam

Abijah

Asa

Jehoshaphat

Joram

Uzziah

Jotham

Ahaz

Hezekiah

Manasseh

Amon

Josiah

Jehoiakim

14 Generations

Jeconiah

Shealtiel

Zerubbabel

Abiud

Eliakim

Azor

Zadok

Achim

Eliud

Eleazar

Matthan

Jacob

Joseph

Jesus

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3:14-16

Gospel of Matthew

- Establishes Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah
 - Frequent OT quotations and allusions – almost every book represented
 - 12 Messianic prophecies fulfilled by Jesus
 - Jesus presented as:
 - Fulfillment of the Law (5:17)
 - Lord of the sabbath (12:8)
 - Judge of the nations (25:31-46)
 - King of the Jews (27:11, 37)
 - Son of God (3:17, 27:54)
- Emphasizes the spiritual nature of God's kingdom
 - “kingdom of heaven”, 33x: “kingdom of God”, 5x
 - “church” (16:18, 18:17) – unique to Matthew
 - Inward righteousness demanded (5:20-48)



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Jesus

“...none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David and ruling anymore in Judah.” (Jer. 22:30)

“He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David...” (Jer. 36:30)

Gospel of Matthew: Outline

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- I. The Prophecies of the Messiah Realized
The Advent 1:1 - 4:11
 - II. The Principles of the Messiah Announced
The Inaugural Address 4:12 – 7:29
Challenge to Enter (7:13-14)
 - III. The Power of the Messiah Revealed
The Miracles 8:1 – 11:1
Challenge to Follow (10:34-39)
 - IV. The Program of the Messiah Explained
The Parables 11:2 – 13:53
Challenge to Accept and Understand (11:28-30,13:51)
 - V. The Purpose of the Messiah Declared
The Crisis of the Cross 13:54 – 19:2
Challenge to Testify (16:13-15)
 - VI. The Problems of the Messiah Presented
The Conflicts with Opponents 19:3 – 26:2
Challenge to Repent (23:37-39)
 - VII. The Passion of the Messiah Accomplished
The Death and Resurrection 26:3 – 28:10
 - VIII. Epilogue
Rumor and Reality 28:11-20
Challenge to take action (28:16-20)



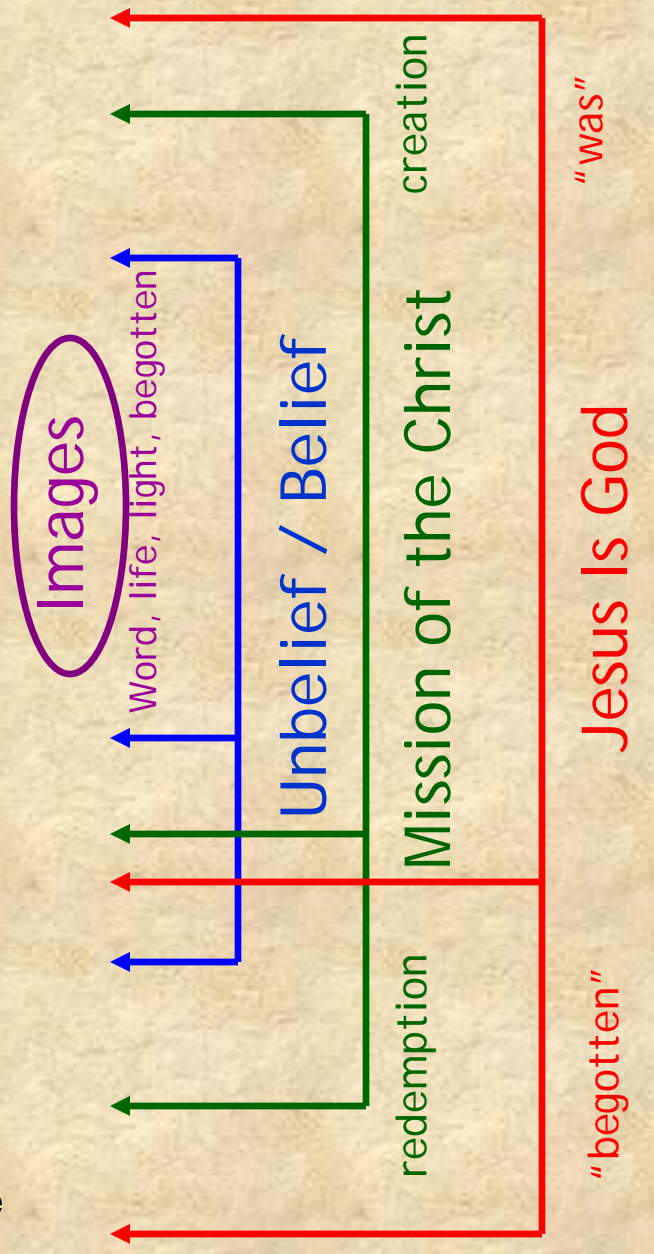
Immanuel: “God with us”

- “He is the **image** of the invisible God...”
(Col 1:15-18, 2 Cor. 4:4, Heb. 1:3)
- “in Him dwells all the **fullness** of the Godhead
bodily...” (Col 2:9-10, Eph 4:13,)
- “God was **manifested** in the flesh...”
(1 Tim 3:16, 1 Pet 1:20, 1 John 1:1-3)
- “...the **brightness** of His glory...” (Heb 1:3)
- “...the **firstborn** of all creation...”
(Col 1:15, cf. Ex. 4:22, Ps. 89:27)
- “...the **beginning** of the creation of God”
(Rev. 3:15)

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 were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.
 In him was life and the life was the light of men.
 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.
 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
 Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")
 "begotten"
 And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



Next Week

Lesson 11:

Christ, God's Great Plan (Part II):

"Behold, the lamb of God" (John 1:29)

